



Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker

July 29, 1962 - November 7, 2022

Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker, a Chipley native and a resident of Tallahassee, entered into rest November 7, 2022 at the age of 60.

Born on July 29, 1962 to Thomas and Flossie Porter, Gena spent her childhood years in Chipley. She attended Kate M. Smith Elementary and Roulhac Middle School before graduating from Chipley High School in 1980.

After high school, Gena continued her studies at Florida State University where she received a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. This was followed by a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from Auburn University Montgomery and, ultimately, a Master's Degree in Nursing from Troy University. Her career consisted of both practicing as a licensed Nurse Practitioner and teaching nursing at multiple academic institutions. Her most recent position as a Keiser University nursing instructor solidified her role as a masterful educator. She was beloved by students for her knowledge, wit, and willingness to go above and beyond to ensure their success.

Gena married Mike Booker on October 17, 2021 in a beautiful ceremony on St. George Island. She and Mike had very active social lives through their

involvement in Springtime Tallahassee and 20th Century Krewe. A lover of costumes and galas, Gena and Mike were a staple at many events and parties. These events were the foundation for many great friendships. Gena and Mike were also huge beach lovers, traveling to St. George Island once a month to sit in the sand and walk the beach. They also loved to visit the Blue Ridge Mountains and enjoy the crisp mountain air and all it had to offer.

Gena's children were the light of her life. Her eldest child, Nicole, lives in Louisville, KY, works for a large engineering company, and was recently married in Portugal. Her youngest, Zach, lives in Albany, OR where he is pursuing a career in pharmacy. She took immense pride in her children and spent every opportunity talking about them or to them or traveling to go see them.

Gena was also an amazing friend. Her quick wit, wild stories, and thick accent made her an instant love to everyone she met. She could keep an entire room wrapt in a story and leave them crying with laughter. She had many friends but a few core friend groups that she spent countless hours with. Her loyalty and compassion knew no bounds and she was always there to help any of them in a time of need.

Her work as a nurse practitioner and instructor, along with her travels, provided Gena an enlightened perspective on our world. The insights gained from first-hand experience working in the field of women's and children's healthcare brought forth her passion for human rights, even more specifically women's rights. She was a fierce advocate of equality, quality healthcare for everyone, and putting words into actions.

Gena's kind nature, however, was not limited to her fellow man. She was also an avid lover of animals. Her grandfather, Ernest Owen, imparted upon her a unique affection for the creatures of the world. Gena spent the majority of her life surrounded by pets with which she had formed an inseparable bond. Any beast lucky enough to stumble upon her doorstep would be ensured a life of leisure, luxury, and love.

Never was there ever a more dedicated FSU football fan. Win or lose, she would frequently develop what she called the "Chopper's Elbow" fervently cheering on her beloved Seminoles. She attended innumerable games and two National Championships and instilled the love of college football in her children.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Chipley and very secure in her faith and love of Christ.

She is survived by her husband Mike Booker; daughter Nicole Lankist and husband Zach Werne; son Zachary Lankist (Brandi Whiteman); parents Thomas Porter and Flossie Owen Porter; brother Brad Moore and wife Alba; in-laws Jim and Linda Booker; numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

The family will receive friends Friday, Nov. 11th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. EST at Bevis Funeral Home with a Celebration of Life service to follow. The service will be available to view live online at <https://www.bevisfh.com>. To watch, click on the word Obituaries at the top of the homepage, then click on the name of

your loved one, and then the green Photos and Videos tab. Staff members will be available to answer questions or help with technical issues at (850) 385-2193.

Also, a Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. CST Saturday, Nov. 12th at First United Methodist Church of Chipley.

In honor of Gena, memorial contributions may be made to Partners for Pets in Marianna, FL.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements. (www.bevisfh.com 850-385-2193)

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

NOV 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

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200 John Knox Rd
Tallahassee, FL 32303
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Celebration of Life

NOV 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church-Chipley
1285 Jackson Avenue
Chipley, FL

Tribute Wall



“ *Bevis Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker*



Bevis Funeral Home - November 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM

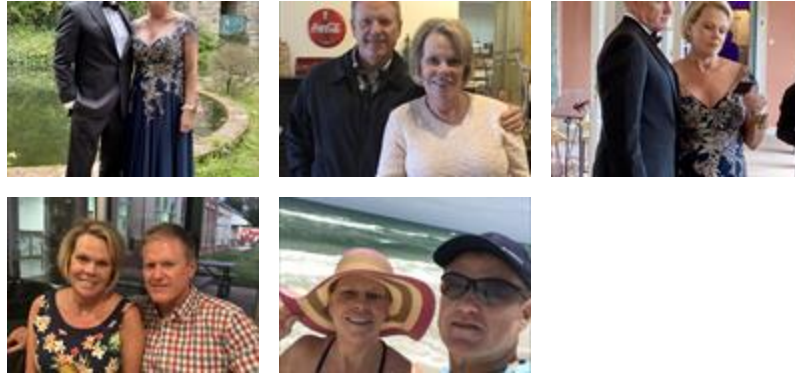


“ *I love you Beautiful!
You made me the happiest man in the world.
We had two wonderful years together.
I will cherish them for the rest of my life.
You made me feel so loved!
You would always tell that no one else is going to love me like you do.
I felt your love.
I have never loved anyone like I love you.
I always told you, "You and I = Us".
I know that you will waiting for me at the pearly gates when I arrive.
I can't wait to see you.*

Mike - November 16, 2022 at 04:46 PM

MI

“ 15 files added to the album *Mike & Gena*



Mike - November 16, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 11, 2022 at 12:58 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 11, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 11, 2022 at 04:14 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 11, 2022 at 04:12 AM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 11, 2022 at 04:06 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 10, 2022 at 10:18 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 09:18 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 02:16 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



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November 10, 2022 at 12:58 PM

AS

“ You will be greatly missed! Went to the Peanut Festival last night and was quickly reminded of that one time you and Ava shared a turkey leg. She was so into sharing she took her bite out of her mouth and tried to put it in yours 😂 I will forever treasure all the fun memories ❤️



Amanda Sims - November 10, 2022 at 12:36 PM



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November 10, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 12:24 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 10, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ From all of us at Gilbane. purchased the Treasure d Lilies Spray for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



From all of us at Gilbane. - November 10, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ Lots of wonderful memories with Gena! She was a wonderful friend and could always bring a smile to my face! I will truly miss our conversations, her words of wisdom and her contagious laugh. Love you Genabena!



Scottie Fillingim - November 10, 2022 at 11:42 AM

MP

“ *Marianna Pediatrics purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



Marianna Pediatrics - November 10, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 10, 2022 at 10:42 AM

GS

“ *Gena was one of favorite people - so full of joy and humor. She will be truly, truly missed.*



Gail Simpson - November 10, 2022 at 09:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.*



November 10, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 09, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 09, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 09, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray* was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 09, 2022 at 10:57 AM

LB

“ Unfortunately, Gena was part of our family for a short time. I had major surgery a few months after meeting. I had some problems and she jumped in with her training as a nurse and didn't blink an eye. I loved her sense of humor. I loved her southern voice and the way she could tell a story. She loved FSU football. I told her she needed to call the games. She would start and was hilarious. But most of all, I loved that she loved our son so passionately. Both found their true love. It's hard not to question God's plan. A big hole has been left in our hearts, but we'll see her again some day. Love, Linda and Jim Booker.

Linda Booker - November 09, 2022 at 08:23 AM

LS

Mike,
It's not often that we get to find the love and soul mate of our lives. It was always so wonderful to see you beaming with happiness. Hold those thoughts close now as she continues holding your heart from above . Let her brightness keep shining in you.

Leslie Shaw - November 09, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Donna Eugenia "Gena" Porter Booker.



November 09, 2022 at 08:03 AM

GF

“ Our sincerest condolences for your loss. Gina brought happiness with her presence.
Gary and Valerie Fitzpatrick

Gary Fitzpatrick - November 08, 2022 at 07:48 PM