



Donnie W. Mayo

November 8, 1953 - November 1, 2024

Donnie Wayne Mayo, 70, of North Manchester and previously of Huntington, IN, passed away at 11:45 pm Friday, November 1, 2024, at Parkview Hospital Randallia in Fort Wayne, IN.

Donnie was born on November 8, 1953, in Stratford, CA, the son of Albert Mayo and Geraldine (Janes) Jones. He graduated from Gentry High School in AR and received a certificate in culinary arts. Donnie married the love of his life Carolyn Watts on February 11, 1977. They shared 25 years of marriage before she preceded him in death on January 2, 2003. He was a faithful member of Life Church in Huntington, IN. Donnie was blessed to do what he was passionate about and that was creating delicious meals. He retired from Sara's family Restaurant after 20 years being a chef.

Donnie's hippie soul led him to love nature especially willow trees. He also had a very funny side; he would always be the first one to crack a joke when things seemed tense. Donnie could get lost for hours in a good mystery/thriller novel written by his favorite authors John Grisham or James Patterson. He looked forward to playing slot games at the casinos he would visit. He was an avid sports fan and enjoyed watching the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Green Bay Packers football teams play. Yet, the most important characteristic that describes Donnie would be GIVING. His free spirit and heart of gold had no boundaries. He loved deeply and shared his love to others by cooking for

them. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include his two daughters, Diana (Jimmy) Shively of North Manchester, IN, Kristin (Charles) Hendrickson of Huntington, IN; sister, Iretha (Marty) Maxwell of AR; two brothers, Johnny (Kay) Mayo of AR, Thomas Mayo of AR; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his father, Albert Mayo, mother, Geraldine Jones, wife, Carolyn Mayo and younger brother, Robert Mayo.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Preferred memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Donnie Wayne Mayo.

Tribute Wall

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“ Wayne was a classmate of mine from Gentry High School Class of 1972. He was always such a nice guy. We lost touch over the years. We definitely would have enjoyed seeing him at our 50 year reunion (2022) and hearing about his career as a chef and all his sweet family members that we attended school with at Gentry, AR. I'm sure Wayne left good memories with his family and friends and will be missed.

Vicki (Tevebaugh) Bland

Vicki Bland - November 07, 2024 at 09:07 PM

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“ He was a very good man and a very good friend and a father and I got grandfather and he loved his football and his books and the cat. The cat was his favorite person. Gonna miss my friend.

Cathy Shively - November 05, 2024 at 12:17 AM