



Donald Eugene Williams

November 21, 1972 - September 13, 2025

Donald Eugene "Donnie" Williams, 52 of Grove, Oklahoma passed away Saturday September 13th, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri.

Donnie was born in Webb City, Missouri on November 21, 1972 to the Late Lewis Williams and Betty (Feaster) Hixon.

Donnie worked many years at Bob's Pit Stop and Richard's Truck Repair, also Brad Smith Power, all in Joplin, then lastly at Frankie's Marine in Grove. As one family member said, "Donnie was one hell of a mechanic, if he turned a wrench on it, it was gonna run. It didn't matter what kind of vehicle it was, car, truck, boat, semi, farm equipment or construction equipment. There wasn't much he didn't know about them and if he didn't know he wasn't afraid to reach out and learn." Another said, "Donnie was a true Jack of all trades." One of his biggest joys was fishing, camping and boating on Grand Lake and Elk River in Oklahoma. He loved doing it with family and friends and taking them on boat rides. He knew that lake and river like the back of his hand and he could navigate through it like no other. Donnie also enjoyed going to boat races and truck shows.

Donnie had a couple of nicknames over the years. "Dewrag Donnie" given in his younger years for always wearing them back in the day, he still would wear them from time to time. And "Uncle Donkey", lovingly given by one of his nieces. It quickly spread throughout all sides of his family and still used to this day.

There was nothing more Donnie loved than his children, grandchildren, family

and friends. One of his biggest ways to show it was always lending a helping hand anyway he could, no matter how big or small the task was. Any where from giving someone a ride, to doing car repairs and home repairs and even stepping in to help out with some teenage boys without a father figure.

Donnie is survived by 6 children. Beonka Williams of Grove Oklahoma; Cheyenne Branum and fiancé John Zimmerman; Hayden Williams all of Joplin, Missouri; Manda Juliette and husband Michael Juliette of Stockton, Missouri; Kiesha Miller and husband Billy Miller of Stark City, Missouri and Dakota Williams of Anderson, Missouri. 6 grandchildren, Caden Branum and Carly Anderson; Jeremiah Vowell-Williams; Wesson Juliette; Abel and Wyatt Miller. One brother, Gary Hixon and girlfriend, Bobbie Embrey of Grove, Oklahoma and several nieces, nephews, cousins and many longtime friends that were like family to him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Paul Williams.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are being handled by Midland Cremation Society in Joplin, Missouri.

Tribute Wall

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“ Tomorrow your birthday Donnie and its going to be hard, I miss you something awful.
I love you brother.

Gary Hixon - November 20, 2025 at 08:35 AM



“ Donnie, has been my friend for most of my life! We grew to be family not just friends. He was always there when I need a friend. We definitely had our differences but that didn't keep us from being friends. Been struggling and searching for the words to express how I feel so with that being said. You are loved and missed my brother. Say hi to my mom for me. Until we meet again RIP

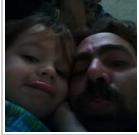


Connie Infield - September 20, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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“ "Domino" is one of my best friends, he definitely was a ride or die friend. Always had my back, which I greatly appreciated. Friends are few far in between that when it comes down to it they are there. He was a solid man. We shared many laughs, tears, and many hours of playing dice/board games, boat rides. Thankful for the memories I made with this man. Love you fly high!!! Rest easy. Til we meet again

Kris Donohue - September 17, 2025 at 03:21 AM



“ I miss you pops I'm always gonna remember going to the boat races and truck shows with you and my most favorite of all being able to fix things with you. I wouldn't be the person I am today if it wasn't for you I love you beyond words could ever explain and miss you even more. Give everyone a hug for me. I'll see again one day.

Beonka Williams - September 16, 2025 at 11:44 PM



“ Love you Donnie we had our differences but I think they made us stronger.
You was the best brother a guy could have, I had a life time with you and I'm missing you something awful,
Love you brother ❤️

Gary Hixon - September 16, 2025 at 06:43 PM



Donnie was my brother n law for 25 almost 26 years,He was an extraordinary mechanic and could fix anything!!It was his super power!!There is still a silence of breath taking TEARS of memories flooding the air.It is heavy 🙏 but I know he is in Heaven with 2 of the best ladies and many more with a spirit Flying so high. God called him on perfect timing. Trust in Lord with all your Heart. Comfort will come. Love you Donnie what a privilege to it is to Fly High with God ! You'll always be in my thoughts and prayers each time I look up at the sky I'll know your looking down on us 🌞❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️❤️

Bobbie Embrey - September 20, 2025 at 05:46 AM



Gary and myself miss him very much he was our friend he helped us on many occasions and we helped him on many occasions good bye old friend

Gary Fannin - October 01, 2025 at 01:33 PM