



## Donnie May

November 14, 1958 - January 16, 2025

Mr. Donnie May, devoted father, son, brother, uncle and friend, was born on November 14, 1958 in Wilson County, NC. He departed this earthly life on January 16, 2025 surrounded by his loving family.

Donnie was educated by the Stamford CT public school system. Later in life, he met and married Denise Dreher and with their marriage came the joy of their life, Taurean May.

Donnie was a determined and hardworking man throughout his life. Some of his careers included a technician at Pitney Bowes in CT, until finding his calling as a limousine driver, which he performed and executed wonderfully for over 25 years. Donnie decided to move to Winchester, VA to care for his mother before retiring from Rubbermaid as his final occupation.

Donnie enjoyed many things. From playing spades, watching Sanford & Son and other classic sitcoms, to enjoying Sunday football and cheering on his favorite team the New York Giants. But of course, as all know, Donnie loved to sing. You could say he was a walking jukebox. Donnie had a song for every situation. He believed that we should call on the name of the Lord in good times and bad

because "The Lord sees and he knows."

Known and loved by so many, Donnie was given multiple nicknames. Sharing a few would include: Don Juan Demarco, Don Juan from the Amazon, Old geezer, Skint, D, Stanley, Grunkel Stan, last but not least BOSS! Each of

these names were personal and he cherished them all.

Above all, Donnie was a God-fearing man and a strong believer in the faith. He was a member of changing lives prayer line ministries, where he was an active participant in praise and worship as well as ministering. While ministering often to his family, he would sing the message and the word of God.

Donnie truly was one of a kind. He was always there in any way he could be. Donnie lived his life as a Good Samaritan to all that he encountered in his life. We are blessed to have experienced his kindness, compassion, and mainly his love.

Donnie is preceded in Glory by his parents James and Lureathea May; 5 brothers, Thomas Ray Dixon, Ronnie May, Gregory May Sr., Haywood Charles May and Willie Albert Dixon; 3 sisters, Joyce Marie May, Ruby Dorris Forman and Patricia Ann Price. He is survived by his son Taurean May (Bridgeport CT) 2 brothers, James Oscar May Jr. (Viola May, California MD), Thurman May (Hagerstown MD)

1 sister Sylvia Jean Miller (Winchester VA). A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

A service will be 11:00 am Friday in Phelps Funeral Chapel 311 Hope Drive Winchester officiated by Bishop Bobby T. Hudnall. Burial will be in Shenandoah Memorial Park.

Friends will be received Thursday 6-8:00 pm in the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **23**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service  
311 Hope Dr  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 722-2424  
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## Service

JAN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phelps Funeral and Cremation Service created a MEETING ID: 830 0067 2659 PASSCODE: 823 488 in memory of Donnie May*



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**Phelps Funeral & Cremation Service** - January 23, 2025 at 01:13 PM

S.

“ *Rest in power Don Juan* ☐ 🙏



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**S.Manning** - January 24, 2025 at 12:42 PM

NT

“ *Nicol Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie May*



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**Nicol Thompson** - January 24, 2025 at 08:43 AM

NS

“ Nicol Sierra sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie May



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Nicol Sierra - January 24, 2025 at 08:43 AM

CH

“ Our Deepest condolences to the family and friends of Brother Donnie May. We enjoyed him sharing his life and love 💕 with us. We love 💕 his songs he sung with such passion and warmth. My daughter, Kathy want to thank you so much for yr Limousine Service you provided for her on many trips fr LAX Your warmth made her feel happy and safe. I reflect on one of your songs “What Else Do You Want Him to Do”. Brother Donnie Rest in the Shalom (Peace) of God. We love 💕 you so much. Carolyn, Kathy and Sharon Hargrove



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Carolyn Hargrove - January 24, 2025 at 07:43 AM

NS

“ Nicol Sierra lit a candle in memory of Donnie May



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Nicol Sierra - January 24, 2025 at 06:32 AM

NS

“ To Brother/Uncle Donnie May, You were, and still are a Blessing to my life. I can still hear you sing your beautiful songs. "What More Do You Want Him To Do", one of your favorite songs. I Love You, You Rest now ❤️ .

Peace.

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**Nicol Sierra** - January 24, 2025 at 06:31 AM

AB

“ My deepest condolences to the May family on the loss of their loved one. Sleep with the angels Donnie!!!

Annette Brown

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**Annette Brown** - January 23, 2025 at 02:59 PM

WP

“ Brother Donnie was a kind man loved by his family and friends. He liked to sing. I can hear him now singing, "The Hem of His Garment". I loved to hear him sing it. It always moved me.  
Evangelist Perry

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**Willie-Mae Perry** - January 20, 2025 at 06:45 PM

AW

“ My Condolences to the entire May family. You all always felt like my biological family when you were in Connecticut due to the close relationship I had with my late best friend Patricia May Price. Donnie, you are now resting with all of them. Sleep on my brother and continue your rest, I God chose because you were one of his best.

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**Althea Watford** - January 20, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LB

“ Praying for my Family Love You Uncle Donnie, Please give Daddy a hug for me 💙💙

La.Verne Bridgers - January 20, 2025 at 01:31 PM

SA

“ Sarah lit a candle in memory of Donnie May



Sarah - January 20, 2025 at 12:10 PM

BY

“ I love you Uncle Donnie. Rest my angel ☐🕊️ - Diamond

Bryana Yost - January 20, 2025 at 10:48 AM