



## Astrid Bettina Donahue

July 31, 1966 - July 16, 2020

Astrid Bettina Donahue, 53, passed peacefully on Thursday July 16, 2020, at UNC-Chapel Hill Medical Center.

She was born on July 31, 1966, in Fulda, Germany to Bertie Schwab and Franz Schwab. She married her soulmate Jerry and devoted herself to being an Army wife and mother. Together they built a life filled with love and happiness. Astrid enjoyed gardening, painting, yoga and especially writing. She loved to spoil her dog Bailey and go for motorcycle rides on the weekends to meet with her friends whom she also loved and treated as family.

Once a year she would enjoy a "girls only" trip with her granddaughters to the Isle of Palms. While there they found joy in relaxing walks on the beach and collecting sea shells. Those memories were some she always cherished.

She took pride in being a reliable, loving and courageous wife, mother and grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her father, Franz Schwab of Fulda, Germany and her mother-in-law, Patsy Donahue of Danville, VA.

Survivors include her loving husband Jerry, children Tabitha and Michael and their spouses Josh and Kristie, grandchildren Tyler, Evan, Emma, Harper and Cadence; mother Bertie Schwab; brother Roland Schwab and his wife Corazon; nieces Sabrina and Abigail, nephew Tobias; brother-in-law Troy and Pam Donahue and father-in-law Gene Donahue; friends and others whose lives Astrid touched.

The family will have a private ceremony at the Isle of Palms, just as Astrid wished.

The family is planning a memorial service for extended family and friends as well. Those details are to be announced.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Donahue family.  
Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive

Mooresville, NC, 28115

# Comments

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February 14 at 11:24 AM

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“ Astrid aka Mudda, there is a giant hole in the lives of all of your families hearts. We all miss you terribly everyday since you went on to be with Opa! As I promised I'm doing my best to help carry your children in their dark times. I know you see us but it's so hard. You were a gift to us all and I await our reuniting someday, until then thank you for loving and accepting me into your family! Thank you for being one of my very best friends and being my other mother when I needed you. Your daughter is about to Graduate and become the very best aesthetician in the greater Charlotte area. Your son will be Graduating as well with his BS. Your spirit will be with them I know but I too will be by their sides to cheer them on with all the love you've given me and I'll make sure they have support. Rest my love and keep sending us little signs of your presence. We love them! Bailey Greg is also doing better, he was so sad and I believe he's still looking for you. There are times I've seen him just staring and wonder if maybe you're there. I hope so! We all love you so very very much!



**Kristie N Donahue** - October 09, 2020 at 11:41 AM

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“ My heart goes out to Astrid's family. She was a beautiful soul.



**melissa waring** - July 23, 2020 at 01:40 AM

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“ Lynne and I are so sorry and saddened of Astrid's passing. She was always so very nice and sweet to us when we would sit with y'all at The Pontoon for concerts and at Apps & Taps for a beer. Our thoughts and prayers are with Astrid, Jay Dee, and the entire family. God Bless.....



**Steve Bennett** - July 21, 2020 at 04:13 PM

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“ Dear family of Astrid, my heart is so broken hearing about Astrid. I worked with Astrid through Iredell-Statesville Schools for the past 4 years. She was such a delight to know--always so kind and helpful. I could always count on her to get whatever I needed for the injured workers at ISS. My heart is so broken to hear of her passing!! I pray that God will give you all a peace that passes all understanding and great strength to get through the days ahead. I pray that you feel her presence everyday. One thing I do know--she loved her family very deeply and talked about her family a lot. Astrid will be greatly missed.

Rose Arthur  
Sedgwick

**Rose Arthur** - July 21, 2020 at 01:48 PM



“ Thank you so much for your kind words.

**Tabitha** - July 21, 2020 at 06:35 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Astrid's Memorial Video



**Jerry Donahue** - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ What a beautiful video for the memory of an Angel.

**Susan Neumann** - July 21, 2020 at 09:50 AM

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“ Jerry I can't imagine what you and your family have been through and what you are all facing. My sincere love and condolences to all of you and your doggy. I am thankful to have known her and will cherish the memories of us all spending time together not long ago at Michiahs. I think we talked non stop for 4 hours. It's so unbelievably unfair...she was a beautiful person in every way. Our thoughts are with all of you and we pray for peace to come to your hearts. Love you.

**Tonya Gregoire** - July 19, 2020 at 05:37 PM

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“ Dear Family. I am so sorry. She was such a sweet beautiful person. When I retired she was so helpful and so professional. God bless you all. Brenda H Poole

**Brenda Poole** - July 19, 2020 at 05:36 PM



“ Thank you so much.

**Tabitha** - July 19, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ I only knew Astrid by her helping with my recent retirement, but I met with her several times and she felt like a friend. She was so pleasant and we talked about our grandchildren and it was obvious how much she adored her family. I felt a connection with her and am heartbroken for you all. My prayers are with you as you face the difficult days ahead.

**Debbie Addis** - July 21, 2020 at 07:44 AM

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“ Heartfelt condolences to Jerry & family. Lifting you all in prayer. Much love, Mark Davis & Terri Davis Earp

**Terri Earp** - July 19, 2020 at 08:05 AM

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“ I would like to send my condolences to Jerry and the family. I have known Astrid a long time and always regarded her as a close friend. We shared many wonderful times together with much love and laughter. I admired her for her peaceful loving soul who always received me with a big warmhearted hug. We shared many good times with conversation, dancing and laughter. I admired her quiet unassuming nature which made everyone love her that much more I will miss her always. My prayers for comfort for the family as Astrid is at peace with Our Lord.



**Susan Neumann** - July 18, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Thank you Sue. She admired you and loved you, Dennis and GA!

**Jerry Donahue** - July 18, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ Dear Jerry you know Den and G.A. loved her very much. We all are so devastated over her passing. Praying for you all during this most difficult time.

**Susan Neumann** - July 20, 2020 at 09:54 AM

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“ I am so sad to hear of her passing. She was such a sweet lady with a bright and shiny personality. Prayers for peace for all the family and friends.

**Lisa Lambert** - July 18, 2020 at 11:11 AM

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“ The neighborhood mourns the loss of Astrid. I will miss seeing her in the mornings as we walked our dogs and drank coffee before work. She always had a kind word and a friendly smile. Our hearts are saddened for your family. Jeff and Dawna Hamrick

**Dawna Hamrick** - July 18, 2020 at 10:36 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album So Beautiful



**Jerry Donahue** - July 18, 2020 at 10:20 AM

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“ Such a peaceful and shining spirit. Her smile was the reminder of the happiness that surrounded her.  
My thoughts and unending prayers for the Donahue family for comfort and peace....  
TK

**Thomas Kent (TK)** - July 18, 2020 at 08:46 AM

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“ Jerry and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of grief. Our hearts are heavy and they ache deeply for you all. Astrid was such a joy to be around. Her words were kind and she always greeted others with a smile. We are truly so saddened to learn of your loss. Hugs to you.

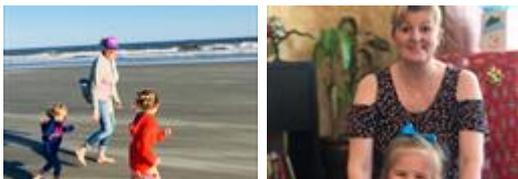
Love in Him,  
Scott & Alison Stroud

**Scott & Alison Stroud** - July 17, 2020 at 08:59 PM

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**Tabitha** - July 17, 2020 at 07:32 PM

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Jerry Donahue - July 17, 2020 at 06:12 PM