



Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger

June 22, 1954 - October 26, 2020

Dateline Davie, Florida

Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger, age 66 of Davie, Florida, formerly of Jasper, IN, passed away on Monday, October 26, 2020 at Memorial Hospital West in Florida after a short illness.

Donnie was born in Jasper, Indiana on June 22, 1954 to Charles A. and Irene (Heidet) Kruger.

He retired from Jack Lyons Truck Parts in Florida.

He was a member of the Jasper Moose Lodge #1175.

Donnie enjoyed comic book collecting, was an avid Miami Dolphins and I.U. Basketball fan, and enjoyed spending time with family and nieces and nephews.

Surviving is one brother; Charles F. Kruger, Jasper, and several nieces and nephews, including the ones he was raised with; Roxane Eckerle (Scott), Angie Flick, Deanna Zehr, Mitch Zehr, Ted Zehr (Cheryl), Clyston Zehr Jr. (Debbie), and Todd Zehr, also several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, two sisters; Valeria Zehr, and Patricia Kruger, and one brother; Robert Kruger.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Fairview Cemetery in Jasper.

A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. Mass time at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Tuesday. Masks and social distancing will be required for the visitation and Mass.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Precious Blood Catholic Church, or to a favorite charity.

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

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 3. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St Joseph Catholic Church
1029 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Donnie/Bongo went together for 6 years he was a good person but not the best boyfriend. But I was very shocked and saddened by his passing. He had a great family his mother Irene was very good to me and his sister Valeria and all the neices we had very good times. Valeria loved Donnie and his mother was an awesome mom. I remember when she owned the diner she would feed Donnie & I. I would stay late to help her clean the diner. Donnie & I had some good friends. I spoke to Donnie about a year & half ago. He never remarried again and had no children. I wish he could have found love again. All I know is he was my first love and always loved him very much. My heart aches he was very special to me at one time. Linda Kieffner/Lynch



Linda Lynch - July 16, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ Donnie was one of my closest friends for the past 30+ years. More like a brother to me than my own family. I miss him every day. Had plans of things to do when we were both retired. The old saying is so true, "You plan...God laughs". Fly with the angels my friend.

Peri Boyarsky - November 04, 2020 at 10:05 AM



OMG I just read that Donnie died I had no idea I have been calling him and texting him I am so distraught

Mary Mans - December 26, 2020 at 11:13 PM

JM

“ My condolences to Donnie’s family.
I remember Donnie from early Jasper Engine days. Sometimes he would call from Florida and we’d talk Rear End parts. Always great talking with him.
John McGovren

John McGovren - November 03, 2020 at 12:42 PM

NB

“ Dear family, we are so sorry for your loss. My husband & I went to ITT in Evansville when Donnie (Bongo) did. He was in electronics & we were in computer classes. He & Neil also worked at Double Cola while there. We went to a Doobie Brothers concert at Roberts Stadium together. Lots of fond memories. This is the 2nd. schoolmate we've lost from our ITT days in the last few minths. Thoughts & prayers for comfort for one & all. GOD BLESS. RIP my friend!!!

Neil & Kathy (Duer) Bradford - November 02, 2020 at 11:26 AM

MS

“ Mark Schulte lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger



Mark Schulte - October 31, 2020 at 07:23 PM

MS

Rest in peace Donnie .

Mark Schulte - October 31, 2020 at 07:23 PM

AF

Thank you, Mark! Our family appreciates you!

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MB

“ Every time Donny (Bongo) came to Indiana, he would visit with us. We visited him in Florida a couple times also. We always enjoyed seeing him & will miss him lots. Randy & Bongo used to get into a lot of mischief when they were younger. They enjoyed each other's company. You can rest in peace now Donnie.

Randy & Marilyn Burger

Marilyn Burger - October 31, 2020 at 02:40 PM

AF

Donny did so love hanging with Randy. Thank you both for being his goods friends and for sharing such kind words. His family appreciates you both!

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:01 PM

KH

“ We hung around with Donnie in high school. We would stand in front of Jack's and smoke cigarettes. I believe we were Jasper's first juvenile delinquents. His first nickname was "Mundoggy", that changed to "Bongo". We would get together every class reunion. I visited him in Florida about three years ago, that was the last time I saw him. Rest in Peace, Donnie.



Kathleen Helming - October 30, 2020 at 06:08 AM

LL

This was a shock, I went with Bongo for six years. I also went to Jasper High school. Donald loved his mother Irene she was very good to me and also his sister and nieces my heart is with you all. Just so sad at a young age.

Linda Lynch - July 14, 2021 at 07:20 AM

PS

“ *Donnie (Bongo) is an icon of the JHS class of '72. He is missed.*

Pamela Skinner - October 30, 2020 at 12:11 AM

AF

Thank you, Pam. The family appreciates you.

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:08 PM

MW

“ *Donnie was a very interesting guy...every class reunion, he always had great stories and reflections! You're missed already, good buddy!*

Michael K. Woolsey - October 29, 2020 at 11:13 PM

AF

Thank you for your kind words Mike!

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:31 PM

RH

“ *Rest In Peace , Prayers for the entire Family !*



Randy Heaton - October 29, 2020 at 10:33 PM

AF

Thank you, Randy. Donny's entire family thanks you!

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:32 PM

DK

“ *Dr Susan Kraft lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray "Donnie" Kruger*



Dr Susan Kraft - October 29, 2020 at 10:08 PM

AF

Thank you, Susan. The family appreciates you!

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:33 PM

DZ

“ *Donnie, you will be so missed. Always in my heart – Deanna*

Deanna Zehr - October 29, 2020 at 03:51 PM

DZ

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Deanna Zehr - October 29, 2020 at 03:49 PM

AF

Wonderful picture sis! Thank you and love you!❤️

Angie Flick - October 31, 2020 at 09:35 PM

DD

*Rest in peace! You will be missed by family and friends. Sorry for your loss.
Donna (Koch) Daunhauer*

Donna Daunhauer - November 03, 2020 at 10:27 AM