

Donna Drennen

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On October 28th, 1966 Margery and Eugene Mistrangelo gave birth to a sweet baby girl whom they named Donna. Eugene was a lieutenant major in Air Force. He worked in the office of special investigation, which is like the CIA for Air Force that fights against terrorism. Margery was a librarian at the time who was still working on her bachelor's degree and it wasn't until Donna was older that she got her master's degree. Donna was born on Andrews Air Force base in Maryland, but because of Eugene's job they moved often. They even lived on Hawaii for a couple years!

Because of the frequent moves, Donna went to various schools. In high school she decided that she would be stay single and become a missionary in India. So in college she decided to major psychology and religion; unfortunately this didn't happen, so she decided to become a social worker. Donna went to Villanova for undergraduate and the University of Pennsylvania for her graduate degree.

Donna had Jacqueline Harper for her roommate and together they joined University Christian Outreach. University Christian Outreach was founded by a group of college students moved by the Holy Spirit decided to make the most of their student years for Christ and to spread it among their fellow classmates. Donna had a ton of great memories with UCO. One time Donna went with a couple of friends to Florida where she had a fantastic time in Disney World! Her favorite memory from college was the day that Villanova won the national championship!

Daniel Drennen was born 1970, four years younger than Donna! They met through UCO and House of God's Light (another Christian meeting that Donna attended) and became mutual friends. Dan went to Franciscan University for a few years and then stopped and came back. They started dating when Donna was 25 and Dan was 21 and later got married in 1994. At the time of their marriage Donna was working at Girls in Group Homes and Dan was a investigator that did surveillance for insurance companies. In 1996 Emma, their first child, was born.

Donna was disappointed that she never got to be a missionary but is grateful that she was given the grace to follow God all the way through college. Donna now enjoys eating ice cream and relaxing in the sun with her very large family; her husband Dan, her six children, Emma, Daniel, Jack, Caroline, Lizzy, Lily, the cat Bella, and the dog Molly.