

Donnie Shands

September 2, 1940 - April 25, 2007

Donnie Lee Shands, well-known Searcy resident, died Wednesday, April 25, 2007. He was 66 years of age.

Mr. Shands was born September 2, 1940 in Letona, the son of William Earl Shands and Dorothy Priscilla Saunders Shands King. He was a veteran of the Army National Guard and retired cattleman. Donnie was a member of the West Race Baptist Church in Searcy.

Many mornings Donnie could be found at Main Street Caf? enjoying breakfast with his friends. He enjoyed his farm and going to Branson. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and being involved in their activities.

Survivors include his wife, Viola Stevens Shands of the home; a son, Steve Shands and wife, Cindy; his mother, Dorothy Saunders Shands King; a brother, Billy Ray Shands; a sister, Sue Slayton; three grandchildren, Tayler, Keleigh, and Julia Shands.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Earl Shands and a brother, Richard Shands.

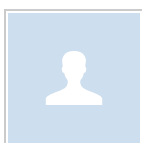
Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie was a cousin and even though I didn't see him often in later years I always enjoyed running into him and our visit. God bless his family for his loss.*

Judy Southerland

May 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Donnie's passing. I always enjoyed his visits to my office at Fall Creek here in Branson. He always had a story to tell and a smile to share. Our prayers are with you during this time of loss. As Christians ... we know where we will spend forever. "Absent from the body is to be present with the LORD". God Bless you all.*

April 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Wanda Wilson family is deeply saddened for your loss. We know the pain of losing a loved one too early. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Some day we will all be together in a better place! God Bless*

April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donnie you became a big part of our family when my sister, Cindy married your son, Steve 10 years ago. We will miss your wonderful smile at our family events. Kiley considered you your Poppaw as well. We never dreamed God would take you home so early in life, but we know you are in his hands watching over us.*

Love,

Melissa, Dennis, and Kiley

April 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donnie was one of the finest men I've ever had the pleasure to know. He was so kind and always had a smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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“ *Donnie was wonderful friend. I never saw him without a smile on his face. I will never forget when Taylor was about 3 years old, Donnie told us his knees were sore and when we asked why, he explained that he and Taylor had been playing and crawling in and out of the closet was really hard on the knees! I will truly miss seeing him drive by the house and waving but most of all I will miss such a dear friend.*

April 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM