

Wanda Ruth Donohue

Wanda was born January 22, 1936, to James A. Hart and Eula M. (Carter) Hart in the Almeda community of Midwest Texas on what is now called the Hart Ranch. She was the 8th child of 9 siblings, 6 brothers and 2 sisters, whom she kept near to her throughout her life with family gatherings and stories from her family childhood days.

Wanda attended Gorman Public Schools in Gorman, Texas, where she loved sports and home economics. She continued her education at Hendrix Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Hardin-Simmons University, of Abilene, Texas. She graduated as a Registered Nurse in 1957. Also, in 1957 Wanda (a Texas Baptist) married Ronald D. Donohue (a New York Catholic) on February 22nd and had two children, Ronald E. Donohue and David W. Donohue. After being moved about by the US Air Force, Ron and Wanda settled in Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1965 to raise their family and grow their careers. Wanda found a job at Saint Francis, a new hospital in South Tulsa. There she worked as an RN in several areas, giving care to those in need. Later, she was offered a new position in a new area, Pre-Admission, as the Pre-Admission Order Nurse, working with doctors for patient care until retirement from Saint Francis in 1986.

Wanda and Ron found a final place to call home in 1969 in Coweta, Oklahoma. There Wanda and Ron raised their 2 boys and continued family gatherings for all to enjoy. Wanda was a true caregiver at heart and combined that with family and family love. She graciously gave time to making sure the family came first always, but never forgot the family friends, near and far, as well as total strangers. She stated, she enjoyed cooking, even while growing up with 8 siblings.

In 1989, Wanda and Ron started a new business in Coweta, Oklahoma, called "On The Run." It was a very successful convenience store built from the ground up. There she owned and worked the store (with family) until she decided to fully retire in March of 1999. During her retirement she spent time with her grandkids and great grandkids, giving care and love to each as much as possible. She maintained the same home and all the warmth, pictures, and memories inside for 54 years. She also spent many hours working on family genealogy and history. It was a passion.

Wanda had the most wonderful smile and voice, combined with a heart full of love, character, and trust. Wanda had a personality that was kind and gracious, and on occasion strong, immovable, yet softly demanding. Through it all Wanda always believed in God and never lost faith. She never gave up nursing. She was always the family nurse, taking care of not only the physical but also the emotional heart-felt wounds, sometimes just by being a good listener. Wanda was truly one of God's Angels on earth. She went home to be with her Lord and Savior on November 9th, 2023. Wanda has now rejoined with and was preceded in passing by her son, David W. Donohue (2005), and her husband of 53 years Ronald D. Donohue (2010). Wanda is survived by Ronald E. Donohue, Jamie Donohue and granddaughter Katie; granddaughter Jennifer Rahlf, husband Brian Rahlf, great grandchildren Emma and Raquel; granddaughter, Stephanie Walsh, husband Brad Walsh, great grandchildren Addisynn, Beau, Kielynn, Zayne and Lily. Also, with many nieces, nephews, and their generations following them. Wanda's passing ends a great family that began many years ago in Mid-west Texas, but she leaves the next generations to continue building on what was started those many years ago.