



## Shyanne Rose Donahue

June 3, 1991 - June 13, 2019

Shyanne Rose Donahue, 28, went home to be with the lord at her Nokesville home on Thursday, June 13th, 2019.

Shyanne had a contagious laugh and could light up any room that she entered. She was constantly cracking jokes and bringing a smile to her family and friends. As well as her amazing bright personality, she had many ambitions and dreams. At 10 years old she received the Daughters of the American Revolution award. At a young age of 13 her mother was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and she decided she wanted to become a doctor. In 9th grade she was lettered for varsity softball, and she didn't stop there. At 15 she was accepted into a summer medical internship at Georgetown University and Johns Hopkins. In her spare time, she was an avid softball player and had a true love for the game. She was very adamant about finishing her education and working towards her career.

At just 16 years old she graduated from Brentsville District High School a year early, to pursue her dreams of becoming a doctor. She went on to receive a Bachelors Degree of Science and Chemistry from VCU. Besides her Bachelor's Degree, she also received a degree in Substance Abuse Counseling as that was her true passion coinciding with the Shane Donahue Foundation. In the recent years her main goal was to make a difference within the community and educate people on addiction. Shyanne continued to help others by donating her organs at the time of her death. She will be missed dearly, but we will finish what she started.

The devastation our family has endured with Shane being missing is something that no family should ever have to know. With that being said, Shyanne worked so hard with the Shane Donahue Foundation it consumed her, but the not knowing was harder. She could no longer deal with the heartache and pain that overwhelmed her, and the depression she suffered. She is now reunited and at peace with Shane in heaven, and that is the thing that gives our family the most comfort.

Survivors include her loving parents Brian and Donna Donahue, brother Shawn Donahue, as well as extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving brother and best friend Shane Donahue.

The family will receive friends from 6:00-9:00pm on Monday June 24th, at Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday, June 25th, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Manassas, VA with internment to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Shane Donahue Foundation (via paypal – [shanedonahuefoundation@gmail.com](mailto:shanedonahuefoundation@gmail.com)) (by mail- P.O. Box 11 Nokesville, VA 20182)

# Cemetery

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## **Sacred Heart Cemetery**

12975 Purcell Rd

Manassas, VA, 20112

# Events

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**JUN Visitation 06:00PM - 09:00PM**

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Pierce Funeral Home

9609 Center St., Manassas, VA, US, 20110

**JUN Mass of Christian Burial 11:00AM**

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church

12975 Purcell Road, Manassas, VA, US, 20112

# Comments

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“ Shirley Potter lit a candle in memory of Shyanne Rose Donahue



Shirley Potter - August 15, 2019 at 11:30 PM

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“ James Taylor lit a candle in memory of Shyanne Rose Donahue



James Taylor - June 30, 2019 at 12:55 AM

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“ I met Shyanne when she was three, she said hello and never stopped talking since. Her mind and body were always moving, when she wasn't talking her one leg may have been bouncing or her foot tapping, but she was always on fast forward. Shyanne was like a daughter to me, I did for her what I did for my own three girls, included her in everything. As a little girl while watching movies, she would stand up and sit-down countless times, adding her thoughts or commentary on the story line. She was smart, funny, "Don't pop a Harry" (inside joke), quick witted, and although rare, there were times she could be quiet and sensitive. I spent countless comedy hours watching the girls learn to ride bicycles and use roller skates. When it snowed, there was sledding, snowball fights, and snowmen filling the days and I always had hot cocoa ready for them when they came inside. The girls would create a whole world of Barbies or Beanie Babies in our rec room and stay in there all day. When they had sleepovers, I would check on them throughout the evening, Shyanne was always the last one out; after she talked the girls to sleep, she would ask me questions or tell me what they had planned for tomorrow. When she finally did fall asleep, I remember how still she would lay in the same position all night, it made me smile knowing it was because she was exhausted from all the energy she burned during her waking hours. Spice girls spiced up our world and Backstreet Boys introduced crushes on boys. There were countless holidays, school events, hours on the softball fields and then the teenage years. I have to admit and maybe brag, we

were lucky our girls were not difficult, we don't have the typical teenage horror stories tell. We made it through high school and college graduations, for my girls, husbands and babies started to arrive, Shyanne became the Godmother of my first granddaughter. We didn't get to enjoy watching Shyanne move into the next stage of life, she left it when it was really just starting for her.

Last week Donna and Brian showed me the certificates and letter they received about Shyanne being a donor after her death, she will help over fifty people live on because of her generosity. That sums up a lot, it tells you what kind of person she was, to want her family to do that.

My family has so many memories with her in them, we will always cherish those. She was too young to leave her family and friends and was just starting to take on the world. I find the words to the Beatles' Song, Let it Be, comforting, "When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me, speaking words of wisdom, let it be. And in my hour of darkness, she is standing right in front of me speaking words of wisdom, let it be."

There is light, we will see Shyanne again. Until then, I'm pretty sure she is up there keeping the other angels in order. She is with God and Shane, she is a beautiful angel in heaven. The Donahue family have always been and will continue to be in my prayers. Peace be with you dear Shyanne.

**Debby Lear** - June 27, 2019 at 05:09 PM

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“ To Our Family, Watching Shyanne grow over the years. She is and will always be like a daughter to us. This family have been a huge part of our lives as long as 30 years. We love you guys and we are so sorry for the loss of not only Shyanne but Bubba also. Shyanne was one of a kind, trust and believe me when I say this. She loved making people laugh. She always had a story or a joke to tell. Her brothers were just as bad as she was. She loved her brothers so very much. We love you Shy now and forever. Will always be in our hearts. R.I.P beautiful girl.



**Frieda sergent** - June 23, 2019 at 03:33 PM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 22, 2019 at 01:32 PM

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“ Even through the most difficult times, Shyanne wore a smile on the outside. That radiant smile exuded the kindness and compassion in her soul. A kindness and smile that will never be forgotten; that will always inspire those she left behind.

Peace and love to all those who will miss her presence, but especially to Brian, Donna and Shawn - please know you are not alone. There's an entire community of us out here who are thinking of you, and praying God grants you much love and comfort.

**Marisa** - June 20, 2019 at 11:34 AM

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“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 20, 2019 at 11:32 AM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 19, 2019 at 06:27 PM

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“ Stramel's purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



Stramel's - June 19, 2019 at 02:05 PM

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“ I'm so very sorry for your loss I can't imagine the pain you all are in you have been through so much if there is anything I can do please let my cousin Amanda Bell know or send me a message I really wish I could come visit and just hug you all ! You are all in my thoughts and prayers sending my love Sincerely, Priscilla Coats-Scates



Priscilla Coats-Scates - June 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Wow, I've been struggling with what to write or say. I'm so sad for you Shyanne and for your family.

I remember meeting Shyanne one evening when our dog got out of our house and we (my Mom, sisters and I) chased him over to the neighbor's house, the Donahue's. Shyanne was outside with her family. She was only three or four years old which meant I was seven or eight. From there my younger sisters and I started hanging out with Shyanne.

We did EVERYTHING together! We played at each other's houses, played in their pool, enjoyed the same sports, had sleepovers, went to the same schools, rode the same bus, saw movies together, and went on vacations together. We trick or treated at Halloween, watched Donna turn their home into the North Pole for Christmas every year, and brought in many New Year's together. Shyanne would even go to doctor appointments with us, (mainly my orthodontist appts.) which she somehow even made those fun! The four of us girls were so often together people really thought we were sisters! And in a way I guess we were.

I'll never forget when my mom told us Shyanne's mom had breast cancer. I remember crying and thinking how upset Shyanne must be. But as usual she didn't show her fears, instead she turned it into her goal to one day become a doctor. I was four years older than Shyanne and only about one year younger than her brother, Shane. After high-school we started dating, which was a little weird. I believe

that's were Shyanne and I started growing apart. After less than two years of dating Shane and I stopped seeing each other and I saw even less of Shyanne... We grew up together, and in adulthood we grew apart.

I'm truly so sorry Brian, Donna and Shawn. I can't begin to imagine and won't pretend to understand the pain you're in. But I will continue the same prayer I've always said for Shane and now I'll say another for Shyanne and you three. I'd like to think she is with her big brother. And I'll keep happy childhood images in my mind of the both of them.

**Kristin Bailey** - June 18, 2019 at 02:56 PM

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“ Dear Donna, Brian, Shawn, Darlene, and family,

I am thinking of you, with love and prayers. Your friend in Philly, Rose Quinn.

**Rose Quinn** - June 18, 2019 at 01:49 PM

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“ My deepest condolences go out to the family. I loved playing softball with you not only in middle school but in red with your parents. You will be forever missed  
-Amanda G.

**Amanda G** - June 18, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 18, 2019 at 12:05 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 18, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ Dwain And Alice Folks purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



Dwain And Alice Folks - June 18, 2019 at 09:30 AM

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“ Shyanne, at once both bold and shy. I didnt know you but I knew you well. I sensed you were like me and my daughter, the introverted extrovert with a heart for the suffering. We made so many choices that hurt us while trying to love others. I wish I had tried harder to make our work happen together. I saw your passion and anger and should've let you know I understood. That regret will guide my actions in the future and I'll make sure I never consciously miss an opportunity to do the right thing, again. I'll do my best to empower every sweet, smart, beautiful girl to rise, share, overcome and lift others, no matter what.

Hang out with my baby girl. She is a giggler too. She is your kindred spirit and I admire you both. With loving thoughts for your family and friends who have been robbed of your presence, Lovingly- Katrina King

Katrina King - June 18, 2019 at 09:19 AM

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“ Shyanne and Shane were two wonderful people who are gone too soon. I remember them both as teenagers and they were always upbeat and a pleasure to teach. Always positive and smiling. I cannot imagine what the family has gone through and is going through. Hugs and prayers to all of you. Karen Befumo

Karen Befumo - June 18, 2019 at 08:30 AM

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“ Adam lit a candle in memory of Shyanne Rose Donahue



Adam - June 17, 2019 at 10:26 PM

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“ Christine Stutsman lit a candle in memory of Shyanne Rose Donahue



Christine Stutsman - June 17, 2019 at 10:17 PM

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“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 17, 2019 at 07:15 PM

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“ Although I didn't know Shyanne or Shane, my dad, Frank Flynn, & Rosemary Donahue Flynn spent a few extended weekends with your family and spoke so highly of your family. My dad could be a tough cookie but he always found something wonderful to share about Shane, and your Grandmom Rosemary bursted with pride whenever she spoke of her grandchildren. My prayers are with you all. I cannot imagine the pain you are all feeling. My heartfelt sympathy are with you all. I am so sorry for your loss. Peggy Flynn Clifford.

Peggy Clifford - June 17, 2019 at 07:10 PM

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“ I met Shyanne not long ago. She had so much spunk in her. She made me laugh so hard. I am so sorry that she is gone. I know her loved ones miss her so dearly! God Bless her family and dear friends!

Dawn - June 17, 2019 at 07:08 PM

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“ I loveeeeed playing softball with you Amanda Megan Jackie and Bailey! I never enjoyed softball as much as I did playing with y'all and having Bryan and Donna coaching RIP beautiful girl



**vanessa** - June 17, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ I will always cherish all the memories we had together! I loved going on vacation to New Jersey with Shyanne. We always had a great time together. We always went to Donna and Brian's for the Fourth of July and I loved spending every moment with all of them. I love you Shyanne!! You will forever be in my heart!

**Billie Aleshire** - June 17, 2019 at 06:44 PM

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“ Dolly Thelen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



**Dolly Thelen** - June 17, 2019 at 06:35 PM

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“ I can't begin to tell you how truly heartbroken I am over Shyanne Donahue's passing. For the last several months she and I have been working on an event for her brother Shane Donahue. Shane went missing on March 22, 2010 from Nokesville, VA. We spoke several times a week on Facebook and via phone. She was determined to find out what happened to her brother and we wanted to do whatever we could to help her. Shyanne, we will continue your fight. Kenny Jarels- The AWARE Foundation

**Kenny Jarels** - June 17, 2019 at 06:15 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Shyanne Rose Donahue.



June 17, 2019 at 06:04 PM

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“ Shyanne was one of the sweetest girls I’ve ever met. And truly one of the reasons I loved my time at VCU. She loved her brother dearly and I heard many stories about him. Shyanne was not only a dear friend to me at vcu but also to my daughter —Abie loved her dearly.

**Amy McKinney** - June 17, 2019 at 05:48 PM

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“ The few times we met Shyanne, she was always cheerful, thoughtful and fun. Please know that all of you are in our prayers. Darrell, Sharon, Trevor and Kurtis Farr

**The Farris** - June 17, 2019 at 04:48 PM