



Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.

January 5, 1975 - August 16, 2021

Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees, Jr., age 46, of Laurens, passed away Monday, August 16, 2021, at Prisma Health - Laurens County Hospital.

He was born January 5, 1975 in Greenwood and was a son of the late Donald S. Dees, Sr. and Sharon Cate Dees. He was employed in the grocery industry, having worked in both Bilo and Ingles over the years. He was a collector of United States Navy memorabilia and baseball cards. Donny was always kindhearted and willing to help anyone in need. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Ethan Dees (Catherine Phillips) of Laurens; his sister, Shannon D. Phelps (Paul) of Easley; his niece and nephew, Katelynn Phelps, and Jonathon Phelps.

Memorial Services will be held Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 2 PM at the Gray Funeral Home Chapel of Laurens with Rev. Enoch Wilson officiating. The family will receive friends immediately following the service.

Gray Funeral Home of Laurens

Events

AUG **Memorial Service** 02:00PM

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Gray Funeral Home Chapel of Laurens
500 W. Main St., Laurens, SC, US

AUG **Receiving of friends immediately following the service**

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Gray Funeral Home - Laurens
500 West Main Street, Laurens, SC, US

Comments



“ I am sure going to miss you and especially seeing you at Ingles. You was always a funny guy and it just do not feel real. I'm sorry you had to go out the way you did but I know god is needing you more then we do. Even though it hurts and hard to believe it was time for you to go home. Your always be a bright and fun soul that truly will be miss. Thank you for all the laughter and not once treating me any different you was a good soul.

victoria Smith - August 21 at 08:53 PM



“ I have know Donny for 30 years and was blessed to be part of his life. He was a very kind,loving,funny and special person to me. We had a great time together through the years and my heart breaks to know he is no longer with us but he is in a better place!! I will always cherish our times together and he will always hold a special place in my heart!!! Love you Donny till I see you again in Heaven!!



Amy Power Mosley - August 21 at 02:43 PM



“ I can't believe that you aren't here anymore. I didn't get to know you for very long. I remember when me and Chris got married you came back there and put your arm around me welcoming me to the family. You told me that we had your blessing. Sharon no parent should ever have to bury their child. I can't even begin to know your pain but I know God has you in his arms and Ethan too. Prayers for you all during this time. If you need anything let me know. I love y'all.

April Dees - August 21 at 12:26 PM



“ I can't believe that you are gone. Where do I start because there's so many memories. When we were kids playing baseball in the front yard and Uncle Don coaching us from the porch swing. The many Thanksgiving football games with family and friends. I love you and I will be seeing you again one day.

Chris Dees - August 21 at 12:16 PM



“ I just don't know where to start. The part of my heart he didn't take with him goes out to his family. I hope you all are able to find comfort in God's loving embrace.. I don't think there is anyone that met him that didn't love him. I can't believe we will never see that contagious smile or be warmed by the playfulness he had again. I will miss him terribly and will forever cherish the memories we made together. We did a lot of laughing in our time together! Rest in Peace until I can get one of those incredible hugs of yours again.



Christie Lynn Enzian - August 21 at 10:49 AM



“ There are not enough words to describe the heartbreak I felt when I found out you were gone! It still does not seem real. Part of my heart left with you! You and your family have always been special to me and I can't imagine the loss that they feel. Although I know you are reunited with your best friend (your dad), we will greatly miss you here!
I'll love you always, Lisa

Lisa Williamson - August 21 at 09:02 AM



“ Dear Shea, Shannon, Ethan, and family,

I don't really know where to begin...so many precious memories. I'm so thankful Donny was my friend growing up. We traded and talked baseball cards for hours! We both loved our Dad's with all of our hearts...they were our best friends and heroes! The Dees' home was our home away from home, we were always welcome. Some of my fondest recollections...swimming in the Dees' pool, conversations on the porch swings late at night, and playing community football together. God blessed our neighborhood with a great group of kids. We will miss you so much Donny!

Love,
Enoch Wilson

Enoch Wilson - August 20 at 10:47 PM



“ So so kind. He and shannon were fortunate to have ur family too. Neighbors were friends and love abounded and we prayed for the friends of ur children. Thank you for the comforting words.

Shea dees - August 21 at 12:17 AM



“ Donny, you were such a joy from the moment you entered this world.. you with that charming smile and dimples to melt any heart. I wasn't ready for you to return to our Father God even though I knew u were on loan from the beginning. Honey we'll always miss your loving heart and enthusiasm for life and baseball cards. We love you, Ethan and momma.

Shea dees - August 20 at 09:05 PM



“ He loved you and Ethan so much!

Lisa Williamson - August 21 at 09:03 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr..



August 20 at 03:57 PM



“ One of the greatest memories I have with my Uncle is sitting there playing poker with him and my Grandfather. Not sure how but I won a lot (pretty sure they let me). Another one I have is when my Grandfather passed, a couple weeks after I had been gifted baseball cards from him. and He helped me know what I was looking at when I first got them. My uncle meant a lot to me and taught me a lot. I will miss you forever. Love you!

Jonathon Phelps - August 20 at 03:07 PM



“ So surprised to hear bout Donnie , he worked for me in Abbeville Bilo , very good friend and true he would do anything for you



Lewis Wood - August 20 at 10:28 AM



“ Cathy Watts Hughes lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.



Cathy Watts Hughes - August 19 at 09:42 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr..



August 19 at 12:51 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Donny's passing. It was a shock. He was a good man. May God wrap his arms around each of you and bring you strength and comfort in the coming days. Rest in Peace Donny.

Jayne and Mike Lollis - August 19 at 10:11 AM



“ Donna Hampton lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.



Donna Hampton - August 19 at 08:37 AM



“ Im so very sorry!

Donna Hampton - August 19 at 08:37 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr..



August 18 at 09:09 PM



“ KimJones lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.



KimJones - August 18 at 08:28 PM



“ Sandra Laws lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.



Sandra Laws - August 18 at 05:21 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr..



August 18 at 10:31 AM



“ Sharon, Ethan and to the rest of the family
I am so sorry for your loss. My heart hurts. Donny was the love of my life. He will always be in my heart. Prayers for all of you.

Katie Matich - August 18 at 04:08 AM



“ Sharon and family
I am so very sorry to learn of Donny's passing. I remember when he was born, we lived beside you and Don on East Main. My heart breaks for you. My thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Love and prayers
Peggy Satterwhite

Peggy Satterwhite - August 18 at 12:18 AM



“ Sharon, so sorry to hear of Donny and the sickness of Shannon. ,haven't see y'all in years but I remember a lot of good times and watching your kids grow up. God Bless and be with you and your family. In my prayers and thoughts.



Janice Hames - August 17 at 11:04 PM



“ On behalf of advance auto parts team members I want to say we are so sorry for your loss. He always brought a smile to our face and always had something funny to say. We will truly miss him.



Michele Montgomery Rowell - August 17 at 11:03 PM



“ Our hearts are hurting for your family. Donny was a gentle, hard working man and his presence will always be missed in our lives. May the God of all grace comfort your hearts in the days. We are also praying for Shannon and her family.

Bro. Dave and Barbara Johnston - August 17 at 10:03 PM



“ My sweet Donny , I miss you so much already. Please watch over us ,We love you so much, REST IN PEACE



Kelli Landrith - August 17 at 08:44 PM



“ This is heartbreaking. I have known Donny since we were small children. Your hugs, love and smile will be missed. Rest easy my friend. Please tell daddy I love him. Praying for Sharon and the family.



Johnnie Watts Yelton - August 17 at 08:43 PM



“ Lavender & White Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr..



August 17 at 07:07 PM



“ Gayle Conner Richmond lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Shealy Ashley Dees Jr.



Gayle Conner Richmond - August 17 at 05:19 PM



“ My heart is breaking for this family!! I have known Donny since he was a small child and I just can't believe he is gone. Peace, comfort, love and prayers for all. He will always be in our hearts and memories!!

Gayle Conner Richmond - August 17 at 05:18 PM