



## Donna Lynn Sweedy

October 27, 1956 - October 9, 2025

Donna Lynn Sweedy (née Eelman), age 68, passed away on October 9, 2025, in Lehigh Acres, Florida. Born on October 27, 1956, in Dover, New Jersey, Donna was the daughter of Lawrence and Joyce Eelman. She grew up alongside her siblings Martin and Shari, all of whom have preceded her in death. Donna carried the strength and resilience of her family with her throughout her life. She pursued higher education with determination and earned an associate's degree in criminology from Edison Community College. Her academic achievement reflected a deep interest in understanding people and society—an interest that shaped much of her life's path. Donna's lengthy career with the Lee County Sheriff's Office enabled her to touch the lives of many people in the community. Donna was affectionately known as "Donut" to those close to her. Her fiery personality and unique sense of humor seemed to liven up every room she walked in. Her presence was a source of laughter and joy to many. Donna's interests included playing bingo, bowling, camping and enjoying time with her children, grandchildren and many friends. She is lovingly remembered by her sons Jason and Michael Truscott of Lehigh Acres, who were the center of her world. Her legacy continues through her cherished grandchildren: Tyler Truscott, Edynn Truscott, and Aubrey Truscott. Their lives are a testament to the love and guidance she provided. May Donna's memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her. A celebration of life for Donna will be held at a later date.



# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post 323  
1124 Ashlar Ave  
Lehigh Acres, FL 33936

# Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donna Lynn Sweedy.*



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October 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Carol & Doug Burns planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donna Lynn Sweedy.*

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**Carol & Doug Burns** - October 29, 2025 at 04:21 PM



“ *Donna was always fun, loving, hard working and totally devoted to her family. I especially remember when she started kindergarten Uncle Billy and I got her the cutest little red coat and leggings. She wore that like a bright star, looking so adorable. God bless you Donna. I know there is a place in heaven waiting for you. You will be dearly missed. All of our love from me and our family. Love Aunt Nancy*

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**Nancy McConley** - October 18, 2025 at 06:53 PM

AB

“ *My first memory of Donut: I was 19ish, first time sleeping at her house after a night out with Jason. I walk out of the room to a devilish grin and that wild laugh of hers, asking if I want biscuits and gravy or pancakes for breakfast. Then listening to her make of him and tease me as we ate. Felt like we had an instant connection from that moment on. She would always tell me that if she ever won the lottery, she was going to buy me that Volkswagen Bus I've always wanted...and I truly think she would have! She was a such a force. Wither that was telling you how it really was (regardless of you wanted to hear it or not) or she was just in the same room. Her presence was always known and felt....and most of times heard! That presence is going to be truly missed.  
Love you, Donut! ❤️  
PS... Your love of Peeps still bewilders me.*

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**April Browning** - October 15, 2025 at 10:34 PM

CB

*I FIRST met Donut/Donna when MY Daughter-in-law went into Labor with her 1st born son, RYLAN JACOB OPPER! MY HUSBAND DOUG AND I MADE THE TRIP DOWN TO LEHIGH FOR THE OCCASSION. MYSON BRETT OPPER ASKED ME TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR DONUT, I ASKED WHY SHE WAS CALLED DONUT...BRETT SAID YOU WILL KNOW WHEN YOU WITHER SEE OR HEAR HER COMING! I remember asking Brett what he meant by that comment and Dawn said don't worry MOM YOU will understand when you see her! OK I am up with that.... the next thing all my boys decided it was time for a cigarette and they all went outside. The next thing I hearis some person in Sherriff's uniform comes off the elevator and starts yelling for Dawn because she couldn't remember the room number!! Dawn looks at me and asks me to go out and get Donut for her.....So I go out and say to her...are you Dawn's AUNT DONUT or should I call you Deputy DONUT! SHE LOOKS AT ME AND ASKS WHO F---? ARE YOU? ME...WELL BEFORE I TELL YOU WHO I AM, WHAT AM I SUPPOSE TO CALL YOU. SHE SAYS WELL IF YOU ARE NOT FAMILY I'M NOT SAYING...ME..WELL I GUESS I AM FAMILY THEN...DONUT..I DON'T KNOW YOU SO YOU ARE NOT FAMILY...I TELL HER THAT I AM DAWN'S MOTHER-INLAW..DONUT...SHES NOT MARRIED YET. SO WHAT I HAVE ALREADY Added her to My family and MY name is Carol Burns and I am Brett Opper's MOTHER. ME...SO WHO ARE YOU NOW AUNT DONUT or DEPUTY DONUT? WE JUST LOOKED AT EACH OTHER AND BUSTED OUT LAUGHING!! WE BOTH SAID TO EACH OTHER..OK FAMILY, AUNT DONUT, ME I AM C CAROL AND AD SOON AS MY GRANDCHILD IS BORN THEN MY NAME WILL BE MIMI OR MIM! So once we stop laughing I ask her if she wants to see Dawn....she says to me I am only here because Micael and Jason said that I needed to ge there for Dawn since the Boys couldn't make it. So I take Donna's hand and had to pull her into the room with Dawn! Dawn says hi and scares the daylight out of Donut! Donna says DON'T SCARE ME LIKE THAT! I THOUGHT YOU WERE ASLEEP! DAWN....NO MY PAINS ARE GETTING WORSE. THAT SENDS DONNA RUNNING FROM THE ROOM! DONNA HEADS FOR THE ELEVATOR AND THE DOOR OPENS AND SHE RUNS INTO MY HUSBAND DOUG! SHE STARTS TO LOOK UP UP UP UNTIL SHE SEES HIS FACE AND SAYS SORRY I GOTRA GO, LEAVE, WHATEVER THEN SEES BRETT AND SAYS WHO THE TALL HUNK OF MAN I RAN INTO? BRETT SAYS THAT'S MY STEPDAD, DOUG..MY MOM IS IN WITH DAWN.....DONNA STARTS TO JOG DOWN THE HALL UNTIL BRETT TELLS HER SHE IS GOING THE WRONG WAY. BY THE TIME SHE COMES BACK TO US WE ARE ALL LAUGHING SO HARD AND SHE SAYS GOOD BYE LAUGHING GOODBYE MIMI!! The next time Donna and I meet again is at Brett and Dawn's. Brett and Dawn's call and ask if I could come down and take care of Rylan while they go for the weekend to T he REDNECK YACHT CLUB. OF*

COURSE I AM TOTALLY CO.E AND DO SOME MORE BONDING WITH MY GRANDSON. I BRING MY MOTHER WITH ME, RYLAN IS THE FIRST GREAT Grandbaby that my Mom will get to hold. We come down on Thursday to help them load up a n d for me to learn the routine. My family always has a MIMI IN OUR FAMILY SINCE I HAD THE FIRST GRANDCHILD I WAS THE 1ST MIMI! My Mom decided that since there would be 3 MIMIS in the family MY Mother became MIM!! MOM WAS SO HAPPY TO TAKE THIS TRIP WITH ME! MOM WAS IN EARLY STAGES of ALZHEIMERS. SHE WAS SO EXCITED!! WE STOPPED AT A CRACKER BARREL AND FOUND A SANTA SUIT AND AN ELF SUIT FOR RYLAN JACOB! WHEN DONNA HEARD WE WERE COMING DOWN, SHE CAME OVER AS SOON AS SHE COULD TO SEE RYLAN AND ALSO TO SEE IF I WAS REALLY FAMILY NOW! SHE WALKED IN, MOM WAS FEEDING THE BABY AND MOM STARTS YELLING FOR ME I COME OUT AS ND TELL MOM T STOP YELLING FOR ME AND CALM THE BABY DOWN. ME..HELLO DONUT! YOU ARE SCARING MY MOM WHO IS SCARING THE BABY! I TAKE RYLAN AND CALM HIM DOWN I ASH DONNA IF SHE COULD TAKE HER GUN OFF AND PUT SOMEWHERE SAFE! DONNA GOES ANS LOCKS IN Trunk. I THEN START LAUGHING ÀT HER AND I SAY ...DONUT, THIS IS MY MOTHER AND SHE IS ALSO FAMILY. HER NAME IS MARY LOU, BUT YOU MAY CALL HER MIM! MOM HAS THE BIGGEST SMILE ON HER FACE AND THEN SAYS I THINK THE BABY NEEDS A NEW DIAPER.DONNA GETS UP and says she needs to be somewhere, don't know when but I'll be back she laughingas she walks away!!!! There is more and we laughed alot always.

*I was really hoping to get down to see Donut before everything happened.But I know that Donna is in her HAPPY PLACE AND WATCHING OVER HER FAMILYBLESS YOU DONNA. MIKE AND JASON I AM SO GLAD THAT YOU ALL WERE ABLE TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOUR MOTHER.*

I TRULY WISH THAT I CC OULD BETHERE FOR HER CELEBRATION OF LIFE! UNFORTUNATELY I AM STILL IN THE HOME CARE PT AND NURSING CARE AT LEAST TO THE END OF NOVEMBER.LOTS OF LOVE TO ALL YOUR FAMILY. HUGS TO AUBREY, AND TYLERAND I HAVE TALKED SOME THROUGH FB.HIGS TO HIM ALSO!LOTSOF HUGS, LOVE AND PRAYERS TO MICHAEL AND JASON! WE ARE FAMILY!LOVE FROM CAROL BURNS AKA MIMI AND/OR KKAY

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**Carol Burns** - October 19, 2025 at 04:27 AM

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“ *Tammey Gray lit a candle in memory of Donna Sweedy*



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**Tammey Gray** - October 15, 2025 at 07:56 PM

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“ *Donna was always fun, full of energy and laughing. I always enjoyed talking to her. One time in Lehigh District we chatted and were shocked to find out we were both born in Dover, NJ and we got a good laugh that I was raised in Hackettstown NJ and at one time she worked in Hackettstown. Small world, but a world that was made better with people like Donna. She was so proud of her sons and loved talking about her grandchildren. LCSO was lucky to have her and We are all truly blessed to call her a co-worker and friend.*

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**Tammey Gray** - October 15, 2025 at 03:10 PM

DA

“ I first met Donna in 1998 when I started at the same Law Enforcement agency. The first memory that I had of her was being greeted as the "new guy" by Donna with a "Who the hell are you?" and a hidden smile as I could see that although she enjoyed giving me a hard "welcome", she was a kind person behind the facade! Over the next 26 years I enjoyed getting to know her as well as her son, Michael. She was always the entertainment in conversations and was never afraid to say what she felt...good or bad!

One thing will always stay with me about Donna; she was kind and considerate and always wanted to help others. She will be missed by those lucky to have had her in their life.

My deepest sympathies to Michael and the entire family.

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**Daniel** - October 15, 2025 at 09:41 AM

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“ I met Donna and Bob and Jason and Michael when I first moved up to Lake Hopatcong NJ. My son Richie was 3 or 4 so that would be around 1978. We immediately hit it off and instantly became best friends. We were alot alike back then, fearless, no filter, said whatever and didn't care what anyone thought. We both had a great sense of humor and we were both bossy. Separate was bad enough but together look out! She taught me to curse like a truck driver. She would make me practice so that I did it correctly before we went anywhere so she wouldn't be embarrassed. Imagine that! She made me eat steamed clams when I didn't want too and of course she was right after I tried them, I loved them. We both loved to dance and have a good time no matter where we were. Two five foot blondes and blue eyes. She took forever blow drying her hair. Had to be perfect. I would tell her everyone is looking at me anyway not her. Richie, Jason and Michael were always together. In the winter, My son was always sick or constant runny nose. I had him so bundled up he couldn't walk. We go over to their house off Berkshire Valley and Rte 15 north and Jason and Michael are running around in the snow in just their super hero underwear. She unbundled Richie down to his underwear and tells him to get in the snow with the boys. we are both looking at her and can't believe it. Scarey crazy lady. Jason and Michael were never sick. Haha she was too scarey even for germs. Then she married Ed Sweedy and I was her maid of honor. Remember the epic blueberry incident with Richie projectile vomiting non stop everywhere all over the floor Ed just mopped.haha. I'm scared to death, Ed looked like his head was going to pop off and Donna is hysterically laughing thru the entire thing. Proceeds to tell Richie that he isn't done and needs to get it all out right there. All I could do was run over and try to catch it in my hands so it wouldn't go on floor, which didn't matter. Richie wasn't allowed in the house anymore after that. Years later the three of you were all together in Japan as Marines defending our country. How scarey is that! Haha. Next They moved to Lehigh Acres in Florida. We would go and visit when we could over the years. She had a new state to terrorize. She became a police officer. What a shock that was. Never saw that happening. She was so nice to

everyone. Who was this person? Haha. She loved with all her heart and sole. Jason and Michael and all the grandkids were her everything. She was also a great manipulator and could naturally talk her way out of anything or get whatever she wanted. As a person on the other end you don't even know what is happening. When cell phones first came out and you had to walk around to get a signal. She was relentless. Constantly calling where are you, why aren't you picking up? Poor Jason and Michael. Every five minutes calling them. I think I'm the only person who would fight or argue with her and could get away with it. I was always honest with her and if she was getting on my nerves or I thought she was getting out of hand I would immediately tell her that she is getting on my last nerve and time to stop. True sister friends (Twit Sisters) that we were we could never be mad at each other ever. Just laughed at each other. As we got older and life is happening we weren't as close as we once were but as soon as we talked to one another it was as if time stayed the same..RIP my warrior princess. Love you and my heart goes out to the family. Not to worry she found an American Legion or firehouse up in heaven with Richie and my dad. She probably has them playing bingo or taking them to a tricky tray. Hugs n Love

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**Susan Steckclair** - October 15, 2025 at 01:33 AM



“ When I started at LCSO in 2007 I would answer the phone of course as this is Donna how can I help you. Employees would always pause and say what are you doing in Communications? I would say I work here? It happened several times before I met Donna and figured out they thought I was her. She was such an icon that units heard the name Donna and thought of her immediately.

She had the most amazing sense of humor and I always enjoyed running into her and dispatching for her.

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**Donna Young** - October 14, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ Donna and I worked together for many years at the S.O. Her quick wit, humor, and attitude were a welcome respite from the daily stress we endured. Donna always made me laugh!! Especially with her wise-cracks and jokes. She could cuss like a sailor one minute, and then turn around to comfort a confused little old lady or frightened child. Donna had a serious side as well. No nonsense was the rule when a task needed completion. The most I remember about Donna was if you asked her a question, you better be ready for the answer. Like it or not, she would tell you exactly what she thought. Thank you for all the laughs Donna, you brought some sunshine into many dark days.

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**Mark R. Bess** - October 14, 2025 at 08:29 AM

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*Thank you, Mark. I couldn't have described her any better myself.*

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**Mike Truscott** - October 14, 2025 at 06:39 PM

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“ Donna worked for me many years at the Sheriff's Office, she was super dependable and hard worker. She had a big heart and I was proud to call her a friend. My condolences to her sons and may you find comfort in your memories of her. Love you Donna and may you RIP!

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**David Dutrieux** - October 14, 2025 at 02:57 AM

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*Thank you, Dave. I appreciate you sharing that with us*

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**Mike Truscott** - October 14, 2025 at 06:37 PM