



Donna Beth Orsag

June 21, 1954 - June 30, 2020

Donna Beth Orsag passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 30th, 2020 at her home in Lexington after a four-year battle with uterine cancer.

Donna was born on June 21st, 1954 in Burnet to Anna Beth Polk, widow of Donovan Polk. Anna Beth married Edgar Earl Fain, who adopted Donna. Donna graduated from MacArthur High School in San Antonio. She continued her education and was awarded her Bachelor's in Education and her Master's in Educational Administration at Southwest Texas State University.

Donna married Larry Orsag in San Antonio on July 9th, 1977 and were blessed with forty-three years of marriage. Larry and Donna raised their four wonderful children, David, Darren, Amy, and Andrew in Giddings.

At ten years of age, Donna made a public decision for Jesus Christ at Shearer Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio. She had a lifelong walk in faith with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She enjoyed many, many blessings from God and was grateful every day for her gifts of life, love, family and friendships. Near the end of her life, Donna's favorite phrase was "My cup runneth over". Donna's beautiful servant heart touched many people in her life, and she used her gifts to help fill the cups of many.

Donna began her teaching career in the elementary grades utilizing her Spanish language fluency in her passion of teaching ESL students. Her career in educational administration began at Giddings Elementary School as Assistant Principal. Donna served in the Bastrop Independent School District as Principal of Cedar Creek Elementary School and as the first Principal of Lost Pines Elementary School. Donna passionately led, mentored, and motivated her teaching staff with her immeasurable energy, enthusiasm and grace.

Donna had a deep love for her family including being “Mimi” to her twelve Grandchildren all of whom she loved dearly. She could turn an ordinary day into a party, and she enjoyed planning vacations, fun outings and activities at Mimi’s home, most recently the Orsag Family Camp during Spring Break 2020. In typical Mimi fashion, the camp t-shirts included the reminder “Kind and loving behavior is the order of the day”.

After leaving Bastrop Independent School District, Donna’s abundant energy turned to community volunteerism. Donna loved to volunteer and was involved in the formation of the Lee County Youth Center serving in both daily operations and fundraising activities. The Youth Center was near and dear to her heart until the very end of her life.

Donna never fully retired. She had much more to impart in the formation of educators. For numerous years, she worked for Texas A & M University – Department of Teaching, Learning, and Culture as a student teacher supervisor. Donna never let her treatment schedule prevent her from continuing in this role.

Donna’s ability to humbly serve others and share her love and compassion resulted in many accolades in her lifetime. At her special request, she did not want specific mention made of awards and recognitions in her obituary.

Those who knew Donna know that she had many friends from all walks of life, including a large number of lifelong friends. She cherished them and enjoyed listening and imparting her wise advice when requested. Until her final days, she continued serving her friends and others.

Donna was preceded in death by her fathers, Edgar Earl Fain and Donovan Polk, brother, Randy Fain, grandparents, Pete and Emma Overstreet, parents-in-law, Alvin and Elder B. Orsag, and daughter-in-law, Holly Orsag

Donna is survived by her husband, Larry of Lexington, her children and grandchildren, David Orsag and wife Hope (Jenkins), Aiden, Zander, Wyatt, and Maddox of Belton, Darren Orsag and wife Meagan (Sumbera), Natalie, Neely, Nola, and Nash of Lexington, Amy Blackburn and husband Matt, Micah and Kizzie of Belton, and Andrew Orsag and wife Kaylee (DeFiore), Kinley and Cora of College Station, mother Anna Beth Fain and brothers, Stephen Fain and Richard Fain, all of Lone Grove, as well as several nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

A service to celebrate Donna's life, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 6, 2020 at the First Baptist Church in Giddings with Rev Chris Harrison officiating. Burial will follow at the Germana Cemetery in Lexington. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, July 5, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present for visitation Sunday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Larry and children would like to thank their First Presbyterian Church family for their many acts of kindness, support, and most importantly prayers during Donna's illness.

In lieu of flowers or attendance, those so inclined may contribute in Donna's memory to the Lee County Youth Center Building Fund, P. O. Box 1317, Giddings, Texas 78942.

Cemetery Details

Germania Cemetery

7155 FM 1624
Lexington, TX 78947

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 4. 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Visitation

JUL 5. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Family Present for Visitation

JUL 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings
3950 East Austin Street
Giddings, TX 78942

Church Service

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church - Giddings
600 Sunrise Avenue
Giddings, TX 78942

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 03, 2020 at 09:45 PM

SF

Very well done and touching video

Stephen Fain - July 05, 2020 at 02:48 AM

CD

Beautiful ❤️

Connie David - July 06, 2020 at 05:31 PM

LD

“ *My deepest and most sincere sympathy to you Larry and your family. Donna was a beautiful and kind spirit, with a wonderful way to reach out to all in such a loving way. We were friends since grade school and shared so many wonderful memories. Our moms were good friends too. Even though moving to Arizona, Donna always kept in touch. May God bless you and your family Larry. I did not know about Donna's passing, so thank you for letting me know. I am so glad Guy and I stopped by to see Donna and you on one of our visits to Texas. It meant so much to us. Our prayers are with each of you. Donna was a remarkable lady. She lived a beautiful and meaningful life. Our love,*

Lisa Baker DiGiacomo and Guy DiGiacomo

Lisa Baker DiGiacomo - July 18, 2020 at 02:45 PM

LP

“ *Lucia Padron purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.*



Lucia Padron - July 06, 2020 at 03:03 PM

JN

“ *Sincerest sympathy to Larry and the family of Donna Orsag. She was an amazing lady.*



Jo Ann Sell Nelson - July 05, 2020 at 03:06 PM

JS

“ Jerry Simek purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.



Jerry Simek - July 04, 2020 at 06:55 PM

OD

“ Our deepest Sympathy to you Larry, and your family on the passing of Donna. She was truly an amazing person. May God be with you all and Comfort you.



Oranell And Jerrell Dunk - July 04, 2020 at 06:06 PM

DN

“ To Larry and the Orsag family, our thoughts and prayers are with you! May God bless you in this difficult time.

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler

Darrel and Vickie Neutzler - July 04, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 04, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ 244 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 03, 2020 at 09:26 PM

PS

“ Pam and Todd Slayton purchased the *White Sympathy Standing Spray* for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.



Pam and Todd Slayton - July 03, 2020 at 01:52 PM

WL

“ *Sorry for your loss, my deepest sympathy.*

willy lehmann - July 03, 2020 at 12:40 PM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuetz lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Michelle Schuetz - July 03, 2020 at 09:18 AM

EB

“ To Larry and the Orsag family, my sincere condolences on Donna's passing. What a wonderful person Donna was. I've known Donna since we went to elementary school together. She was always kind, caring, and very thoughtful to others. In later years, I always enjoyed our chance meetings at country music shows and dance halls around the state. A life well lived. Rest in peace Donna.

- Ed Bowles

Ed Bowles - July 03, 2020 at 09:06 AM

TK

“ Teresa Kinsfather sent a virtual gift in memory of Donna Beth Orsag



teresa kinsfather - July 03, 2020 at 12:35 AM

SH

“ I know I am just a drop in the bucket of teachers that owe their careers to Donna Orsag. She took a chance and hired me as a teaching assistant when I was volunteering at Lost Pines Elementary. That's when I fell in love with teaching. Donna encouraged me to get my teachers certification, and 13 years later, I'm still loving what I do! I owe it all to her wisdom, her passion, her energy, and her sincere kindness. She was the cutest little redheaded lady, but a giant in my life. Mrs. Orsag is truly a legend in her time.

My sincere condolences for your loss,

Shelly Hewett

Shelly Hewett - July 02, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.*



July 02, 2020 at 06:56 PM



“ *I'm so sad to learn of Donna's death. We were classmates. We were passing friends, you could say, but I knew her well enough to always feel welcomed and appreciated in her presence. She was a fun, kindly, and good soul. I know you will all miss her greatly.*
Claudia Teinert

Claudia Erving Teinert - July 02, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Donna's passing. Such a warm and kind person. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Larry and family. God Bless.*

Cindy and Sterling Fletcher

Sterling Fletcher - July 02, 2020 at 03:25 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy for the loss of this very special lady. May the Lord grant you the strength and peace during this difficult time.*
The Motyka family



Steffani Motyka - July 02, 2020 at 03:21 PM

MC

“ I am so sorry that I didn't know of Donna's illness. I went to Mac with Donna --- she, Debbie Dalbec and I had red hair so of course we were friends! Plus I lived around the corner from her. My deepest sympathy to the family ... Donna was a true jewel. Heaven became an even brighter place when Jesus welcomed Donna into His loving arms. I cherish every fond memory of her. /Kay Coldeway Goodlett

Mary Kay Coldeway-Goodlett - July 02, 2020 at 02:37 PM

SN

“ Sheila Nunes lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag



Sheila Nunes - July 02, 2020 at 07:45 AM

AN

“ Andy Newton and Andre Newton-Goebel purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.



Andy Newton and Andre Newton-Goebel - July 02, 2020 at 07:01 AM

JS

“ Larry, Children and Grandchildren our heart goes out to all of you at this difficult time. May God wrap his loving hands around you and grant you peace and comfort. Paul and I sent our deepest sympathy to you Larry and family.

Jeanette Schramm - July 01, 2020 at 09:48 PM

GA

“ Mrs. Orsag was one of the best leaders I have ever had the pleasure to work with in my career. She was an inspiration! Sending prayers for the peace that passes all understanding during the family’s mourning.

Genny Ackermann - July 01, 2020 at 09:38 PM

BG

“ She was a good person she always loved helping people



Brandy Gunter - July 01, 2020 at 06:51 PM

MF

“ Much love from your Sleeptronic Family purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.



Much love from your Sleeptronic Family - July 01, 2020 at 06:18 PM

JM

“ Her smile has always warmed the whole room; her kindness encompassed everyone; she was always the first to offer assistance, the first to pitch in, the first to share beauty and love. We will all miss her. Our sympathy and love go out to Larry and all of the family.

Judy and Doug Morton - July 01, 2020 at 03:48 PM

DH

“ *Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Dolly Droemer Hoeinghaus - July 01, 2020 at 01:40 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear of this loss. I worked with Donna at Cedar Creek Elementary. One of the best administrators I ever worked for. Inspirational leader who was always motivating one to learn more, stretch and challenge yourself while at the same time being kind and supportive. I think of her every time I drive through Giddings and always will. 🙏🕊️*

carolee justus - July 01, 2020 at 09:59 AM

CS

“ *Carol Schulz lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Carol Schulz - July 01, 2020 at 02:43 AM

MD

“ I can only imagine how greatly Donna's close family will mourn her loss. What a vivacious, joyfilled woman she always was. My prayers will cover you all as you walk through this Valley of the Shadow of Death. We can rejoice that even now she has already reunited with so many of the family who have preceded her in that glorious meeting with our wondrous Saviour and LORD JESUS CHRIST. May HIS Spirit of Peace overshadow the grief of losing her from your presence.

With love from a Fain family In-Law, Mrs. Sterling Joe Doss - Skiatook, OK

Mrs. Sterling J. Doss - June 30, 2020 at 11:27 PM

SH

“ I had the privilege to work with her. She was a wonderful Principal. She treated everyone with respect and had a loving nature. She nurtured and motivated many people in Education. I am very sorry for your loss.

sheri Hoffman - June 30, 2020 at 11:20 PM

AW

“ When I came to work for Giddings ISD, Donna and I shared an office. She was doing Head Start and I was continuing the Community Ed program. I could not have been made more welcome and found anyone more interested in seeing me succeed than she. Since that beginning in 1993, our paths have crossed many times, mostly because of her activities in the Giddings community. I will sincerely miss her energy and enthusiasm. Her leadership will be almost impossible to replace. God's blessing of peace on her wonderful family.

Alonzo C. Wood, Lexington

Alonzo Wood - June 30, 2020 at 10:45 PM

CH

“ Calvin And Janis Hannes lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag



Calvin and Janis Hannes - June 30, 2020 at 09:42 PM

MF

“ Still so unreal even though we knew it was coming. Family, church, youth center, teaching. You loom over them all and will for years to come You were so many heroes wrapped in one. You modeled terminal sickness, witness, selflessness, God's love in its purest. Were you real or an angel sent to us all ? For Larry, Natalie , Andrew , Amy, Meghan, Gretchen, Chris, and hundreds of others — the grief is deep but celebratory because you lived among us. Thank you Jesus for knowing you.

meredith franks - June 30, 2020 at 09:26 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Donna Beth Orsag.



June 30, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LT

“ *Lois Taylor lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Lois Taylor - June 30, 2020 at 07:53 PM

LA

“ *Donna was a great administrator. She was more than just a Principal at our campus, she was a friend. Someone that always wanted you to be better and helped you be better. She always knew your strengths and weaknesses - she helped you build and your strengths and also help you overcome your weaknesses. She definitely helped me grow as an educator and now as an administrator. She was one of a kind. May you Rest in Peace Donna. You will be greatly missed.*

Liz Aguirre - June 30, 2020 at 07:39 PM

LC

“ *Linda Cook lit a candle in memory of Donna Beth Orsag*



Linda Cook - June 30, 2020 at 07:38 PM

JW

“ Donna and Larry were two of the first people we met when we moved to Giddings in 1979. They were also sweet and kind to everyone. Donna played such an important part of our community in so many ways. Prayers to Larry and the kids for peace from our Savior during a difficult time. RIP sweet Donna.

Janis Wolfdhohl - June 30, 2020 at 07:32 PM

PS

“ Will never forget this sweet loving person she meant so much to me in my life here in Giddings. I looked up to her so much as a friend and very caring person. I'm just at no more words i can't believe she wont be around any more its just devastating. Prayers to family. 🙏



Pat schramm - June 30, 2020 at 06:58 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss! Donna was the worlds kindest person in the world she was patient, loving Christian woman she will be greatly miss. Heaven welcomes her with open arms. I will miss you very much. Prayers for the entire family.

mary alvarado - June 30, 2020 at 06:27 PM