



Donald "Donnie" L. Knies

January 27, 1954 - December 23, 2025

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Donald E. "Donnie" Knies, age 71, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at 5:59 a.m. on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at home surrounded by family.

Donnie was born in Huntingburg, Indiana, on January 27, 1954, to Earl and Delphine (Heldman) Knies. He married Sharon Schlachter on August 24, 1975, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana.

He was a 1972 graduate of Jasper High School.

He was an Operations Tech and Mechanic for ANR Pipeline for 31 years. He was known for being a skilled mechanic and body repairman.

Donnie was a member of Redemption Christian Church in Jasper, Indiana.

Surviving is his wife, Sharon Knies, Jasper, IN, two children, Adam (Jill) Knies, Jasper, IN, and Shawna (Jason) Verkamp, Celestine, IN, two grandsons, Ty and Tryp Verkamp, three sisters, Audrey Haas, Carmel, IN, Valerie (Brian) Thompson, Celestine, IN, Sarah (Brian) Kidd, Poynette, WI, one brother, Stan

(Dino) Knies, Jasper, IN, and nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents, two brothers-in-law, Skip Place and Cal Haas, and one nephew, Isaac Frank.

Private family services will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.becherkluesner.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

DS

“ I will remember Donnie as a genuine, good person. Condolences to Donnie's family and siblings.

Dan Schroeder - December 30, 2025 at 05:21 PM

CH

“ The family of Cletus and Ruth Heldman send our deepest condolences to Sharon and all of the family. We have many fond memories of Donnie from our visits to Indiana over the years. He was always kind, welcoming, and we enjoyed our conversations with him about cars, work, and family. Donnie fought his cancer bravely and is now at peace in God's loving care. He will be greatly missed.



Cletus Heldman - December 29, 2025 at 04:48 PM

LH

“ I remember Donnie and Sharon when we attended First Baptist Church and then Redemption Christian Church. Prayers and sympathy to the family. Sincerely, Linda Hoffman

Linda Goodrid Hoffman - December 26, 2025 at 08:21 AM

BU

“ The “Gib and Margaret Schroering” family sends our deepest sympathy to Sharon and family and all the Knies siblings, We have many memories of family gatherings when growing up at Celestine. RIP Donnie! 🙏❤️

Bonnie Uebelhor - December 25, 2025 at 08:37 PM

TE

“ Sharon, I hope you know we are thinking of you. We wish you comfort and peace in the days ahead and loving memories to hold in your heart. Terry & Marilyn Enlow

Terry & Marilyn Enlow - December 24, 2025 at 11:06 PM

BM

“ Sharon, Donnie's prayers were answered. He will spend Christmas Day in heaven with Jesus. Sharon our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We love you. Bob and Alice Metcalf

Bob and Alice Metcalf - December 24, 2025 at 02:10 PM

DS

“ RIP Donnie. God bless you and your family.



David Striegel - December 24, 2025 at 11:04 AM

BT

“ WE ARE SO VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS I HAD YOU ON MY MIND YESTERDAY AND WAS WONDERING HOW DONNIE WAS DOING . WINDELL HAD TO STOP HIS TREATMENTS MADE HIM TO SICK AND HAD TO ALSO HAVE HIS GALLBLADDER TAKEN OUT AND PORT REMOVED HE IS DOING DAY BY DAY. KEEP YOU IN MY PRAYERS. WINDELL AND BRENDA TOBY.

BRENDA & WINDELL TOBY - December 24, 2025 at 09:48 AM

SH

I will keep praying for Windell. Miracles can still happen! Stay strong during this journey. Our faith is what helps us through.

Sharon - December 28, 2025 at 07:26 PM

DH

“ *RIP Donnie. Prayers and hugs for family*

Dave and Ann Hostetter - December 24, 2025 at 06:15 AM

RH

“ *ON BEHALF OF ALL THE WHODERVILLE NEIGHBORS, LET US EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE KNIES FAMILY DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME. 🙏*



PLEASE KNOW THAT WE HAVE YOU IN OUR PRAYERS, THOUGHTS, AND OUR PRECIOUS MEMORIES OF DONNIE.

REST IN PEACE, GOOD NEIGHBOR 🕯️ ❤️ 🙏

Rosie Henriott - December 23, 2025 at 06:47 PM

SM

“ *Our condolences to the family of Donnie Knies on his passing. Keeping you in our prayers*

Scott Mehringer - December 23, 2025 at 06:09 PM

MS

“ *Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" L. Knies*



Mark Schulte - December 23, 2025 at 12:00 PM

MS

Rest in Peace JHS classmate .

Mark Schulte - December 23, 2025 at 12:01 PM

YL

Sharon, Adam, Shawna & family, so sorry for your loss. You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

Yvonne Lueken - December 23, 2025 at 01:16 PM

SL

*Really good guy and class mate.
Deepest condolences to the family.*

Steve Lindauer - December 23, 2025 at 08:07 PM

DF

My heart is heavy with the news of Donnie's passing yet celebrates the peace he now knows in the arms of Jesus. Thoughts and love to Sharon and the Family. Dr. Jim Finot - Savannah, Georgia

Dr. James Finot - December 26, 2025 at 01:47 PM