



## Donna M. Ayres

March 29, 1963 - January 25, 2023

Donna M. Ayres on January 25, 2023 of Barrington. Age 59. Beloved daughter to Lorraine C. Ayres of North Carolina (Formerly of Deptford, NJ) and the late Wilbur G. Ayres. Cherished sister of Ronald (Michelle) Ayres of Deptford. Treasured aunt to Ronald Ayres Jr (Maureen) and Trista Camp (Joby). Adored great aunt to Lila, Axl, Stella, Adelynn, and Anna.

Donna attended Deptford High School and was a graduate of the class of 1981. She went on to receive her undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware (class of 1985) and continued to earn her graduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked as the Director of Applications and Reporting at AtlantiCare of Egg Harbor Township.

Donna loved spending time with her family and friends, going on vacations, trips to Disney World and taking cruises. Donna was involved with the Miss New Jersey Pageant since 1993, serving as a director and a volunteer. She also enjoyed needlepoint and belonged to a cross stitching club, as well as a volunteer at Rittenhouse Needlepoint in Philadelphia.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 9:30am to 12noon in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Drive, Deptford, NJ 08096.

Memorial Service 12noon in The Chapel of the funeral home.

Interment Private.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Animal Welfare Association, 509 Centennial Blvd, Voorhees, NJ 08043

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Donna's Video Tribute visit [www.boucherfuneralhome.com](http://www.boucherfuneralhome.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC  
1757 Delsea Drive  
Deptford, NJ 08096  
(856) 464-1097  
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## Memorial Service

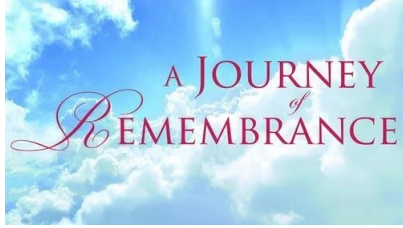
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna M. Ayres*



**Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service** - February 01, 2023 at 09:59 AM

DK

“ *So sorry for your loss! I knew Donna through the Miss New Jersey Education Foundation. She will surely be missed! May she Rest In Peace! Sending thoughts and prayers to her and all the family!*  
*With love, Dale Keating*

**Dale Keating** - February 03, 2023 at 10:13 PM

KK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Karen Keebler** - February 02, 2023 at 01:32 PM

MC

“ *Rittenhouse Needlepoint was gifted with the presence of this incredible woman. We know she was bowled over with all the love she got when she crossed the rainbow bridge.*



**Marianne Charbonneau** - February 02, 2023 at 10:52 AM

TW

*Love*

**Tricia Ware** - February 02, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ 218 files added to the album Life Tributes



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - February 01, 2023 at 09:13 AM

MA

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Maureen ayres - January 31, 2023 at 11:17 PM

PH

“ Patrick Chadd, Edward Hamaty purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Donna M. Ayres.



Patrick Chadd, Edward Hamaty - January 31, 2023 at 09:49 AM

KT

“ Kaen Todd lit a candle in memory of Donna M. Ayres



Kaen Todd - January 30, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PT

“ Sending my condolences to the Ayres family. Donna was a kind and thoughtful person, a true gem. RIP Donna, see you on the other side. <3

Patti Thomas - January 30, 2023 at 10:54 AM

NA

“ So sorry for your loss. Donna's smile lit up the room and we were always laughing when she was at a DVHSG meeting.

Nancy Fitzpatrick

Nancy - January 30, 2023 at 09:26 AM

KB

“ My deepest condolences to the Ayres family on this loss. Words cannot explain how devastating. Donna was a true friend and a light every time she stepped into a room. Her light has now been dimmed and may she R.I.P. She will be missed.

Kimberly Bowe - January 30, 2023 at 08:21 AM

DF

“ Deepest sympathy goes to Donna's family. I met Donna on a plane while heading to a cross stitch retreat in Myrtle Beach about ten years ago and we had been friends ever since. We shared our love of needlework. So glad we had a lovely weekend at a retreat in Cape May this past November. I will hold those memories and laughs we shared in my heart. Heaven has opened its arms wide for this special lady. I will miss your enthusiasm when telling stories.



Donna Frederick - January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

WH

“ With my deepest sympathy, Margarete Hyer purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donna M. Ayres.



With my deepest sympathy, Margarete Hyer - January 28, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Donna Ayres was one of the most amazing human beings I have ever known. She was a true gem, a bright light. Donna volunteered many hours and years of her life, in support of the Miss NJ America Scholarship Organization. Her very first pageant year as a local director was in 1993. I was her very first winner, Miss Shore Resort 1993. Donna instantly became my best friend. What everyone knows about Donna, is that she herself, could have been a Miss New Jersey. Donna had the beauty (oh that smile!), charisma, the wit, the intelligence, and the confidence...like all Miss New Jersey contestants (local & state) that graced the stages of New Jersey throughout the years. If we were to witness her true innate talent, we would give Donna the highest ratings for creativity, thoughtfulness, kindness, compassion, and depth of heart. After years of being a local director for the Miss NJ America organization, Donna embraced the role of State Director for The Miss New Jersey America Organization. Donna adored and supported each and every one of her title holders. Donna embraced her role of state and local director, with fervor and grace. Thank you Donna for all that you have given of yourself, to help so many young women evolve through this scholarship organization. You are loved so dearly and will be missed by so many. We will always remember you and your memory will shine bright in our hearts. With love, light, and prayers to all family members and friends, Margarete Hyer

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**Margarete Hyer** - January 28, 2023 at 03:49 PM

CI

“ Rest in Peace, Donna. I have many fond memories of you, especially you and your team hosting the fun AIT Christmas charity events. I know the needlepointers in Heaven welcomed you with open arms.

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**Cathy locona** - January 28, 2023 at 12:03 PM

CI

“ Rest In Peace, Donna. I have so many fond memories of you, especially you and your team hosting the fun Christmas charity event. I bet those needle pointers in Heaven welcomed you with open arms! My prayers are with your family.

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**Cathy locona** - January 28, 2023 at 08:31 AM

CW

“ So terribly sorry for your loss. Donna was a valued member of DVHSG.

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**Carol Wentzell** - January 28, 2023 at 07:11 AM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to Donna's friends and family. Donna was always so courteous and considerate to Barbara and me and our family for many years in all the activities she performed for the Miss New Jersey Charitable Organizations. We will miss her and her lovely demeanor. She died way too young. Her contributions will not be forgotten. Thanks for all you did for us, Donna.



John A. Casarow, Jr.

John Casarow - January 28, 2023 at 06:41 AM

TW

“ Donna and I have been friends for over 30 years we are Penn Medicine alumni I love you girl sorry we didn't make it to Greece together but we will go and celebrate you, the covens got you girl.

Tricia Ware - January 27, 2023 at 08:30 PM

CN

“ Gone too soon!  
Years of Memories  
Rest in Peace Donna ❤️  
Carole North-Fisher

Carole North-Fisher - January 27, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donna M. Ayres.



January 27, 2023 at 06:37 PM