



## Dona Avoree Skinner

January 25, 1935 - August 3, 2020

ADRIAN— In the early morning of August 3, 2020 Dona Avoree Skinner went home and was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior.

She always said, when it was time to pass into the arms of the Lord, she preferred morning, as it was her favorite time of day.

Dona was born on January 25, 1935 to Herman and Jewel Cole in Haleyville, Alabama. On December 25, 1959 she married the love of her life James Carl Skinner. They were married for 60 years. Dona's pride and joy were her two daughters. Even more so, Dona was proud of her grandchildren. She loved being "Mom" and "Grammy."

Dona was a hairstylist for several years and also was a partner with her husband in his business, Skinner Collision Service. After retiring, Jim and Dona spent many winters at their home in Florida—but you could always count on Mom saying, "it feels good to be home...I want to go see my kids!" upon their return. Dona was also a member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church.

Dona was preceded in death by her parents Herman and Jewel Cole, her sisters, Lee Novagene Cole and Maude Athalyn Skinner, as well as her brother Steven Ray Cole.

Dona is survived by her husband, James C. Skinner of Adrian, daughters Debra Rinker and Karen Bogdan (Michael) all of Maumee, grandchildren Jacob (Andrea) Bogdan of Sylvania, Ohio and Lindsey Rinker of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan.

She is also survived by her brother David (Karen) Cole of Adrian, Michigan and her sister Dianne (Lewis) Deline of Hershey, Michigan.

A heartfelt thank you goes to ProMedica Hospice for all of their support and care.

We've learned that God brings special Angels into our lives. Karen Grueshaber, Mom's special hospice nurse, was our "Angel." She gave her heart and soul to help Mom on her journey home. The kindest and most loving "nurse" on earth.

From the words of Mom's favorite poet:

A Gateway to Life

by Helen Steiner Rice

DEATH IS A GATEWAY  
WE ALL MUST PASS THROUGH  
TO REACH THAT FAIR LAND  
WHERE THE SOUL'BORN ANEW,  
FOR MAN'S BORN TO DIE  
AND HIS SOJOURN ON EARTH  
IS A SHORT SPAN OF YEARS  
BEGINNING WITH BIRTH...  
AND LIKE PILGRIMS WE WANDER  
UNTIL DEATH TAKES OUR HAND

AND WE START ON OUR JOURNEY  
TO GOD'S PROMISED LAND,  
A PLACE WHERE WE'LL FIND  
NO SUFFERING NOR TEARS,  
WHERE TIME IS NOT COUNTED  
BY DAYS, MONTHS OR YEARS...  
AND IN THIS FAIR CITY  
THAT GOD HAS PREPARED  
ARE UNENDING JOYS  
TO BE HAPPILY SHARED  
WITH ALL OUR LOVED ONES  
WHO PATIENTLY WAIT  
ON DEATH'S OTHER SIDE  
TO OPEN "THE GATE"!

Per Dona's request there will be a private family graveside service. Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian has been entrusted with Dona's arrangements.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to ProMedica Hospice in memory of Dona Skinner. Donations can be made here: <https://giving.promedica.org/pcshospice>. Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dona Avoree Skinner*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences. Mary and Jerry Lee*

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**Jerry and Mary Lee** - August 12, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *We are sorry to hear of the passing of Dona. Our sincere sympathy and prayers to each of you. May your memories fill your hearts and minds every day. Brad & Dawn*

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**Dawn Ball** - August 05, 2020 at 01:54 PM

KB

“ Mom wasn’t just my Mom. She was my best friend. I could share anything with her and she knew just the right words to say . Mom was a very private person but made it so obvious to those who knew her how much she loved family. I’ll miss my talks with mom every morning. I’ll miss her hugs and kisses and her gentle way of making me feel good no matter what. But, I’m happy she is walking with Jesus now, breathing deep and having her daily talks, hugs and kisses with Gramma and Grandpa, Her sister Lynn, her brother Steve and all her friends that have gone before her. Her special little Paddles is covering her again with wet sloppy kisses and her special furry friend still on earth Ollie will do the same someday too. Daddy will miss Mama so much as wherever Mama was Daddy was there too. They were each other’s driving force sharing more love than can ever be told. Bye Mama, till I can hold you again in my arms and kiss you again. I love more than the stars and the moon..  
xoxo Karen



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**Karen Bogdan** - August 05, 2020 at 11:59 AM

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“ DoNa was a wonderful woman. I enjoyed visiting her and Jim at the “tuna can” in Florida and playing a rowdy game with her “dirty dominoes.” I enjoyed teasing her about a lot of things, but she always gave it right back to me. She was a great mom and grandmother and will be missed by anyone who knew her. May God bless her and her family.  
Love,  
Mary Alice

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**Mary Alice** - August 04, 2020 at 12:12 PM

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*You know what she would say to you MaryAlice... 😔*

**Karen Bogdan** - August 06, 2020 at 08:22 PM

KC

“ *Dona was like a second mother growing up. It was not uncommon for her to have a pot of coffee on and the long talks on a Friday or Saturday night with Jim and Dona and of course, Karen and Debbie. Dona, you will be missed by many but God has now another one of His children in his arms. Rest peacefully now. Love Howie (Kathy)*



**KATHY CRAIG** - August 04, 2020 at 07:33 AM

KB

*She loved you Howie.. a 3rd daughter! ❤️❤️❤️*

**Karen Bogdan** - August 04, 2020 at 08:43 AM