



James Donnie Guthrie

March 30, 1946 - January 6, 2011

Mr. James Donald “Donnie” Guthrie died of cancer at his home in Forrest City, Arkansas on January 6, 2011. Donnie was born in Little Rock on March 30, 1946 to Frances and Jerry Guthrie. He attended Little Rock public schools where he excelled in music and sports. After graduating from Little Rock Central he attended Henderson State where he majored in music. Donnie played the trombone in the Henderson band and later in a National Guard band. He began bowling at an early age and as a young adult he bowled on the PBA tour.

In 1966 he moved to Forrest City to manage the local bowling alley. Donnie then began a career as an agricultural pilot for Hutcherson Flying Service which he later owned. He flew for over 30 years.

In 1987 he married Elsie Callaway Trail. After retiring from flying, he and Elsie established D & E Golf, Inc. at the Forrest City Country Club where Donnie was the manager and golf club pro.

He is survived by his loving wife, his brother Jerry Guthrie, his stepmother Jean Guthrie, stepbrothers Larry and Chuck Koehler, stepsister Regina Koehler, four children Tonya Guthrie, Terry Don Guthrie, Nicole Trial and Rich Trail, and seven grandchildren, Morgan Baldwin, David, Randy and Brayden May, Tyler and Tra Guthrie and Cole Trail, as well as nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his mother and father.

Memorials may be made to the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church in Forrest City. Visitation will be at Stevens Funeral Home in Forrest City on Friday, January 7, between 6 and 8 p.m. Services will be at the Graham Memorial Presbyterian Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011 with burial to follow at Forrest Park Cemetery. Visit online registry at stevensfuneralhome.net. Under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“ *Mr. Donnie was a truly kind, caring, and gracious man who will be truly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this time.*

Brian & Beverley (Taylor) Jones - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MC

“ *Elsie and famiy- Donnie was such a special man, loved by everyone he met. My heart overflows with sadness for you all, but also feels blessed to have called him my friend. I can't help but think that he's cranked things up in heaven just a bit...*

Marilyn Cullum - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

RA

“ *With my deepest condolences to the James Donald "Donnie" Guthrie family. You are all in my thoughts & in my prayers. Sincerely, Renee Smith Adams & family 748 White Oak Drive Forrest City, AR. 72335*

Renee Smith Adams - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

SW

“ ELSIE, TONYA, & TERRY DON, WE WERE SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DONNIE'S ILLNESS & THEN HIS DEATH. HE WILL BE MISSED BY AN AWFULLY LOT OF PEOPLE. HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND TO US AND TO MANY. WE WILL MISS KNOWING HE IS CLOSE. HE WAS THE BEST AGRI PILOT THAT THERE EVER WAS. WE CULDN'T REPLACE HIM WHEN HE RETIRED FROM FLYING. HE ALWAYS HELPED US TAKE CARE OF OUR CROP. HE WAS SPECIAL. WE ARE PRAYING FOR OUR LORD TO COMFORT YOU & ALL THAT LOVE HIM. WE ARE IN FLORIDA OR ELSE WE WOULD BE THERE. BUT YOU, HIS CHILDREN AND FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD COVER YOU ALL WITH HIS LOVE, ANN & SHELBY

SHELBY & ANN WRIGHT - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ We were so sadden to hear about the passing of Donnie. Please know that we are holding you up in our daily prayers.

*Debbie (Trail) and John Childress
Gladys Trail, Winston and Veta Trail*

Debbie Trail Childress - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MS

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. May God bless you and give you strength in the coming weeks.

Marchia VanBlake Sims - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

KB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.*

Dan & Kathy Billingsley

Kathy Billingsley - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

MC

“ *Dear Elsie and Children,*

We are just now finding out about my beloved friend and cousin Donnie. The last time I saw him was at Aunt Ruth's interment and graveside funeral. You no doubt know that Dianne and I are just back having spent twenty years in the orient and Italy working for the Department of Defense. At the time of our meeting, Donnie was on his way to deer camp. We had a pleasant meeting and went around the back of the truck and shared a drink. Donnie and I were the youngest of the cousins and always had a special relationship. We were members of the same fraternity and both musicians. My career took me world wide and diverse places so that we were unable to connect much. We always had good times together and laughed a lot. He was a lot of fun and we always enjoyed out times together. It is hard to imagine that he is gone. I am sure that all of you will miss his quick smile and laughter. I am sorry that I did not get to see him of late. I know we would have had a good time as that was the way he always was with me.

You and the family are remembered in our prayers and remembrances. We will make a donation to the homeless cause in his memory.

In loving memory,

Matt and Dianne Capell

Matthew and Dianne Capell - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

WD

“ Dear Elsie and Family,
I am the grandson of Nannie Elizabeth Neal Doyle, who was a sister to Zula Neal Guthrie, Donnies' grandmother. Connie Pearson informed me of Donnie's death. I am sorry to hear news of his death and I express my sympathy to all of you. I have good memories of being with Donnie and Jerry when we were kids when they would come to Moberly, MO, to visit or we would go to Little Rock. Even though our families were not together often we felt close to each other through mail and telephone contact. My wife, Judy, and I were at Ruth's birthday party and enjoyed getting to see all of Guthrie family at that time. We live in Kansas City and are retired. We both taught school. I was a band director for thirty years. Our prayers are with you.
Wendell and Judy Doyle

Wendell Doyle - April 12, 2013 at 08:29 AM

RM

“ Elsie, So sorry for the loss of Donnie, you and he will always hold a special place in my heart, and my prayers are with you and your family. God Bless

Rob McGraw - January 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM