



Donnie Gale Savage

February 11, 1941 - August 2, 2019

Donnie Gale Savage, 78, passed away Friday, Aug. 2, 2019, at his residence in Jacksonville. Donnie was born, Feb. 11, 1941, in the White Hall Hospital. He was the son of the late Leo and Beulah Lawson Savage. Donnie grew up on a farm about one mile east of Glasgow.

His grade school years were at Alsey where he played on the basketball team called "Alsey Red Devils". Donnie said they were probably all "little devils".

In 1962, Donnie resided in Springfield with his sister and her family. He attended the National Barber College in Springfield. His teacher was Mr. Bechtel. There were 25 students in his class. He was required to have 1872 hours of training and pass a 120-question quiz before becoming an apprentice barber. Donnie served his apprenticeship under Mr. Fred Hazelrigg at the old Dunlap Hotel in Jacksonville. After 27 months of apprenticeship, he was required to text again. The test consisted of 60 questions. Following him passing the test, Donnie received his Master license.

On May 31, 1966, Donnie married Marsha Lynn Gregory in Corinth, MS. They resided in Bluffs where they raised their sons, Eric, Troy, and Tony. Marsha preceded him in death, May 7, 1989.

Donnie operated barber shops in Bluffs and Meredosia for several years.

In February of 1984, a tragic accident in Springfield at a tractor pull took the life of Marsha and Donnie's oldest son, Eric, at the age of 16.

In July of 1965, Donnie and Clem Anders opened a new barber shop on the south side of the square in Winchester. They worked together for several years until Donnie went to work for the State of Illinois in the maintenance department at the School of the Visually Impaired. He worked there until his retirement.

On April 11, 2003, Donnie married Elizabeth Jane Bess. She preceded him in death, April 23, 2011.

Donnie is survived by two sons, James Troy Savage and Tony Savage, both of Jacksonville; five siblings, Walter (Jean) Savage of Winchester, Charles Savage of Winchester, Leo Savage Jr. of Carrollton, Sandra Martin of Jacksonville, and Reta Killebrew of Winchester and three granddaughters, Riley, Logan and Piper. He was preceded in death by six brothers, Carol, Vernon, Royce, Eddie, Dewey, and infant brother, Dinny.

Donnie loved fishing, hunting and trap shooting. He was a member of the Glasgow Sportsman Club and the Jacksonville Sportsman Club. He enjoyed races of all kinds and loved to see many events. He especially enjoyed NASCAR races.

Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 2019, at the Daws Family Funeral Home in Winchester with interment in the Winchester City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday from 12:00 p.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Memorials are suggested to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Winchester City Cemetery

Cherry Street
Winchester, IL 62694

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 9. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Daws Family Funeral Home - Winchester
657 N. Main
Winchester, IL 62694
(217) 742-9553
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Service

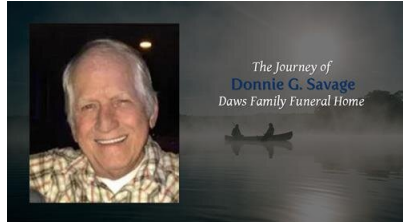
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mackey Daws Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donnie Gale Savage*



Daws Funeral Homes - August 08, 2019 at 10:57 AM



“ *Donnie Gale Savage*

January 28, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ *Hey Guys, sorry to hear about your dad. We use to see him in Jacksonville at breakfast time and we always had a nice visit. He was really proud of his boys. Very sorry for your loss.
Bob Rogers, Bluffs*

Bob Rogers - August 11, 2019 at 08:15 AM



“ *Riley and Logan ,So sorry for your loss of your Grandfather sending hugs .*

Jeanne Tendick - August 09, 2019 at 08:10 AM

BG

“ Troy and Tony I am so sorry for your loss. I know that he will be missed. I will always have some great memory's of your Mom and Dad both and the time that I spent with all of you. Prayers to you both.

Love you
Brenda Pennell-Gilbert

Brenda Gilbert - August 08, 2019 at 07:54 PM

JT

“ Troy and the savage family . So sorry for your loss sending prayers and a hug for Troy .

Jeanne Tendick - August 08, 2019 at 08:51 AM

JB

“ My heart goes out to the Savage Family. Donnie was a good man and will be missed by many. So sorry for your loss.

Jamie Barber - August 06, 2019 at 06:16 PM

SW

“ Donnie and Marsha were always such great supporters of all the kids in Bluffs! Always greeted me with a hug!

Stacey Kesterson Wren - August 06, 2019 at 06:16 PM

AA

“ Donnie was a fun loving guy
Sorry for your loss he will be missed

Anne Arthur - August 06, 2019 at 03:50 PM