



## Donald F. White Jr.

January 20, 2025

Donald F. White, Jr. "Donnie" was born January 1973 in Portsmouth, Va. and passed away unexpectedly on January 20, 2025. He is preceded by his father Donald F. White, Sr. and his sister Valerie L. White, his nephew Drew Smith, his Aunt Betty and Uncle Gene Dabney and his cousin Denise Carrow. Donnie is survived by his life partner Dusty May Sawyer and his two sons Donald F. White, III "Tres" and Dustin Floyd White, his mother Peggy L. White, his sister Vonda L. Smith, his brother-in-law Doug, his nephew Dawson A. Smith, his Aunt Dale Culpepper, his uncle Lester White (Sharon), numerous cousins and his favorite Puerto Rican Stephanie Martir-Houck aka "Cling On". Donnie enjoyed a special relationship with his in-law family, The Tilletts', especially Gay, Pop, and Nana.

Donnie was raised in the Western Branch area of Chesapeake and moved to the Outer Banks right after graduation from high school to join the fishing fleet. Being a third-generation fisherman, Donnie lived out his passion on the water working for and learning from the best. One of his greatest accomplishments was buying his first boat the Sea Wolf always referred to as Black Betty. He fished her many seasons and earned the title as one of the Top Tuna Fisherman. Donnie then moved on to the charter fleet with his sportfishing boat also named the Sea Wolf. He was victorious at the tournament scales numerous times.

Donnie never met a stranger. He would help anyone in need and always had a smile. His love for his sons and his family were unmeasurable. He will be greatly missed and his zest for life will forever be in our hearts.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 12:30pm until 1:15pm. A procession will leave the funeral home at 1:30pm to Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens, where Pastor Ray Bjorkman of Beach Fellowship Church will conduct a graveside service.

**GET YOUR HEAD RIGHT!**

# Previous Events

## A Visitation Celebrating His Life

JAN **29**. 12:30 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel  
3225 Academy Ave  
Portsmouth, VA 23703

# Tribute Wall

TG

“ I am so sad to hear about Donnie and want his family to know that you are in my prayers. I moved to Chesapeake in the 6th grade and immediately became friends with Donnie. All he wanted to do was to fish and be like his Dad. 30 years later we reconnected and I was able to fish The Big Rock with him. His knowledge of the sea was amazing but to see his smile was even better. Rest in peace Captain!

---

**Tim Good** - January 28, 2025 at 11:33 AM

LJ

“ Well my heart is filled with sadness, my husband and I met Donnie a few years back he was the Captain on a boat and fell from the bridge, we were sitting at the pool bar in Isla Mujeres Mexico and Donnie and his mate come walking over to the bar, well I should say his mate walked as he had to help Donnie. He was in very bad shape we offered to help him in any way we could and his response was my wife and mother are on their way here. He was so pleasant to us considering the pain we talked and kept drinking. Finally Dusty and mom came. They got a room 2 doors from us at Posada Del Mar his wife and mom the sweetest girls, so after my husband and I would continue to check in on them the rest of the week we were there. And I continue to talk with Dusty on FB ever since. I can't believe Donnie came through that horrible accident, only to leave us such a short time later.

*RIP to a wonderful man*

*Brian and Lisa Jones*

*South Jersey*

---

**Lisa Jones** - January 26, 2025 at 12:48 PM