



Donna Lusby

April 26, 2025

Donna Lusby, 76, passed away April 26, 2025. Donna came into this world on February 4, 1949 with the help of her parents Fredrick Stanley Lusby (Stan) and Beryl Lusby in Richmond Virginia. She was preceded in her death by her parents and brothers David and Rick. She is survived by her life partner and husband of 37 years, Keith Malsom.

Donna spent her primary school years in Oxford Ohio where she discovered her love for the outdoors, nature and all living things, especially animals. She spent many summers with her family and grandmother at Marten River, Canada. Donna graduated from Miami University in 1971. Donna moved to Colorado in 1976 where she continued to pursue her passion for the outdoors hiking with her dogs and biking in the Colorado mountains. She was joined with her life partner Keith Malsom and they continued their passion for the outdoors with many dogs and cats along the way.

Donna was always exploring new interests such as wood carving, learning to play the guitar and ukulele, watercolor, drawing, etc. She enjoyed competing in agility with her dog Niki and won a few ribbons. Donna started her career at Colorado State University in 1977, stayed for 30 years as office manager and student advisor for the Department of Design and Merchandising. She was challenged with dementia with Lewy bodies in the later years of her life.

Tribute Wall

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“ Donna gave much to students and colleagues at CSU and Design and Merchandising during her career. With grace and enthusiasm, she welcomed each of us every day. Commitment and dedication were her hallmarks.

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Carole Makela - May 12, 2025 at 05:53 PM

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“ Donna always thought of others and doing good. She was one of those kind people the worlds so desperately needs.

michael ralston - May 08, 2025 at 06:53 PM



“ How sad to say goodbye to our good friend and neighbor Donna. She was indeed a good friend to the animals in the neighborhood if there was a little lost dog or cat wandering about Donna always seemed to know the pet's name and where it lived.

Donna, you were a joy to all of us and will live on in our hearts.

-Larry and Vicki Smith

Larry Smith - May 08, 2025 at 01:15 PM

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“ I have many wonderful memories of my cousin Donna especially during family visits in which we had so much fun and laughed a lot. We learned how to play the ukulele together and Donna taught me the Varsity Drag which she had learned in dance class. We had dug out the old 78 recordings at our Grandparent's summer home in Broome Island, Maryland and one was the Varsity Drag. Somehow we got the ancient Victrola to play it.

Donna was one of the most caring people I have ever known, as evidenced in the loving way she cared for her loved ones during their illnesses, and of course her abiding love not only for them but also her beloved dogs. She was a role model for helping others in so many ways that I deeply admire. Many blessings to Keith and Donna's friends. My brother Ed and I know how much she will be missed! 🙏❤️🙏

Anne Lusby-Denham - May 08, 2025 at 12:55 PM