



## Donald William-Charles Blakney

August 14, 1975 - November 25, 2022

Donald "Donnie" William-Charles Blakney, 47, of Vermontville, died unexpectedly on Friday, November 25, 2022. Donnie was born August 14, 1975, in Lansing, MI. the son of Donald and Pam (Jones) Blakney. He was a man who loved turning a wrench. Following graduation from Maple Valley High School, he pursued his passion in life of being a mechanic. Donnie continued his education with courses in Diesel Mechanics. He most recently worked as a mechanic for Janson Equipment. Donnie was a homebody, who enjoyed taking care of his mother, mowing his father's lawn, and being with his dogs. He also enjoyed toying with his RC cars, and telling jokes. His biggest passion in life was his family.

Donnie is survived by his parents; sister, Carrie Blakney; nephew, Jayden Blakney; and niece, Kayla Blakney; He was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents.

Friends are encouraged to support Donnie's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Tribute Wall



- “ 1-Donnie was sitting in the recliner with a beer in his hand at my parents house one day and says “here I sit.. half a man with a full beer 🍺
- 2- Donnie had taken my daughter (about 5yrs old)to the supermarket and saw someone who looked like my Dad. he told my daughter it was her Grandpa as he watched her go running to him until he turned around.. she was PISSED And he laughed like hell at her.
3. He taught my girls that EVERY VCR tape was a “porno” so when they went to my brothers and asked to watch a porno.. my brother was speechless 🍺
4. We went canoeing and he didn't want to spend the time to tie the canoes into the truck after we were done.. we got into the MAIN intersection in Hastings and as we took off at the light, both canoes slid out into the intersection blocking all traffic til we got them loaded back up and went to a parking lot to tie them in at last 🍺
5. He went to the U.P to help my Dad do some remodeling.. He had ONE job while Dad was doing other tasks..”Just heat up the chili” Dad said.. he burnt it SO bad it tasted terrible and stunk up the entire house 🍺

*I have SO many AMAZING memories with Donnie. My heart is broken over this one for sure. I love you SO much Donnie and I will NEVER forget how amazing of a person you were. You had a huge heart and an equal sized sense of humor. This one really hurts💔😞*

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**Mellinda White** - December 15, 2022 at 01:32 AM

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“ Sending our deepest condolences to Donnie's family. We're saddened by your loss.

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**Steve and Nancy Shaver** - November 29, 2022 at 06:30 PM

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“ *I remember when my dirt bike kept breaking down he always listen to me and his first instinct was to grab the tools he needed and start fixing it so appreciated for it*

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**Jayden Blakney** - November 29, 2022 at 04:50 PM