



## Donna Annette White

May 7, 2020

Donna Annette White passed away on May 7, 2020 at 80 years old.

Donna was born in Kittanning, PA to parents Geraldine Hayes and Willard “Bucky” Hayes on January 27, 1940. She graduated from Redbank Valley High School, and received her degree from Syracuse University. Donna was a drama teacher at Gibbs High School for 31 years. Donna was extremely involved in the theatre communities of Florida.

Donna is preceded in death by her mother, Geraldine Hayes, and father Willard “Bucky” Hayes.

Donna is survived by her sons, Chad (Melissa Miller) of Seminole, Fl.; and Shane White; her daughter-in-law, Hiromi White; her grandchildren; Zen and Mary Jane White of Hawaii; her brother Robert Hayes; and her sister Karen Emmings.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date when we can all come together to celebrate her in a way she deserves. In lieu of an immediate celebration, the family would like to host a drive-by memorial at Donna’s home (The Purple Cottage) located at 8401 W. Gulf Blvd. Treasure Island, Fl. 33706 on Friday June 12th. Tables will be set out from the hours of 9am-8pm for Donna’s friends, students, and family to drive by and drop off flowers, photos, cards, something purple, etc.

The family has setup a scholarship fund and is asking for donations to be made to the Florida Theatre Conference in name of the Donna White

Scholarship for Theatrical Studies.

Checks can be made out to:

Florida Theatre Conference

Donna White Scholarship for Theatrical Studies

Checks mailed to:

Florida Theatre Conference, Inc.

200 NE 1st St., Suite 117

Gainesville, FL 32601

Any donations by credit card can be made by calling or contacting FTC

Executive Director Steven Butler at:

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# Tribute Wall



“ Provide comfort for the family by sending flowers or planting a tree in memory of Donna White. Show You Care By Sending Flowers Guaranteed hand delivery by a local florist

January 19, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ Davina Carroll (Class of 1984) posted a condolence I will never forget the Summer School drama productions and then, thanks to Mrs. White and Mr. B, getting to transfer schools to spend my senior year at Gibbs with them. What a gift that was! I can still hear her voice like it was yesterday, and will always carry her in my heart. My deepest condolences to you both - I hope it eases your pain somewhat to know how deeply loved she was.

Davina Carroll (Class of 1984) - June 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ The family of Donna Annette White uploaded a photo

May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Lori Cook posted a condolence My condolences to the family, your Mother touched so many kids growing up that we just couldn't let go long after we left school. May you keep her in your heart and never forget the sound of her voice. Thank you for sharing her with us.  
Love,  
Stretch

Lori Cook - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Carol Hanscom Kaczmarek posted a condolence *My condolences to the family. Mrs. White was truly the best teacher I ever had. She impacted so many people in such positive ways. Thank you for sharing her with all of us who were fortunate enough to have her at Gibbs High School.*  
*With love, Carol Hanscom Kaczmarek (class of 1979)*

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**Carol Hanscom Kaczmarek** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Sandi White posted a symbolic gesture *Our family was blessed by 3. My brother, sister and I all had Mrs. White. Drama and music enrich the soul and Donna White was the best. She didn't just teach drama. She loved us, she taught us and she guided us! We will love you and cherish you forever!*

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**Sandi White** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Susan Cook posted a condolence *I am deeply saddened by the loss of your mother. She has truly been a blessing to so many. Thank you for sharing her.*

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**Susan Cook** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Michelle Kemp lit a candle *Donna White and Drama was the best part of my life. I will never forget her intensity and compassion...*

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**Michelle Kemp** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Jeanette Bright posted a symbolic gesture I remember Ms. White as a bright light to the drama students in the 70's at Gibbs and in latter years, she and I were mentors at Gibbs together. She was always the same. She'll be missed.

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**Jeanette Bright** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Michael Simpson uploaded photo(s) My condolences to Chad and Shane my brothers for sure. You shared your Mom with many people! We all benefited from her creative gifts. I am forever changed by my relationship with her. Stay well my friends I'm always here for you. All of us will continue to honor your Mom! Miss you Momma Donna! Love through Eternity.

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**Michael Simpson** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Amanda Johnson posted a condolence My prayers and condolence to the family. She was greatest and best teacher I ever had. R.I.P Donna White you will be greatly missed and you are so loved by all of us that you had a impact on.

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**Amanda Johnson** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Michael Dobson posted a condolence My High School “wonderful” memories would not be the same without Donna White in them. In many cases she made those amazing memories. I enjoyed sports, but when I changed my attention to Drama and Music and was introduced to Mr.B and Ms. White my High School experience changed and I still smile Today with so many of their wonderful Memories they gave me.

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**Michael Dobson** - May 31, 2020 at 12:00 AM