



Donnie Wells

June 28, 1982 - April 6, 2009

Mr. Donnie Lynn Wells, Jr., age 26, of Fort Payne passed away April 6, 2009. He was a student at Jacksonville State University, and a D.J. with radio station 105.9. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Friday, April 10 at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel with burial following in Walkers Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends Thursday from 4 until 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the family. He is survived by his loving mate Crystal Stilwell of Jacksonville, his father Donnie Wells, Sr. of Fort Payne, his mother JoAnna Shrader of Ashville, sister Stacey Wells of Acworth, GA, grandparents Myra Bowlin, Ronnie and Faye Tolleson, Charles and Diane Turcan, and Brian Shrader and his beloved family of Christy and Rob Durbrow, Connor, Bailey, and Kayla. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie Wells*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I just wanted to send my prayers and deepest condolences. I just found out a few days ago of his passing, and I could not believe it. We worked together in 2002 and we became friends instantly. He had a contagious smile/laugh and you could not help but to love him.*

Candace Newman - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Donnie and will remember him always. Our prayers go out to your family. God Bless. In GODS Love, Deb and Rick Bentley*

Debra and Rick Bentley - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donnie, Stacy, and family, I am so sorry to hear about this. I couldn't believe it when my mother told me because I was just so used to seeing his commentary on Facebook about his job search and all that was going on. I know that such a sudden tragedy such as this has to be so shocking and painful for you, so I pray that God would comfort you and guide you at this time. I haven't seen Donnie since I babysat him so long ago, but I cared for him as I do care for you and your family now, and again, I am very sorry for your loss.*

Chanda Heard - April 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM

P*

“ I don't have anything to say. He was such a fun person to talk to.

Paul Dodson *Stouthammer* - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Donnie Sr., My thoughts and heart are with you at this time. If you need anything, call as I am here for you always. Love Ya!

Patty Morris - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Donnie, your life was a blessing to so many people. I never knew that in just 26 years of life someone could touch so many peoples lives. You were always like a big brother to me. You have shown me that there are still wonderful people in this world. You are someone that everyone should aspire to be like. I love you and miss you dearly! -Your BMW :)

Brittany Webb Hollis - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Watching DJ as a little boy grow up next door,into a very smart man.It is very sad,to have to loss him so young.We will miss him and always remerber him.Donnie we are here if you need anything.Our hearts and prayers are with you and may God bless you and your family. Reed's

Eddie & Patricia Next Door - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We can never speak the words that will erase the pain you must feel. But we know a mighty God who we can go to on your behalf for peace and comfort in the days, weeks and months ahead. The memories we have of DJ will always be joking around and enjoying his time in the FPHS band. Thinking of your entire family with love and prayers.

Mike & Sharon McWilliams - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Donnie was an amazing man. He always had a smile, a big hug, and a kind word. This earth is a little less bright without him. I'm sure God just needed a bit more sunshine in heaven. To know Donnie was an honor and a blessing. I am praying for all of you. If you ever need anything, there are so many people to lean on that loved him, myself included. To his family, thank you for giving us all such a funny and charismatic person to call a friend, to Crystal, thank you for making our friend so happy. Lauryn Brook Smith

Lauryn Brook Smith - April 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I am so sorry for you loss. You and your family are in my prayers.

Amanda, Austin, and Alexis Reed - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this devastating time. DJ will be greatly missed.

Lisa Head & Family - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ I taught Donnie last spring in an Alabama literature course. He delighted me daily! We had great talks about the books he would someday write. I am so sorry that he didn't have the chance to write them. I will be praying for your family as you mourn the loss of this special young man. Please know that he will be missed in Jacksonville.

Gena Christopher - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

J"

“ I knew Donnie as Vesavious, his avatar on a game we played together. He's one of the best people I ever met, and I can honestly say that i'm privileged to have known him. The chances of meeting another person with a heart as pure as Vesavious' is slim to none. Rest in Peace, Donnie, you will be missed.

Joshua Trim "Heddin" - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ to Donnie Sr. - I am so sorry for your loss!

Cindy Chitwood - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Donnie was a bright spot in my classes at JSU. I will miss seeing his smile. Steven Whitton

Steven Whitton - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Praying for you and your family in this difficult time. I know from seeing you at the credit union that your children mean the world to you. I cannot imagine what you are feeling, but I know a man who does! May you feel God's comforting arms around you and find peace in Him. With loving prayers! ~michelle~

michelle sharp - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Donnie and Stacey our thoughts and prayers are with you during this overwhelming time. Find comfort and happiness in knowing that DJ has touched the lives and hearts of so many others and gave them the eternal gift of many happy memories. May the blessings of God be upon the both you,

Tom & Cathy Warner - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I have known Donnie for quite some time from running into him around the English department, Houston Cole Library, and just out and about the Jacksonville area. He was always a jovial person and was a pleasure to speak to, be around, and simply know. I am deeply saddened knowing that he is no longer going to come visit me at my desk at Houston Cole and that I will no longer hear him on the radio. My prayers and most heart felt thoughts go out to his family and friends during this difficult time.

Guillermo Woolfolk - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ It doesnt seem that long ago I remember seeing Donnie Jr as a little boy sitting in church with his daddy and his sister. Now he is singing right along with the Angels.

Florine Hamm & Robin Hamm Davis - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TI

“ I baby sited donnie when he was younger and i can tell u this from my heart he was the smartest kid i ever seen and it broke my heart to here what happen. Donnie u was the greatest dad to him and u was always there for him and u always talked about your kids and that makes u a wonderful dad. Donnie iam here for u man to help u though this so if u need anything please let me know.

Timmy - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ I was Donnie's English teacher his Senior year in high school. He was an intelligent, sweet, and generous young man. He will be missed. You are in my prayers.

Virginia Teague Applebaum - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I'm going to miss you Donnie. I kept that beet bottle we drank the other night. I don't know why. You're one of the best friends I've ever had and until we meet again, I will always remember how awesome you were. R.I.P. Donnie. I love you.

Patrick Patterson/Mappy - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ I'll never forget you Donnie. Always in my heart and never forgotten. Always full of joy and always wanted to help. We'll meet again and I can't wait. but in due time my good friend. R.I.P. With love - Pat

Patrick "Mappy" Patterson - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ We're all gonna miss you dude, I wish I had came on vent one more time just to see what's up. I still can't believe you're actually gone.

Jon Patterson - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I knew Donnie through the game he played for a long time (World of Warcraft). He was a great friend, and a fantastic person to talk to. Donnie always knew how to make me laugh and also how to make me take a different perspective on things. I really wish I could have met him in person, he was definitely in my top three if not number one. I'll miss him, miss all the talks and good times. Love you much, Donnie.

Rachel Solsbery - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Best of luck raiding the afterlife, man. May your buffs be eternal, your flasks and pots never run out, and may all the bosses drop exactly what you want. I wish I would have been able to know you better, but even still, I'll miss you.

Alinor - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Didn't know Donnie in real life but he was a great friend over the net. I'll never forget him. -Deadish(Not meant to be mean that's the name he knew me by)

Scott Shuffler - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ DJ was so talented, smart, and loving. Knowing him was such a blessing in my life and in the lives of all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. You will be greatly missed. I still can't believe your gone. Love You Always!

Casey, April, Kaeden and Parker Bates - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ God has called another precious angel home. "Memories are forever, even if the people who help make them have to leave"... I love you DJ even though your gone you will never be forgotten your "Memory" will always live on.

The Bennett Family - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Although I didn't know you that long, you made it seem like I have known you all of my life. In everything you did, you made me feel welcome. If I needed someone to talk to, you were there to help out to the best of your abilities. Thanks for being a good friend. Rest in peace, Donnie.

Josh Davis (Pat's Brother) - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ God Bless you. You are in our prayers.

David and Renea Lawman - April 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ We love you and miss you and are praying for your family. You left us far to early friend and are being missed by many. Not many compare to the friend you always were. We will miss your laugh, smile, music and so much more. wendy

Wendy Small Lancaster - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ Donnie; My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. My heart goes out to you all and I just pray that God will give you strength to carry on and know that his grace is sufficient.
Kristy Shankles Phillips

Kristy Shankles Phillips - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for your loss. We love your family so very much and we are there for each of you anytime. May all the love you feel around you help ease some of the pain in your heart! We wish you love and strength during this time. Please call us if you need anything.

Scott, Ronda, Dusty and Dylan Harper - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ Dad & I just want to say how much we love you guys and are lifting you up in our prayers. We love you very much.

Angela Russell Nichols - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Praying for your family during this difficult time. God Bless! Tammy Mize Secretary Department of Communication Jacksonville State University

Tammy Mize - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Donnie's family! I went to school with Donnie until the 8th grade..haven't seen him in years as many of our classmates loose touch over the years but I will never forget him! He was always such a sweet person that always cared about others!! He will be missed!! God Bless his family!!

Jessica (Stone) Hodges - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ I love you Donnie.. Keep smiling from heaven!! I will never forget you...I miss you "big brother"!

Heather Purner - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Donnie Wells, Jr. was a talented, smart, loving, and fun son, brother, student, and friend. Knowing him was a blessing in my life and in the lives of all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Though the distance is great the ties that bind us all together know no limits. And knowing Donnie- the music plays on!

Becky Rodgers Warren - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Donnie and Staci, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will be praying for you and thinking of you often. Love Robb and Cheryl

Robb and Cheryl Small - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ My sincerest condolences. Donnie and I were in Mrs. Martin's gifted classes together in elementary school. He was a very special person.

D.B. Burton - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Donnie was always such a big-hearted and original person. He will be missed very much. I know that words cannot heal the pain that all of you are suffering. Just know that Donnie touched many people's lives. He made many people smile and laugh. Again, I am so sorry for your loss.

Allison Dollar Ware - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Donnie was one of the sweetest men i have ever met, so respectful and kind. I am really going to miss him.

Sadie J - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Words cannot express the way one feels when a close friend passes. I will miss the joy he brought into our lives, the laughs we all shared, the stories he would tell. But most of all, I will miss the kindness he showed to us all. He was a great man, and he will continue to live in our hearts. My condolences to his family, Crystal, James. I love you all.

Nathan Fleury - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My Condolences For Your Loss. Although I did not know Donnie Jr. I think I meet his Dad many years ago. Peace Be With You All A Radio Brother

Mike "Bullwinkle" Holderfield - April 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM