



Deanna Elaine Lashley Mills

February 9, 1958 - July 2, 2023

Deanna Elaine Lashley Mills, 65, of Tallahassee, passed away peacefully on July 2, 2023, in Havana, Florida after a long battle with early-onset dementia, surrounded by her loving family.

Deanna was born on February 9, 1958, to James and Juanita Lashley in Grand Ridge, Florida, and immediately brought joy and laughter into the world. She spent a lot of time with her aunt LeDon and her younger brother Jamey. Deanna was an excellent student, pursuing a degree in history at Huntington University and graduating summa cum laude. She went on to work with the State of Florida, at the Chattahoochee mental hospital and the Department of Disability and Determinations.

When she met Stacy, introduced by their mutual friend Brenda Ingram, they both knew they had found something special. They got married on October 4, 1986, and the two were inseparable from that point on. Their journey took them from Tallahassee to Panama City, and back to Tallahassee again before stints in Havana and Grand Ridge. Deanna and Stacy were married for over 37 glorious years and had one child, Meredith, who they doted on. They stayed together through thick and thin, and fell asleep holding hands every night.

Deanna was a dedicated mother, raising her own daughter and helping

nurture many children in her years at East Hill Baptist Preschool. She also served as a foster parent and daycare provider. In later years, she helped take care of her parents and her husband's parents as they aged. Family came first and was above all else to Deanna, and she was always there to take care of them.

Deanna loved history (especially Abraham Lincoln) and had a passion for horror, sci-fi, and fantasy. She was also deeply spiritual, treating others with love and grace and giving deep thought to matters of the spirit and theology, and believed truly in God's love.

Deanna loved greatly and was greatly loved in return. The hole left by her absence is impossible to fill, but we will carry her love with us always.

Deanna was predeceased by her parents. She is survived by her dearly beloved husband Stacy Mills, her daughter Meredith Mills and son-in-law Mike Kurczaba (who she loved like a son), her beloved brother Jamey Lashley and sister-in-law Gaye Peacock Lashley, her brother-in-law Fred Mills and sister-in-law Linda Mills, and her mother-in-law Ruby Mills.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Deanna's name to the charity of your choice to spread her love and joy. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 6, 2023, at Bevis Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral service will be at 1:00 PM, Friday, July 7, 2023, also at the funeral Home. Todd Wahlquist is assisting the family with their arrangements (850-385-2193. www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

The Family Will Receive Friends

JUL 6. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bevis Funeral Home & Crematory
200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 385-2193

Funeral Service

JUL 7. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Deanna Elaine Lashley Mills*



Bevis Funeral Home - July 07, 2023 at 11:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Deanna Elaine Lashley Mills.*



July 05, 2023 at 11:38 AM