



## Donovan F. Wolf

June 8, 1969 - May 17, 2020

Donovan Wolf, age 50, of Piney Flats, died unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, May 17, 2020 while planting his garden.

Donovan was born in Honolulu, HI, to Fritz and Linda Wolf. He was the eldest of 3 sons. Donovan grew up in the Stoney Creek area of Elizabethton, and later settled in Stanley, VA with his family. He relocated to Tennessee in 1997, soon after meeting the love of his life during a family trip to Tennessee.

Donovan was employed by Burleson Construction Co. for 20 years as a Project Superintendent. Most recently he was working on The Model Mill Project in downtown Johnson City. Donovan was loved like a brother by all the Burleson team and subcontractors. He was known for his infectious smile, personality, loyalty and quality workmanship. He will be greatly missed by the Burleson family.

Donovan was a loving and devoted husband and father. He loved his family dearly and took great care of them. He was always happy and deeply loved every day of his life. He was the glue of the family, always calm and ready to do what was needed of him to keep things afloat and make his family's lives better.

He loved summertime and always looked forward to hanging out by the pool, listening to music, grilling, cooking, and "Friday night Fire" with his family. He loved hosting the "Piney Pig Jig" family gathering each year during July 4th and talked about it all year. He was passionate about family and having fun, and he showed it by dedicating his time to providing these wonderful experiences to all those that he loved. Donovan was a big fan of the Tennessee Vols, as well as the Cleveland Browns and the Cleveland Indians.

In addition to his mother, Donovan was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents and paternal grandparents.

Donovan is survived by his adoring wife and soulmate of 22 years, Elizabeth (Beth) Wolf. They loved each other completely. Their whirlwind romance never ceased and served as an example of what it means to truly love and be loved in return.

Other survivors include a daughter, Hannah Wolf, of the home; a son Owen Wolf, of the home; his father, Fritz Wolf; brothers, Tyler Wolf and Travis Wolf (Donna), all of Stanley, VA; a brother-in-law, John Blevins, of Piney Flats; three uncles, Larry Ward (Sylvia), Terry Ward (Diane), Elizabethton, TN, Robert Wolf, Cleveland, OH; Very special cousins Aaron

Ward (Amy), Gate City, VA, and several other special cousins, nieces, nephews and his beloved dog Izzie.

It was Donovan's wish to be cremated. There will be no formal services at this time. An informal gathering of family and friends may be scheduled at a future date when the time is right.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to an education fund for Donovan's children or to the JDRF 200 Vesey Street 28th Floor, New York, NY 10281. Please contact the funeral home for more information on the education fund for his children.

Mr. Wolf and his family are in the care of Tetrick Funeral Services, Johnson City. Memories and condolences may be shared on our website at; [www.tetrickfuneralhome.com](http://www.tetrickfuneralhome.com). Tetrick Funeral Services 3001 Peoples Street, Johnson City, TN 37604 (423-610-7171) is honored to serve the Wolf Family,

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



**Tetrick Funeral** - May 20, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Such beautiful memories in this video.  
**Jenny Hyde** - May 20, 2020 at 07:17 PM



“ Prayers for this beautiful family  
**Jean Breeden** - May 20, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ Prayers for Peace and Understanding for Donovan's family.  
**Marie Taylor Morales** - May 20, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ What a lovely tribute. Sending thoughts and prayers to the family.  
**Mandi Baker Seal** - May 20, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ I went through high school with Donovan. We were good friends in school and we even worked together during one summer. We graduated together. I'm deeply saddened to hear about his passing. Brian W. Breeden  
**Brian W. Breeden** - May 20, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ His story, you're story as a family is filled with so much love. Hold on to that love and hold one another close. Prayers and much love comes your way. Love you. Leta  
**Leta Winters** - May 20, 2020 at 11:31 PM



“ My husband Joe Higgins worked with Donovan at the Mill and said he was always smiling and one of the nicest people he ever worked around in his whole life. He would always say Joe I seen your dogs pictures in Best shots in the paper. We are so so very sorry for the loss of Donovan. These memories in this video are the so precious and sweet. May God Comfort you all during the loss of such a Wonderful person as Donovan that was loved by all that knew him. Sincerely from Joe & Debbie Higgins  
**Joe Higgins** - May 21, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ Truly one of the best friends I have had or will ever have in my life. I don't remember exactly how I met him in roughly 1985 yet I can't remember a time before he was my friend. He will always be with me...  
**Todd Shenk** - May 22, 2020 at 06:06 AM



“ Our condolences to Fritz. We worked together many years ago when his kids were very little. Sorry for your loss.  
Russell Harr  
Lexington, KY  
**Russ Harr** - May 22, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ Sending Love And Prayers And Comfort, Thinking And Praying For Everyone, So Sorry For Your Loss, Lots Of Love With Big Hugs

**Lisa Leake** - May 24, 2020 at 05:00 PM

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“ To say I am saddened by the passing of Donovan is an understatement. I will never forget the countless memories I shared with Donovan and the Wolf family for many years now. Everything from basement sleepovers, to UT football games, to Christmas parties and summer Pig Jigs. There was never a time that Donovan didn't treat me like his own as he did with any of Hannah and Owen's friends. Donovan or D-van as we liked to joke, would always invite me to dinner even if I had only been there a few minutes, bring me home ice cream when I would have a rough day at school, or stock up on plenty of snacks to ensure a fun sleepover. Some things I will remember forever is his homemade holiday treats around Christmas time, talking about Tennessee football and softball as each season came and went, and of course, the annual Pig Jig where family and friends would gather around and enjoy each other's company with good music and even better food. A memory I will never take for granted is square dancing with Donovan around the pool at last year's Pig Jig as we laughed and sang to whatever was playing as best as we could. These are the times that I will cherish forever because a kindness like Donovan's does not go unnoticed. There was never a moment that I didn't feel like family and I'm thankful for the time I had with Donovan as he played the role of a second father to me, but I am beyond grateful that Hannah's friendship gave me the chance to experience memories such as these. Donovan was an amazing husband who loved Beth like no other and he was as equally an amazing father to Hannah and Owen. I know he is so proud of the daughter and son he has raised. Donovan lived everyday to please and provide for his family who he loved dearly. He was a man who was a friend to everyone he met and even in death, is loved and cherished by so many. Donovan is already incredibly missed but his memory will live on in every life that he had the chance to touch while here on earth.

**Jana White** - May 30, 2020 at 10:21 AM

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“ Beth, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. With deepest sympathy I am very sorry for your loss.



**Kathey Haynes** - May 23, 2020 at 12:23 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the Wolf family. Memories from our high school days are many. Donovan was a great guys and was always kind, funny, and protective of those close to him. I remember taking \$1 dollar collections to gas up his car when we were going to and from school or football practice. I remember Donovan and his family very quickly endearing themselves to the community. I remember, almost as if we were living a country song, partying on Saturday night and then sitting in church together on Sundays. He will be missed, but his memory and legacy is strong!

**David Baker** - May 23, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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“ Deepest sympathy to your family and his friends. I knew Donavan as a child•• always smiling and sweet. May God give you peace and comfort through these saddest of days.

**molly hayes** - May 22, 2020 at 01:52 PM

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“ Sorry to hear about the passing of our former teammate Donovan Wolf. He was always a pleasure to be around and made the people around him feel better about themselves. Enjoyed our time together at Page County High School, Please know your former Panther teammates and classmates are praying for your family! Paul Comer Class of '86

**Paul Comer** - May 21, 2020 at 01:29 AM

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“ Beth and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you strength and comfort. Tracy and Linda Bishop (I worked with you at Citi several years ago)



**Linda Bishop** - May 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM

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“ Donovan...You were always one of my favorite students . I just can't believe you are gone. Prayers for your family and friends. You will forever hold a special place in my heart...

**Dianna Alger** - May 20, 2020 at 06:03 PM

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“ The love Donovan and Beth have is the kind many people won't experience in their entire lifetime. By knowing them since I was 5 years old, this couple exemplifies the term "soulmate." I'm so lucky to have grown up with this family and to have seen the work ethic and love Donovan poured into Beth, Hannah, and Owen. My favorite memories include many pig jigs, the gift of Donovan's Christmas cookies every year, and spending the night with Hannah on school nights because he would wake us up with breakfast as if I were his own child. Any friend of Hannah or Owen knows he treated each of them as his own when they were there. Donovan was one of the best and memories of him will never be forgotten. Hannah and Owen, know how proud of you he is now and always.

**Caitlin Hale** - May 20, 2020 at 04:35 PM

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“ Your physical absence leaves a hole we can never fill, but the love of family endures forever in our hearts where you will safely rest until we meet again.

**Donna Wolf** - May 20, 2020 at 03:48 PM



“ Beth, I'm certainly thinking about you and your family during this difficult time. I didn't know Donovan but had heard so many nice things about him.

Sandra Hodge

**Sandra Hodge** - May 20, 2020 at 09:59 PM



“ A man that I respected knowing that his heart was made of gold. There was always a smile that gave you a sense that life was good and he was caring, giving and wanted you to share in its goodness. Prayers going up for all of his family and friends for this man will be missed. GOD's peace be with you for knowing that his smile is there waiting for you in that eternal home in Heaven.

Ken Broyles,

**Ken Broyles** - May 22, 2020 at 08:59 PM

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