



## Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell

June 21, 1949 - May 26, 2024

A celebration of the life of Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell, 74, of Henderson, will be held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30, 2024 at First Baptist Church with Dr. David Higgs officiating. The family will receive following the service at the church in the mall area.

A private, family burial will be held under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

Mrs. Saffell went home to be with her Lord on May 26, 2024, in a Tyler hospital. She was born June 21, 1949, in Tyler to the late Lloyd L. and Joyce (Green) Boatwright. Donna lived most all of her life in Henderson and was a 1967 graduate of Gaston/West Rusk High School. She would go on to become a dispatcher and administrative secretary, as well as a 911 operator, for the Rusk County Sheriff's Department from which she later retired. Mrs. Saffell had also worked as the Assistant Veteran's Service Officer for Rusk County. She was twice awarded the Silent Hero Award from the state of Texas for her dedication and hard work. She truly enjoyed serving and helping others, especially veterans.

Donna was the epitome of a devoted mother and deeply loved and cared for her son, Chad. Their bond was truly something special. The way she cared for Chad in turn taught him how to be a devoted son, honoring his father and

mother and arising to call her blessed as it tells us in Proverbs 31:28. Mrs. Saffell was also a long-time member of First Baptist Church of Henderson, and was a very devout Christian.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Jimmy Dewayne Saffell, sister Connie Boatwright Conner, and grandparents Roy E. and Amanda Green. and Myrtle Boatwright Chapman.

Survivors include her son, Chad Boatwright of Henderson; siblings, Don Boatwright and wife Carolyn E., Bon Boatwright and wife Tami, and Ronnie Roy Boatwright and wife Janet, all of Henderson; brothers-in-law, Gary Lee Conner of Canon City, Colorado, and Robert Saffell of Flint; nieces and nephews, Melissa Biggs and husband Brett, Brook Arrington and the late Wes Arrington, Michael Dale Conner and wife Lindsey, David Lloyd Conner, Jeremy Boatwright, and Adam Boatwright; and a host of great-nieces and nephews, many cousins and friends. The family would like to say a special word of thanks to William and Sheila Floyd for their kindness to and loving care of Donna

Honorary pallbearers will be Burr Conway, Tim Moody, Caleb Nolan, Brett Rogas, Jay Abercrombie, Kenneth Orr, Chris Dunn, and Terry Everitt.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to any veterans organization, the Rusk County Veterans Service Office c/o Rusk County Veterans Monument Association at 115 N. Main St., Ste. 100-B Courthouse, Henderson, TX 75652, or the Henderson Animal Center at 1201 Highland Drive, Henderson, TX 75652.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at [www.crawfordacrim.com](http://www.crawfordacrim.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Hope Cemetery

5560 TX-Hwy 64 West  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
207 W. Main St.  
Henderson, TX 75652

## Visitation following service

MAY 30 (CT)

First Baptist Church Mall Area  
207 W. Main  
Henderson, TX 75652

# Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home** - May 29, 2024 at 02:20 PM

SM

*Mrs. Donna loved others and there well being above her own. She is an inspiration to the next generation of what a great parent, pillar of society, and as devout Christian should be. May she rest easy, now home free of all pain! Love Always, The Massad boys.*

**Shawn Massad** - May 30, 2024 at 12:53 AM

KS

*I'm so very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for you & your family.*

**Kim Smith** - May 30, 2024 at 12:15 PM

NC

*She was amazing . Praying for you .*

**Nancy Cooper** - May 30, 2024 at 07:42 PM

DA

*Your mom was the best. I know you will miss her. Praying for you Chad. Deborah and Don Ashcraft. Nathan Waller and Peyton Young*

**Deborah Ashcraft** - June 01, 2024 at 12:29 AM

MM

*Donna was such an amazing lady . Donna did such a great job raising you and you can see that in your posts . Chad you are your Mom's legacy and you make her so proud . May the Lord hold tightly in his arms and comfort you and bring peace . 🙏*

**Mary Mason** - June 04, 2024 at 02:53 PM

GS

*She was loving and smiling 😊 everytime I saw her. I loved her and she will be missed greatly. God bless you Chad. She was a wonderful mother and Christian.*

**Gracie Simon** - June 04, 2024 at 10:09 PM

KE

“ *Karin. Eubanks lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Karin. Eubanks** - July 30, 2024 at 02:44 AM

SS

“ *I loved you mom, She made me smile every day when she was dispatching at the Sheriff's Office. I'm very proud I got to spend a lot of time with her back then. You had a good mama Chad. She will truly be missed. Praying for you.*

**Stephen Strong** - June 09, 2024 at 01:35 PM

LD

“ *Leann Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Leann Dorsey** - June 07, 2024 at 11:52 AM

LK

“ *I loved working with Donna. She was a awesome person.*

Lori penney king - June 05, 2024 at 03:05 PM

JH

“ *James said to let you know how much he loved her and working with her. She was one of the sweetest lady I knew. God bless you. Prayers!*



james and jackie Husband - June 05, 2024 at 12:39 PM

SA

“ *Sheila And Steve Alford lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Sheila And Steve Alford - June 04, 2024 at 09:05 AM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Ray Hunt - June 03, 2024 at 10:40 PM

EC

“ Edward Chandler lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Edward Chandler - June 03, 2024 at 09:07 PM

KH

“ Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Kurt Hunt - June 03, 2024 at 08:07 PM

HC

“ Harriet Craig lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Harriet Craig - June 03, 2024 at 12:45 AM

DD

“ Dixie Duncan lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Dixie Duncan - June 02, 2024 at 10:53 AM

KC

“ *Kristy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Kristy Campbell - June 02, 2024 at 09:31 AM

BB

“ *Bobby and Teresa Brady lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Bobby and Teresa Brady - June 01, 2024 at 08:58 PM

WS

“ *Prayers for the family on your loss of a great lady. Donna always had kind words of encouragement and prayers for my wife and I during our battles with cancer. ❤️ 🙏*

wayne seelbach - June 01, 2024 at 03:41 PM

WS

“ *wayne seelbach lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



wayne seelbach - June 01, 2024 at 03:38 PM

RC

“ Randy Culp lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Randy Culp** - June 01, 2024 at 12:55 PM

BH

“ A true friend and faithful Christian and devoted mother. She will be missed by many. Prayers and love to you Chad and your family.

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**Beckey Cooke Hornsby** - June 01, 2024 at 11:03 AM

BH

“ Beckey Cooke Hornsby lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Beckey Cooke Hornsby** - June 01, 2024 at 11:00 AM

AB

“ Annette Burran lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Annette Burran** - May 31, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JE

“ Sorry for your loss.



JONI EWING - May 31, 2024 at 07:14 PM

AP

“ Angie Porter lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Angie Porter - May 31, 2024 at 02:44 PM

VY

“ Vivian Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Vivian Ybarra - May 31, 2024 at 07:20 AM

LW

“ Chad, I'm so sorry for your loss. I never got to meet your mom. But we were fb friends and she was always very kind to me. Praying for you. May God comfort you during this difficult time.



Lynn Winfrey - May 31, 2024 at 02:43 AM

MG

“ Michael G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell.



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Michael G. - May 31, 2024 at 12:57 AM

JA

“ Chad, the love you and your mom shared is inspirational.

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James - May 30, 2024 at 11:10 PM

BB

“ Brandy Bridges lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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Brandy Bridges - May 30, 2024 at 05:18 PM

CM

“ Collin & April Miley lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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Collin & April Miley - May 30, 2024 at 04:39 PM

TR

“ *Tammy Ratcliff lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Tammy Ratcliff** - May 30, 2024 at 03:23 PM

MM

“ *So sorry for your loss keep you on my prayers Misty marshall*

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**Misty marshall** - May 30, 2024 at 01:52 PM

MH

“ *Marie Hutchinson lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Marie Hutchinson** - May 30, 2024 at 01:36 PM

TC

“ *Chad I am so sorry about your mom !! I knew Connie, Bon and Don but never had the privilege of meeting your mom !! I know y'all were very close and I know you will miss her !! But God never says uh-oh !! So he took a beautiful lady and moved her up !! What a privilege that has to be for her !! You and your family are in my prayers !! God give all of you peace!! Tony Cavaliere*

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**Tony Cavaliere** - May 30, 2024 at 01:30 PM

GG

“ Greg & Linda Gooding lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Greg & Linda Gooding** - May 30, 2024 at 01:12 PM

MP

“ She will truly be missed. Prayers for you in the coming days.



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**Michele Pace** - May 30, 2024 at 12:32 PM

DA

“ Chad, my heart aches for you in your grief. My words won't make a dent in that indescribable box of pain, but it is my hope that my prayers will help as they rise to the Father of all comfort and peace. I've known, and still know that peace. I pray you know it, too.  
Donna Abercrombie



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**Donna Abercrombie** - May 30, 2024 at 10:47 AM

JE

“ I met Donna is early 2000 here at the Sheriffs Office and she took me under her wing then. There was never a day that I talked to her that she did not ask about my kids. Donna had the biggest loving heart and just wanted to help everyone. We had a lot of laughs together and I have always kept her memory alive here at the Sheriffs Office. She will be missed

jeanetta - May 30, 2024 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ I'm praying for you Chad during this difficult time. May the Lord bring you peace and comfort

Amy Miley Payne - May 30, 2024 at 09:27 AM

AK

“ Angie Keen lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Angie Keen - May 30, 2024 at 08:22 AM

ED

“ Elaine Davis lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Elaine Davis - May 30, 2024 at 07:59 AM



“ *Carol Wingo lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Carol Wingo** - May 30, 2024 at 05:21 AM

DK

“ *David & Dianna Kelley*



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**David & Dianna Kelley** - May 30, 2024 at 04:18 AM

DG

“ *darren grammer lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**darren grammer** - May 30, 2024 at 01:09 AM

JS

“ *Jamie and Karen Skelton lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Jamie and Karen Skelton** - May 30, 2024 at 12:30 AM

SC

“ Chad, my sympathy to you and your family during the most difficult time of your lives.



Suzanne Crosd - May 30, 2024 at 12:01 AM

PH

“ Chad, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.



Peggy Hunt - May 29, 2024 at 11:34 PM

BJ

“ Barbara Jolley lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Barbara Jolley - May 29, 2024 at 09:29 PM

JH

“ Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Jerry and Carol Phillips Harris - May 29, 2024 at 09:25 PM

TB

“ *Rest in peace sweetheart fly with the Angels*  
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**Toni Barton** - May 29, 2024 at 08:50 PM

GW

“ *Gary Wilkerson lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Gary Wilkerson** - May 29, 2024 at 08:05 PM

PT

“ *Patsy Hammontree Tackett lit a candle in  
memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Patsy Hammontree Tackett** - May 29, 2024 at 07:49 PM

MT

“ *Mike Taliaferro lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Boatwright Saffell*



**Mike Taliaferro** - May 29, 2024 at 07:13 PM

JR

“ *JoNell & Katie Ross lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**JoNell & Katie Ross** - May 29, 2024 at 06:35 PM

JR

“ *Jim and Judy Reese lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Jim and Judy Reese** - May 29, 2024 at 06:01 PM

RS

“ *Rex Susan Stevens lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Rex Susan Stevens** - May 29, 2024 at 04:17 PM

KH

“ *Mollie & Ken Hale*



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**Ken Hale** - May 29, 2024 at 04:06 PM

JT

“ *A wonderful lady. Praying for you Chad and all your family.* ”



John Taylor - May 29, 2024 at 03:26 PM

CT

“ *Chuck Towe lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell* ”



Chuck Towe - May 29, 2024 at 02:15 PM

MM

“ *Prayers to Donna's family and especially Chad during these difficult days. May all of you find comfort in the Lord's embrace. Milton and Sharla McGee* ”



Milton and Sharla McGee - May 29, 2024 at 12:23 PM

AR

“ *Colby, Amy, Ava, & Libby Rockey* ”



Amy Rockey - May 29, 2024 at 11:22 AM

LC

“ *Liz Crye lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Liz Crye** - May 29, 2024 at 11:06 AM

BP

“ *Prayers fpr the family during this difficult time*

*Beth Hale Pope*

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**Beth Pope** - May 29, 2024 at 10:47 AM

SD

“ *Chad, Don, Bon, and Ronnie, I am so very sorry to hear about the loss of your precious Momma. It's so hard to let them go. I am praying for your families, that God's Grace will bring you comfort now and always. I love you all.*

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**Sherri Davis** - May 29, 2024 at 10:47 AM

BC

“ *Brenda Clifton lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Brenda Clifton** - May 29, 2024 at 10:34 AM

JH

“ *Judy Harris lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Judy Harris** - May 29, 2024 at 10:14 AM

LS

“ *Chad so sorry for your loss. We worked together at the sheriffs office she was a beautiful lady* ❤️🙏



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**linda simmons** - May 29, 2024 at 09:31 AM

CW

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of this loss. Praying that God will comfort you.*

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**Cyndi Walker** - May 29, 2024 at 09:24 AM

CF

“ *Cliff and Krista Furtick lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Cliff and Krista Furtick** - May 29, 2024 at 09:17 AM

CS

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Chad.  
Craig & Paula Sweeney



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**craig Paula Sweeney** - May 29, 2024 at 09:04 AM

VA

“ Vicki Armstrong lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Vicki Armstrong** - May 29, 2024 at 08:54 AM

PP

“ pud patterson lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**pud patterson** - May 29, 2024 at 08:53 AM

KL

“ Karl Randy Lambeth lit a candle in memory of  
Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Karl Randy Lambeth** - May 29, 2024 at 08:28 AM

JT

“ *Jill Turner lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Jill Turner - May 29, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ *Always enjoyed working with Miss Donna at the Sheriff's Office during my time up there. She was always in a good mood . Prayers for the Family.*



Vernon Arthus - May 29, 2024 at 07:29 AM

CC

“ *Chris Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Chris Cavaliere - May 29, 2024 at 05:27 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Clay Newcomb & Frances Newcomb - May 29, 2024 at 01:25 AM

FS

“ Fred and Leslie Spell lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Fred and Leslie Spell** - May 28, 2024 at 11:00 PM

DC

“ David and Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**David and Jan Crow** - May 28, 2024 at 10:43 PM

DL

“ Donna, Ken and I both thought the world of you. You have been a true blessing to many. My prayers go out to you Chad and all your family.

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**Di Logan** - May 28, 2024 at 10:34 PM

DL

“ Di Logan lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



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**Di Logan** - May 28, 2024 at 10:20 PM

CB

“ *Colleen Briggs lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Colleen Briggs - May 28, 2024 at 09:11 PM

LT

“ *Donna will be missed so much. She tried to help anyone she could. She truly was one of a kind. Will have you in my heart along with Dustin. You just got there before I did. Hug him tight for me.*



Linda Tanner - May 28, 2024 at 08:49 PM

JB

“ *Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Joe Dan & Margaret G Brown - May 28, 2024 at 07:57 PM

DP

“ *Dolly Pirtle lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



Dolly Pirtle - May 28, 2024 at 07:36 PM

DP

“ *A good friend, reliable employee, very trustworthy, and always conducted herself in a professional manner.  
Our blessings and prayers go out to the family.*

*Danny and Dolly Pirtle*

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**Dolly Pirtle** - May 28, 2024 at 07:35 PM

WC

“ *WT and Kay Castleberry lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**WT and Kay Castleberry** - May 28, 2024 at 07:06 PM

BC

“ *Brayden Cross lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Brayden Cross** - May 28, 2024 at 06:35 PM

CA

“ *charlotte A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell.*



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**charlotte A.** - May 28, 2024 at 05:18 PM

DS

“ *DeeLee Conway Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**DeeLee Conway Smith** - May 28, 2024 at 04:56 PM

NH

“ *Nancy Herrington lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Nancy Herrington** - May 28, 2024 at 02:10 PM

ER

*From Edward and Yvonne Ross have had Masses and Rosaries said for Chad who is like a son to us and his family, we are his Mother is happy in heaven with our Lord and Savior*

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**Edward and Yvonne Ross** - May 28, 2024 at 08:11 PM

CB

“ *I love you and miss you so much Momma. The sweetest thing I've ever known is loving you. I'll see you soon and we'll never be apart again. I'll finish my race here and join you in eternity.*



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**Chad Boatwright** - May 28, 2024 at 02:07 PM

LT

*Chad you will always miss her. She had such a sweet spirit about her. Love he so much myself.*

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**Linda Tanner** - May 28, 2024 at 08:44 PM

BE

“ Prayers for the family



Buddy. & Dianne Everitt - May 28, 2024 at 01:49 PM

DA

“ Donna Aaron lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Donna Aaron - May 28, 2024 at 01:17 PM

RB

“ reagan baker lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



reagan baker - May 28, 2024 at 01:05 PM

SR

“ Stan and Connie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell



Stan and Connie Rodgers - May 28, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DW

“ *Don Whitehead lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Don Whitehead** - May 28, 2024 at 11:41 AM

PD

“ *Pat Davis lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Pat Davis** - May 28, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ *Sue W HENDERSON lit a candle in memory of Donna Boatwright Saffell*



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**Sue W HENDERSON** - May 28, 2024 at 11:34 AM