



“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

October 14, 2020

To: Sean Kimbrough, Delvin Kimbrough and LeDon Kimbrough and the entire family of Donna Kimbrough.

Lynne M. Jackson, along with the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation Executive Board extend to you and your family our heartfelt sympathy in the loss of your loved one. We want you to be assured that our prayers have gone up to the Throne of Grace on your behalf. To Sean, Delvin and LeDon, even though Donna has gone on to be with the Lord, you are still family. We recognize that we cannot lift your burden, but we do offer you Jesus, who is more than able to help and lift any burden you may have.

Your mother was an incredibly brilliant woman with a great career. Her devotion to her God gave her the incredible strength to endure the years of her illness with grace, laughter and grit determination. She truly loved Dred Scott and as a board member with the Dred Scott Heritage Foundation, she was totally committed and present until the last meeting we were able to have in person in March 2020.

We love your mother, she was a good friend and a good person.

We acknowledge nothing we say or do can remove the hurt and pain you are experiencing right now. We encourage you to lean on Jesus for strength. Let Him console you as no one else can do. In *Revelation 21:4* He promises to “wipe every tear from their eyes”.

Jesus said in His word, that He would be a Comforter to the Comfortless. He is a true and faithful Comforter. And although it may not seem like it today, you will smile again.

Lean on and trust in Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Then we will see her again.

Prayerfully submitted by:
The Dred Scott Heritage Foundation
Lynne M. Jackson, Founder



Obituary for Donna Jean Kimbrough

Donna Jean Kimbrough was born Friday, March 30, 1951 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the union of Donald Eugene Russell and Margaret Helen Russell. She was preceded in death by her father, Donald Eugene Russell; grandparents, Charles Culpher, Carrie Culpher, William Otto Russell and Kathrine Russell; and brother, Robin Andrew Russell.

Donna confessed hope in Christ at an early age. She was a dedicated member of New Northside Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of the Late Rev. Dr. Willie J. Ellis, where she also carried sons to church with her. She was active on the Missions Board, Girlfriend Fellowship Connection, and she spearheaded the grant writing to fund the New Northside Banquet and Community Center. She sang in the choir while serving as a choir director and volunteered her time until her health declined.

Donna received her education from Concordia Highschool. She majored in theater and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Valparaiso University (Cum Laude), and a Master's Degree in Business from Maryville University, respectively.

Donna married Leotis James Kimbrough on June 6, 1979. Her proudest life dream was to have children. To this union, three handsome sons were born: Devlon Kimbrough, LeDon Kimbrough, and Sean Kimbrough, of whom she loved deeply.

Donna opened her home to many people who were down on their luck. She was a mother to many in the neighborhood. She was best known for her cooking. She served as a long time Civil Rights activist for the Black Panther Party and was an active member of the Historic St. Louis Dred Scott commemorative committee. She was instrumental in hiring the first 600 African American employees at McDonnell

Douglas. She was the only woman selected by Mac to travel to Japan to train and serve as company consultant for Lean Six Sigma and helped implement millions in cost savings initiatives. She was the coordinator for the first Miss Black America Pageant in California. Even in her illness, she remained selfless in helping others, rather than thinking of herself.

Donna leaves to celebrate her life and cherish her memory: her devoted mother, Helen Russell; her loving sons, Devlon (Jennie) Kimbrough, LeDon Kimbrough, Sean Kimbrough, and bonus son, Jonathon Montgomery; her brothers, David (Carol) Russell and Mark Russell; her grandchildren, M'Kane Knox, Kyra Kimbrough, Kailise Kimbrough, Brianna Mabins, Tayln Kimbrough, Zariah Kimbrough, Xavier Atkins, Croix Kimbrough; her one and only husband, Leotis Kimbrough; and a host of family and friends.