



Donna J. Hale

July 27, 1930 - August 22, 2023

Donna Jean Hale, a longtime resident of Stamford, CT, passed away on August 22, 2023, at the Nathaniel Witherell Rehab Center due to heart failure. Born on July 27, 1930, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, she was the only child of the late Frank Kowalski and Florence Hale Kowalski. Donna graduated Magna Cum Laude from Western Michigan University in 1952. She held memberships in esteemed organizations, including the national sorority Alpha Chi Omega, the American Association of University Women, and the Stamford Women's Club. Donna's faith was integral to her life, and she served as both a member and an ordained Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Stamford.

The majority of Donna's working career was spent at the Stamford office of McKinsey & Company. She was a dear friend and colleague who lived a full life. Embracing progress, even in her later years, Donna stayed current with the latest tech trends, acquiring her first iPhone in her eighties.

Donna's memory will forever radiate as that of an optimist, a connoisseur of celebrations, and a foodie, eager to explore new dining experiences. Her consistent ritual involved savoring a glass of Chardonnay during her evening meal. Donna was an avid reader and a member of a local book club, and she enjoyed moderating discussions. She will always remain in our hearts.

In lieu of floral tributes, kindly make donations in Donna's memory to the First Presbyterian Church at 1100 Bedford Street, Stamford, CT 06902, or to a charity of your choice.

Family will receive relatives and friends on Saturday, August 26th from 4pm -7pm at Bosak Funeral Home 453 Shippin Ave, Stamford, CT. Funeral services will be celebrated at 10am on Monday, August 28th at First Presbyterian Church of Stamford, 1100 Bedford St, Stamford, CT. Interment to follow at Fairfield Memorial Park, 230 Oaklawn Ave, Stamford, CT.

If you wish to make an online remembrance, you may sign the family guestbook at www.bosakfuneralhome.com or www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairfield Memorial Park

230 Oaklawn Avenue
Stamford, CT 06905

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation
453 Shippan Avenue
Stamford, CT 06902

Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church (Stamford)
1101 Bedford Street
Stamford, CT 06905

Tribute Wall

AM

“ I remember Donna from the first and only time I met her when I interviewed at Stamford in 2007. She was so classy, kind and eloquent it really left an impression on me. My condolences to the family.

Anant Mathur - August 30, 2023 at 12:40 PM

RK

“ Donna was a warm and welcoming presence upon my move to the McKinsey Stamford office in 2013. Her relationships with the entire office team and her good sense of humor really stood out. So glad that she enjoyed a rich retirement. Thank you for sharing her with our McKinsey family for so many years.

Rachel Kay - Stamford office 2013-2019

Rachel Kay - August 30, 2023 at 11:04 AM

LB

“ To have known Donna was to love her. Although we were co-workers she often told me that we were her children. Her grace, professionalism, style and zest for life was infectious. It was always a pleasure to stop by her desk and get a good laugh, talk about the latest happenings and to view her wall with the countless pictures of babies of co-workers. Donna, you have left an indelible mark on many lives and the fond memories we will keep in our hearts for years to come. To the extended family and friends know that you are in our hearts and prayers.

*Best & Blessings
Latrechia Bromell*

Latrechia Bromell - August 28, 2023 at 07:46 AM

JV

“ Donna, May your soul RIP. Thank you for being such a dear friend to my daughter Dana at McKinsey. Now you can be together again.
Jane Vigilante

Jane Vigilante - August 28, 2023 at 07:43 AM

ZD

“ As an associate, I would take the train, the days the team was in the office. From New Haven where I lived, right after school Would arrive at the Stamford office, with a thousand thoughts in my mind - did I get this analysis done right, did the slides from VGI come back, etc. etc. Donna, with her wide smile, never failed to stop me in my tracks upon my entering the office and share a good word. Such a lovely start to the day. I moved away from Stamford, to San Francisco, but the year and a half I spent there left lasting memories - one of them is of Donna Hale every morning. We will miss you!

Zoe Diamadi - August 28, 2023 at 01:24 AM

SU

“ Donna was always warm and kind. She exemplified everything that made the Stamford office a special place. Condolences to the family.

Shashi Upadhyay - August 28, 2023 at 01:13 AM

DA

“ We only met once, but you left a lasting impression, Donna. Thank you for the memories and for your hospitality. You will be missed.

Daylan - August 27, 2023 at 07:51 PM

KG

“ Donna was a remarkable ode to the human spirit!

Her zest for life well into her 80s and 90s, her unquenchable curiosity for new things, and her infectious personality changed the lives of even those who knew her in passing.

I'm grateful to her for graciously hosting us at her beautiful home for Christmas one year. Her sparkling wit and easy charm lit up the room that night. What a beautiful legacy she leaves behind!

Thank you, Donna. You will be dearly missed.

Kris G - August 27, 2023 at 02:08 PM

KR

“ *Class act. A kind and gentle soul who always made us feel welcome. I will remember her with fondness. My condolences to her loved ones.*

Kiran Rao - August 26, 2023 at 05:54 PM

NF

“ *I can only agree with the observations made by so many former colleagues on this tribute wall: I also remember Donna for her dazzling smile, her warmth, her smarts, her stability, and above all her integrity. What is perhaps most heartening is to see here how many people she touched over the years - she has effectively ignited a mini-online Stamford Office reunion. I left McKinsey 20 years ago and have not been aware of any other colleague having had the same power to reconnect former colleagues. Thank you Donna, you remind us that everyone has a role to play, and you played yours extraordinarily well. My deepest condolences to Donna's family. Donna was a star.*

Nick Fowler - August 26, 2023 at 12:07 PM

DS

Donna was certainly one of a kind! She welcomed all with her warm smile, her kindness was infectious, and she only had positive things to say. She got to know all of us as well as our families, She touched all who knew her and we were fortunate to have had that opportunity.

Donna Sohikian - August 26, 2023 at 03:43 PM

SH

“ Donna will be missed. She was very thoughtful and caring. She was the face of the office, and she served the firm in exemplary fashion. I have vivid memories of the kindness she showed to our children in the annual office parties. My thoughts are with her family.

Shiva - August 26, 2023 at 09:52 AM

JA

“ I have nice memories as I recall Donna's warm greetings coming into the office and the positivity and calm she brought

Joachim Ackermann - August 26, 2023 at 06:54 AM



“ I have found memories of her bringing joy to all of us associates at the office.

Apoorv Saxena - August 26, 2023 at 03:24 AM

CZ

“ She has a beautiful smile indeed. And for a nervous summer intern, on his first day in 2004, that really made a big difference. Thank you Donna 🙏❤️

CHARBEL ZREIK - August 25, 2023 at 08:08 PM

PB

“ Donna will stay in my memories from my McKinsey days in Stamford as such a classy, open, and positive lady! Rest in peace Donna! Sending my sincerest condolences to her family.

Philipp Barmettler - August 25, 2023 at 07:31 PM

TG

“ I was a young associate in the Stamford Office from 1989 to 1992, and greeting Donna remains perhaps my most indelible memory of those years. Did Dolf run the place...or Donna? What a wonderful, gracious person who brought warmth and grace to the place! My condolences to the family, she was a legend! Tom Gardner

Tom Gardner - August 25, 2023 at 07:01 PM

TH

“ Seeing Donna's smiling face and happy disposition upon entering the Stamford office every day was such a delight and always started my day with happiness. She was a wonder and will be missed by all who knew her. Rest in peace my dear friend. Tibby Heno

tibby heno - August 25, 2023 at 06:28 PM

LH

“ Twenty years later it brings a smile to my face to think of Donna Hale. I extend my condolences to her family and loved ones. Donna enjoyed her role with sincerity and professionalism. She greeted everyone with a sincere smile and a twinkle in her eye, and always upheld the standards of the office in the most gracious manner.

Libby Halstead - August 25, 2023 at 05:32 PM

DW

“ I would also like to add that Donna was the most beautiful and happy Mrs. Claus there ever was every, single year at the Children's Holiday Party! She was loved by everyone!

Debbie Woodard - August 25, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JA

+1 I have the same wonderful memories 🙄🎄

Joachim Ackermann - August 26, 2023 at 06:56 AM

TW

“ Donna Hale was indeed the beating heart of the Stamford Office for many many years. It was as much Donna's office as it ever was Dolf's, or Ali's, or Rob's or Tom's. The STO reflected her professional, and always warm, personality. Just look at that photo! The smile of an angel. Deep condolences to Donna's family. - Tom and Debbie Woodard

Tom Woodard - August 25, 2023 at 05:16 PM

SK

“ I have such fond memories of Donna who was always kind, gracious and a oasis of calm in what could be hectic days. She touched so many lives through her work in the Stamford Office. My deepest condolences to her family.

Steve Van Kuiken - August 25, 2023 at 05:12 PM

NK

“ I remember Donna so well! Back in the days when Stamford was a tiny office, but very popular place on Fridays for people planning a weekend to the north. She handled us all with grace. Donna was a consummate professional and a lovely person. My deep condolences to the family.

Nancy Karch - August 25, 2023 at 04:48 PM

NM

Donna Hale was a special human being. Comfortable in her life's niche, she suffered without complaint; instead she smiled her dazzling smile and put people in their happy place. She loomed a large presence in a lovely block of my life, from 1999 to 2011, twelve years! Unstintingly, she shared her knowledge with me, and she was a pleasure to work beside. To her friends, she was a rock! She lived in joy and sharing. For the betterment of our world, LIFE demands contribution. Donna was a contributor. She served faithfully, graciously and well. How she will be missed!
I am deeply, deeply sad at her passing, and send my deepest condolences to her family.

Nell K. Murry - August 28, 2023 at 02:25 PM

SG

“ In an often stressful job, Donna's smile and cheerful spirit remained a welcomed reprieve. She was the heart of the Stamford office. -
Scot Gallaher

Scot Gallaher - August 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM

KD

“ Like every office of McKinsey, Stamford had a lot of new colleagues join and old colleagues leave every year. There was always one constant, and that was Donna Hale. She was a true professional, warm and kind, but she took her role of protecting the office very seriously. If someone did not have a legitimate reason to be in the office, beware! When required, Donna was extremely direct and firm. I also remember Dolf commenting that in the entire time he was in the office Donna had never taken a sick day. Her dedication to the office and her fellow Stamford colleagues was unmatched. My deepest condolences to Donna's family, she will be missed!

Ken Davis - August 25, 2023 at 03:42 PM

BL

“ Donna was such a warm and brilliant light. It was a blessing to have crossed paths with her. My family and I are grieving with you and sending hugs and prayers from Atlanta.

Bryan Lattimore - August 25, 2023 at 03:40 PM

KK

“ Donna was so kind, always had a smile on her face, and really loved all the people around her. Such an amazing person!

Kyle Keogh - August 25, 2023 at 03:27 PM

JV

“ Donna was a consummate professional. She always conveyed the proper demeanor and tone of the Stamford office to all who entered, and yet she was warm in her own way. I wish Donna well in her next life.

John Vester - August 25, 2023 at 03:23 PM

JL

“ Donna was a gem. She always radiated joy and precision. A colleague once remarked to me, in total seriousness, that Donna was the most professional person in McKinsey. I have to agree with his perspective.

Although she did not flaunt it, one could tell that she had a deep intellect and she could hold her own with the egos and sensitivities of the office personalities. We will miss her deeply.

Jerry Lundquist - August 25, 2023 at 03:22 PM

JS

“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Donna was a wonderful person, always smiling and most kind.

John Sallay - August 25, 2023 at 03:18 PM

CB

“ Donna was one of a kind. She was a wonderful part of my work life and made everyone feel special. The world needs more Donnas.

Charles Barthold - August 24, 2023 at 09:57 AM