



Don Noel "Donnie" Forrester

May 23, 1944 - October 28, 2019

Don Noel "Donnie" Forrester 75, of Wynne, Arkansas passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019. He was a member of Fitzgerald Crossing Baptist Church.

Donnie was born on May 23, 1944, to John Noel and Virgie Lee Baker Forrester. He grew up in the Wittsburg Community in a loving and hard-working family. Donnie served in the National Guard, worked at Addison Shoe Company, Halstead Industries and Cross County Farmers Association before joining the farming community as a Custom Applicator. Donnie married Sharon Annette Sullivan on November 22, 1967. They had two daughters, Laura Beth in 1970 and Susan Annette in 1973.

Playing football in high school led to Donnie's love of Yellowjacket Sports, especially football! He was an avid Jacket fan, rarely missing a Friday night football game or any other sporting event. He especially enjoyed the away games which promised a catfish dinner with football buddy, Chester Williams. Donnie was the true example of the phrase, "Once a Jacket, Always a Jacket".

Donnie loved people and showed his love in a big way to everyone, especially his family and friends. Donnie was blessed with many faithful friends, Oliver Andrews, Jimmy and Patsy Woods and Ann Moore, who all brought joy and laughter every step of the way. His favorite role in this life was being

Granddaddy! With the bat of an eye or a simple 'I love you, Granddaddy' it was guaranteed that Allison, Whitt, Lexie and Kylie were about to be very happy grandchildren!

Donnie is survived by, Laura Beth Bassham and husband Clay, Chris, Holly, Emery, Brody and Whitt Bassham, Susan's daughters, Allison Noelle Davis Hays and her husband Cody, Lexie Gray Mitchell and Kylie Estelle Mitchell, sisters, Shirley Forrester Barbour and Joyce Forrester Cantrell and husband J. T., brother, Ronnie Forrester, brother-in-law, Bill Sullivan, and many special nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Virgie Lee Forrester, wife, Sharon Annette Sullivan Forrester in 2009, daughter, Susan Annette Forrester Mitchell in 2016 and sisters, Virginia Forrester Pruitt and Alice "Sue" Forrester Jones.

Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers and kindness for my daddy and our family. I am especially grateful to Connie Brawner and Allison Hays for their help a long the way. A very special thank you to Tina Garcia and Veronica Lyons who loved and cared for Donnie in his final days. These ladies are extraordinary examples of angels on earth. The staff at CrossRidge Dialysis Unit and Legacy Hospice were also blessings to our family throughout this journey.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Kernodle Funeral Home from 6 to 8 PM. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2019 at 11 AM at Kernodle Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, nothing would please us more than for you to make memories with your family, a memorial to the Yellowjacket Foundation (a specific sport or extracurricular activity may be specified), 2003 Airpark Road,

Wynne, Arkansas 72396 or National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street,
New York, NY 10016.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kernodle Funeral Home
315-325 E. Union Avenue
Wynne, AR 72396
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kernodlefuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.kernodlefh.com/>

Memorial services

OCT **31**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

BS

“ *Donnie was a very precious person. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Ron and Barbara Sims and family

Barbara Sims - November 05, 2019 at 01:39 PM

TL

“ *The Lynaugh's*



The Lynaugh's - November 04, 2019 at 12:31 AM

JS

“ *Mr Donny was a kind , gentle and very loving man . I have the utmost respect for this man , and have always been treated with respect and kindness by him. He is a man that other men should look up to and try and be like , as he was liked by all that he came in touch with . I always enjoyed his conversations. He will be missed greatly.*

Johnny Smith - October 31, 2019 at 11:19 AM

EB

“ *Eldridge Brawner lit a candle in memory of Don Noel "Donnie" Forrester*



Eldridge Brawner - October 30, 2019 at 12:31 PM

LR

“ I have loved your dad and your mother for many many years. It all started when they first married and lived in an upstairs apartment behind my childhood home very close to the high school. They were a young happy couple then and always a kind, compassionate, and caring couple to us all. Bless you and yours Laura Beth. With love,
Lamar

LaMar Rolland - October 30, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ I always wanted to be like him. He was bigger than life to me as a kid. I'll never forget him teasing us playing football. The other team was in the huddle..."I heard them say you boys were wearing pink panties." He was refereeing! Ha! He was something else.

Brent Dallas

Brent Dallas - October 29, 2019 at 11:25 PM

TS

“ My sympathies to the family. Donnie has always been very kind to me and a good friend. I know he will be greatly missed as I know how he loved his family. It's a blessing to have a man like that.
Sincerely, Todd Sisk

Todd Sisk - October 29, 2019 at 11:15 PM

PW

“ Pamela Ware lit a candle in memory of Don Noel "Donnie" Forrester



Pamela Ware - October 29, 2019 at 10:29 PM

JB

“ Donnie and Sharon Forrester were two of my most favorite people in this life. Always had a hug and a smile for me. Although it saddens me for Laura Beth, it brings a smile to my heart to know that they are together again in Heaven along with their daughter, Susan. God bless you, LB and your family.

Jo Lynn Davis Bouland - October 29, 2019 at 09:20 PM

DJ

“ Laura Beth, I am so sorry to hear about Mr Donnie's passing. I have such great memories of him at the softball field when we were kids, and when he pitched on the mens softball team after we were grown! He is back with the love of his life and sweet Susan and will be there waiting for your arrival. Much love ~ Deah



Deah Jarrett - October 29, 2019 at 07:52 PM

TG

Prayers for the Forrester family 🙏. I remember back in high school, one week end, David Bashears and I had some great country cooking and we thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. I have not seen Donnie except at Yellow Jackets football games, since I had moved from the area but I still considered him a great friend and he will be missed, but he has gone to a better place to be with Sharon, parents and other friends.

Tommy Graff - October 31, 2019 at 03:11 AM