



Donald Bennett Harrell

August 7, 1957 - August 4, 2024

It is with profound sadness, we announce the passing of Donald (Donnie) Bennett Harrell, 66, of Merritt. On Sunday, Aug. 4th, Donnie left us earthside, losing his courageous battle with cancer. Born Aug. 7th, 1957, to William and Darlene Harrell, who preceded him in death. Donnie married Rose Marie McEuen on Aug. 28, 1977, and she survives.

He is survived by 5 children, Mandie (Kevin) Troutman of Canton, IL, Dawn (Jason) Parsons of Canton, IL, Lee (Lexi) Harrell of Jacksonville, IL, Sara (Martin) Fanning of Virginia, IL and Alexis Harrell (Jon Dertz) of Jacksonville, IL. Donnie was the Grandpa to 10 grandchildren he leaves behind; Jenna, Liam and Jaxton Crawford, Madyson Parsons (Fiancé Logan Hughes), Carter and Jaycee Parsons, Carter and Tanner Harrell, Kinzley Harrell and Austyn Fanning, with his 11th grandchild due in November. Donnie is also survived by his brother William (Sharon) Harrell of Franklin, IL and several nieces and nephews.

Donnie was a 1976 graduate of Winchester High School and quickly began working on the steel gang for Burlington Northern Railroad, promoted to brakeman and working for the railroad until 1991. Donnie then spent his years working as a truck driver and farming.

The legacy Donnie leaves behind is a true reflection of his hard work, tenacity, grit and perseverance. He didn't know a stranger and always made a friend

wherever he went. Donnie was forced to walk away from his love of farming/truck driving as his health declined over the last year, but found immense joy in being outside, tending to his yardwork, visiting with his kids and grandkids and loving on his forever growing family of kittens (or as he called them, his mini mountain lions). Donnie was a member of City Church. A man of strong faith and deep love of the Lord, he enjoyed worship with his church family.

Visitation will be held Monday, August 12th from 9-11AM at City Church in South Jacksonville, IL with services beginning at 11. Burial will be held at Gillham Cemetery in Winchester, IL immediately following services. Memorials are suggested to City Church of South Jacksonville.

Cemetery Details

Gillham

Winchester, IL 62694

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

City Church
129 East Vandalia Rd.
Jackosville, IL 62650

Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mackey Daws Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Bernett Harrell



Daws Funeral Homes - August 09, 2024 at 03:00 PM

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“ Serenity Point Hospice purchased the "On Ange l's Wings" Sympathy Gift Wind Chime to Send for Funeral Or Memorial for the family of Donald Bernett Harrell.



Serenity Point Hospice - August 09, 2024 at 03:58 PM

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“ Serenity Point Hospice planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Bernett Harrell.

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“ My husband and I bought Donnie’s childhood home 1290, and he became not only our neighbor but our friend. He was always helping us out as we worked on the house, he was so kind and so encouraging, very supportive. He always had the best advice too! He was very special to us. I wanted the house completed before he left us, but God had other plans. They don’t make em like that anymore... comes to mind. We are gonna miss him so very much and will never forget him. His photo will grace the mantle at 1290. Our prayers are with his wife and children and grandchildren at this time. Rest in peace dear friend, blessed to have had you in our lives for the short time we did.

Mike and Leslie - August 08, 2024 at 01:56 PM