



Donald (Donnie) Wayne Baber

May 4, 1950 - February 28, 2025

The staff of Heishman Funeral Home/Valley Funeral Service sends condolences to the family of Donald (Donnie) Wayne Baber.

Donald (Donnie) Wayne Baber, 74, of Edinburg, went home to join his wife on Friday, February 28th, 2025.

Donnie was born on May 4th, 1950, at Reese Airforce base in Lubbock, Texas. During his early years, he traveled the world with his family, as his father was an Air Force Master Sgt. After settling into the beautiful Shenandoah Valley, he began attending Saumsville Christian Church where he remained a member until his passing. In his formative years, he attended and graduated from Central High School and Triplett Tech. In early 1972, Donnie met his would-be wife, Deborah Bright while drag racing with friends. He claims to have “won” her in a “winner take all” race that day. On June 25th, 1972, they were married and in January 1973, welcomed their first of three daughters.

Throughout his life, he held a variety of jobs to provide for his growing family. He worked at his family’s filling station, held long standing employment with Rocco (Georges) poultry plant, Johns Manville, and retired from Interbake Foods in Front Royal in 2019. He made many lifelong friends wherever he went.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Debbie Bright Baber, parents, Ernie Lorenza and Mary Ann Beeson Baber, parents' in-law Carl Sr and Mary Haun Bright, sister Dorothy Boehm, brother Ernie Baber, brother in-laws Johnny Bright and Kirby Lloyd, sister-in-law Millie Baber, his beloved daughter, Denise Baber Violet and his furry best friend and companion, Bouncer, with whom will be interred with him.

He is survived by his daughters, Dawn Burch and Donia Ryman; son in-laws, John Violet, Garrett Burch and Jamie Ryman. sisters, Ann Lloyd and Sandi Crowe (Ronnie); brother Marvin Baber; brother and sister in-law, Carl Jr and Shirley Bright and sister in-law Pat Bright. He was blessed with seven grandchildren, Victoria Lansberry, Elizabeth Violet, Alexis Baber, Michael Baber, Joel Burch, Gabriella Ryman and Khloe Ryman, numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Donnie made many friends, from early childhood to late in life, he valued those friendships, especially with Jim Kibler, Vic Copp, Keith Jett, Melissa Baber, Doris Tevault and Gary & Barb Arghyris.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, March 9, 2025, at 2:00 PM, at Saumsville Christian Church in Maurertown, by Pastor Wendell Schurtz, with burial immediately following at the Saumsville Christian Church Cemetery. A covered dish meal will follow at the church social hall.

Donnie's inflated stories and quick wit will follow us all in the years to come. He had a heart of gold and loved everyone he ever met. He thought of everyone as a friend and never met a stranger, making everyone feel like family. He loved hunting, cooking, fast cars and his family. He will be missed by many but will be remembered by all who ever had the honor of loving him.

Our deepest gratitude to Shenandoah County Fire & Rescue, Mt. Jackson Rescue Squad and the entire staff at SMH on Friday evening, that worked so

hard to help him.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Saumsville Christian Church Cemetery Fund, 2035 Saumsville Rd, Maurertown, VA 22644, in his memory.

Online condolences may be left at www.valleyfs.com

Arrangements by Heishman Funeral Home Inc., Valley Funeral Service Branch, Edinburg.

Cemetery Details

Saumsville Christian Church Cemetery

2035 Saumsville Road
Maurertown, VA 22644

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAR 9. 2:00 PM (ET)

Saumsville Christian Church
2035 Saumsville Rd
Maurertown, VA 22644-2421
(540) 459-3566

Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love, David & Audrey purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald (Donnie) Wayne Baber.



Love, David & Audrey - March 04, 2025 at 09:20 PM

AL

“ Knowing you are healed, healthy and in heaven means so much but I will miss you terribly, big brother. We shared alot together during our lives and these last few years were very special, you were always there for me and those daily phone calls kept us close. I will see you again in eternity. Love you, Ann

Ann Baber Lloyd - March 03, 2025 at 08:13 PM

DR

“ HAD A LOT of GREAT TIMES AT THE SINCLAIR STATION IN TOMS Brook .

Danny Rinker - March 03, 2025 at 05:11 PM

MB

“ Donnie will always be my little brother who got in trouble with me throughout the years and missed alot of time with him by being in the military and living in CO. Rest in peace and all my love to his girls and our family. Marvin

Marvin Baber - March 03, 2025 at 05:02 PM

DC

“ *Ann and family. Sorry for your Loss. Donnie was always nice to me in high school. Prayers for you and your family..*

Deborah G Crossfield - March 03, 2025 at 04:51 PM