



Donald "Donny" Freeman

January 13, 1956 - November 19, 2013

Donald Edward Freeman (Donny), 57, passed away on November 20, 2013. Donny was beloved by his wife Elizabeth, his best friend and soul mate, and all his family. Born January 13, 1956 in Denver, CO he was the 5th of 10 children. At age 10 the family moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where he made many good friends. Donny earned a masters degree in English from the University of Wyoming, taught English, and published poems and stories over the years. Later, he made many friends and loyal customers in automotive sales. Recently he rekindled a former interest, restoring furniture, and loved mid-century design.

Donny was a loving and sensitive soul, a creator of poetry, songs, short stories, and corny jokes. Some of his heroes were Steve Allen, Dean Martin, and Steve Martin; all Renaissance men like Don. He also had one hell of a singing voice. Donny acted in local theatre productions, including the starring role in Brigadoon and Dracula at the Cheyenne Little Theater and loved making people laugh. Other passions were old cars, trucks, motorcycles, spending time in the mountains, bat watching in his backyard in the summer, soaking and swimming in Glenwood Springs' hot springs, cooking, eating great food, and watching a really good movie. He owned many great machines in his life and kept them shining like new. His passion, intelligence, and love for life were sometimes muted by the difficulties of daily life and lasting peace was seemingly just beyond his reach. Our time with him was too

short. He was a spirit-warrior and we will honor his memory by allowing serenity in each moment.

Don is cherished in memory by his wife Elizabeth, children Matthew Morgan and Colleen Eddisford, brothers Chris, Jim, Rich, Bob and Andy, sisters Francie, Lucy and Peg, his Kelly family, Rita, Kathleen, Michael, Peter, Kevin, Therese, and Christopher, and his many nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his father Milton, mother Isabel, and brother Thomas. Peace be with you now our dearest husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend.

A service will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 6 pm at Unity Church of Fort Collins, 1401 West Vine.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Unity Church Fort Collins
1401 W Vine Dr
Fort Collins,, CO 80521

Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Donny" Freeman

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ So very sorry to learn of Don's passing. Will always remember him as a creative and happy soul.
Celia J.

Celia Janousek - June 18, 2019 at 10:07 AM



“ Donny, It's been four years now. Still miss you, you brat. Why did you do it? Why did you leave us? We are still grieving and feeling angry about your death. Why don't you give us some good explanation so that at least we can make an educated attempt to understand your motive, so that we can have a little closure and move forward in trying to forgive you? You obviously had no idea how deeply your suicide would affect those who love you.

Phalini - November 18, 2017 at 12:47 PM



“ Aileen Moseley lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Freeman



Aileen Moseley - November 27, 2013 at 12:37 PM



Donny you are so loved and I will miss you my true friend.

Aileen Moseley - November 27, 2013 at 12:39 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Grier lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donny" Freeman*



Kathy Grier - November 26, 2013 at 11:17 AM

KG

All I can say is my sister loves this man so very much, I am sad for all that loved Don, rest in peace Don,

Kathy Grier - November 26, 2013 at 11:18 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Donny" Freeman.*



November 26, 2013 at 08:40 AM

TS

“ It is with great sadness that I learned of Donny's untimely death. He was such a huge personality that I wasn't surprised to read how many people truly loved him.

My memories of Donny are many; he and I worked at Spradley-Barr Ford for many years. At the time we were there, a company newsletter was published on a monthly basis. Donny and I were always huge vintage Ford enthusiasts and welcomed the challenge to write a monthly column called "Fun Ford Facts". Each month, we would come up with many interesting facts after scouring our personal knowledge, reference books and other material. Don ALWAYS had more material than I did and more often than not, infinitely more interesting. I cherish all those conversations at the parts counter talking "old Fords".

After we both left S-B, we lost touch until I heard Donny was selling Harley-Davidson motorcycles. I went to see him and we re-kindled our old friendship. He was truly a walking encyclopedia of vintage (and current) Ford knowledge.

Just this year I saw Donny at the "Old Town Car Show". He was admiring all of the beautiful vintage cars and trucks but particularly the Ford Motor Company products. His attention was immediately drawn to my 1957 Ford Custom Tudor sedan. I wasn't with my car when he and his brother first saw it, but he recognized my name on the owner card and he left his business card with a nice note.

He did come back some time later and I was greeted with a big smile and a hug from my old friend. We reminisced about my car and his recently-sold '64 Galaxie as well as Fords in general (as we always tended to do) and it was great to see him again.

Donny, if you can somehow get this message, I'd like to tell you how much I cherish our friendship. I never told you that I loved you because guys never say that. But I did and I still do. You were one of the only "car-guys" that could speak intelligently about all kinds of cars. Most guys can't; their expertise is limited.

Had I known just a couple of months ago that your time with us here would be tragically cut short, I know our conversation that day would've been different. I'm sorry I didn't know. Godspeed to you, my friend.

I never got to know Donny's family but he spoke of them often (especially Liz) in the kindest and most reverent manner. I know he loved you all.

I feel like I'm a better person by having known Donny and I hope he felt the same about me.

Life is such a precious thing. When you have someone in your life you really love, please let them know. You may not always have the opportunity to say so. My only regret with Donny is that I never told him.

To Liz and the rest of Donny's family and all of his friends, please accept my deepest heart-felt sympathy for your unimaginable loss. Know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless all of you in your time of grief. Also know that you're not alone.

Tom Schlitter

Tom Schlitter - November 24, 2013 at 10:16 PM

GM

“ *Saddened by the news. Great memories of a man of INTEGRITY. I worked with Don in the car business. Could always rely on a wholesome encounter, a kind word and a happy smile. Don will be missed and remembered as a friend. Gary Manyik*

Gary Manyik - November 24, 2013 at 02:32 PM

 Sue
Tungate

“ *Dear Don, I didn't have the chance to know you as well as I'd hoped. I was looking forward to more fun times with you and Elizabeth. I think we shared an artist's view of the world...which is sometimes tough and sometimes amazing. You are so loved by your dear Elizabeth. I'm going to spend this snowy day in Santa Fe looking at art and beauty...and I will hold you and Elizabeth in my heart. love sue tungate*

Sue Tungate - November 24, 2013 at 11:29 AM

EL

“ You are free now Love. ek



Elizabeth - November 23, 2013 at 09:18 PM

EK

“ Rest now Love. ek

elizabeth kelly - November 23, 2013 at 07:58 PM

BS

“ Don and I worked together for several years and in fact shared an office. We became good friends with the same interests in motorcycles and classic cars. Don owned a '64 Galaxie 500 Ford he thought the world of. When the time came for him to sell it, he called me and I purchased it from him. It's now one of my prized collectibles. I won't ever drive it without thinking of him. Here's to you Don!!! Bob Starman, Loveland CO

Bob Starman - November 23, 2013 at 03:40 PM