



Donnie Ray Bowman

December 4, 1946 - September 29, 2023

Donnie Ray Bowman, born December 4, 1946, passed away suddenly on September 29, 2023.

Donnie was born in Crossville, TN to David and Inez Bowman, where he lived until the family moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1955. Donnie graduated from Colonel White High School in 1964. After high school, he started his working career as a machinist. Donnie met his wife, Chris, in 1973. They moved to Colorado in 1978. They were married until her passing in June 2007.

Donnie became a manufacturing engineer, where he used his machinist experience for projects related to NASA, Lockheed Martin, Cochlear Implants, and other Federal Government programs and projects. He retired from Pernicka Corporation, where he worked for almost 30 years.

Donnie served on the Fort Collins Police Department as a reservist, was active in Softball, Basketball, Golf, Hunting, Motorcycles and most recently poker. He made numerous friends and acquaintances over the years.

Donnie's amazing smile, infectious laugh, love for life, loyalty, quick wit, dependability, and his ability to solve every problem that came his way were unmatched.

His family, partner, loved ones and friends will remember his hilarious jokes, unbelievable intelligence, his quick wit, and his ability to make everyone feel like they were his best friend or second dad. Words cannot fully capture the man he was and the impact he had on others.

The void and heartbreak we feel is unimaginable. He will be sorely missed. We love you DAD, partner, brother, and friend.

He is survived by his daughters Jennifer (Shaun) Garrett, Lori (Matt) Bowman-Falce, Kirsten (Joe) Bubnich, and Patty (Jim) Owen; his brothers Bill Bowman and Harley Bowman; his partner Judy Williams, her daughter Sherri (Lenny) Trujillo, and her granddaughter Lilly; grandchildren: Annabelle, Walker, Zoi, Ava, Jayna, Mary (Brian), Rebecca (Justin) and Amanda; great grandchildren: Weston, Mason and James; and several nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Chris; his parents David and Inez; his sister Jean; his brother Frank; his granddaughter Abbie; and his best friend Art Lewis.

A service celebrating Donnie's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Friday, October 6, 2023 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The service will be live streamed here on Donnie's obituary page. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **6**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlander Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Donnie Ray Bowman*



Bohlander Funeral Chapel - October 06, 2023 at 12:45 PM

KB

“ *Dad, we miss you more than words can describe. Forever would not have been long enough to spend with you. I hope there was a joyous reunion in heaven. I know Abbie will be so glad to see you. ❤️ it is not goodbye , just see you soon.*

Kirsten Bubnich - October 26, 2023 at 09:00 PM

KG

“ I am truly heartbroken hearing of Donnie's passing. I have know Donnie all my life as him and my dad Butch were best friends in high school. Their friendship continued up until last October when my dad passed, but he continued to call and check on me every month since then, he was like my second Dad all these years. I remember him always being a part of our family and always stopping by the see dad when he was in town to see family. My heart goes out to Lori, Jennifer, Kristen, and Patty. Your dad was one of a kind, but you all already knew that. I loved him so very much and was so thankful for him this past year. I just know in my heart he's up there with All his loved ones and him and dad are laughing their hearts out reminiscing. Prayers to you all and all my love too.
He will be greatly missed
Love Kim

Kimberly Gutshall - October 04, 2023 at 08:47 PM

BR

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Donnie. Back in the day use to play softball and umpire together. Many a weekend traveling to tournaments.. Donnie was an awesome player and so fun to be around. I remember him telling me he was giving up softball to concentrate on golf... what a loss for Fort Collins Softball...I have thought about Donnie over the years and regret not reaching out to him!!! My loss... My thoughts and prayers for his family....Rest in peace my old friend...

Bob Romine - October 04, 2023 at 07:14 PM

DV

“ So sorry for your loss. Many great memories from our softball days.
Donna Viegut

Donna Viegut - October 04, 2023 at 04:29 PM

LB

“Dad, words cannot fully describe the magnitude of sadness and heartache I feel right now. You were my person, all of my life. Your smile made everything better, your jokes made heavy moments funny, and you were simply special and one-of-a-kind. I feel like a part of me left with you Friday. I know that time will heal, but you will be in my heart forever. I love you so much.



Lori Bowman - October 03, 2023 at 07:56 PM

WB

*I'm sorry to hear about Donnie he was special born on my birthday when I was 2 years old
I moved to Colorado 3 years ago and we talked several times on the phone but never got to visit with each other
I'm sorry I can't attend the funeral I am handicap and don't drive so I haven't had a chance to get to fort Collins to see Donnie
I'm sorry for not being forceful enough to make positive decisions about getting to see Donnie*

William Harley Bowman - October 07, 2023 at 06:45 PM

LM

“So sorry to hear. Donnie was one of the best. That is the smile I always remember from the softball days. Thoughts and prayers are with the family .

Lee Myers - October 03, 2023 at 05:49 PM



I didn't know Donnie but I do know his daughter. She is one of the best people I know. He must have been a tremendous man to have raised her. Love and sympathy to his family.

Glenda Field - October 03, 2023 at 08:06 PM

LK

“ So many happy memories of times spent with the Bowman's. Met them when we used the same babysitter for our kids. I think that was the year Jenny was born. From there we went on to many fun filled years of softball, holidays, parties, BBQ's and trips. I am heartbroken for the girls and their families.

Linda Kramar - October 03, 2023 at 08:04 AM

JG

“ Dad, we miss you so much it is unbearable. We love you and will miss you forever. I know we didn't have the closest relationship. I love you, dad and I will do everything in my power to make you proud. I will miss you forever. Give mom a hug for me and I can't wait until the day I get to see you both. I love you dad! I will miss you forever. Love your daughter, Jennifer

Jennifer Garrett - October 03, 2023 at 12:16 AM