



Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald

March 9, 1959 - January 28, 2018

Jackie David Donald
Central, South Carolina

Jackie David Donald "Big Dave" age 58, husband of Karon Lynne Merck Donald, went to be with the Lord Sunday, January 28, 2018 at his home surrounded by family. Mr. Donald was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina son of the late Jack Carroll Donald and Mary Elizabeth Jarrett Donald of Duncan, South Carolina.

Many were blessed by "Big Dave's" contributions to the community. One of the ways he helped others was through his business Central Honda Service. He owned and operated Central Honda Service for 28 years, which earned him the nicknames Honda Man and Superman. David also served on City Council for 8 years where he helped beautify and improve safety in the downtown Central area. We will dearly miss our Superman and all he did for us.

Survivors include his loving wife of thirty years, two daughters; Brooke Ellyn Donald of Central, Deanna Louise Donald Phifer (Aaron) of Anderson, two sisters; Elizabeth Grau "Libby" (Phil) of Duncan, Karen Donald of Charlotte, NC, one granddaughter; Collyn Elizabeth Phifer, one future granddaughter, and his beloved dog Bella.

Visitation will be Wednesday January 31, 2018 from 1:30pm to 2:45pm at Lawrence Chapel United Methodist, 2101 6 Mile Highway, Central with Memorial Service to follow at 3:00pm.

Mr. Donald was predeceased by his father Jack Carroll Donald.

Memorials may be made to Oconee Humane Society, 1925 Sandifer Blvd, Seneca, SC 29678, Epworth Children's Home, 2900 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 29205 or Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church, 2101 6 Mile Highway, Central, SC 29630.

Mountain View Funeral Home is serving the Donald family.

Tribute Wall

ZT

“ *Today is your first birthday in Heaven my friend
Rejoice, we Will see you again for sure !*

ZZ Tommy - March 09, 2018 at 12:33 PM

Jan
Lay

“ *Dear Karon...words cannot express how sad I
am for you and your family. You are in my
heart...*



Jan Lay - February 12, 2018 at 01:52 PM

DH

“ *Doug Hooper lit a candle in memory of Jackie
David "Big Dave" Donald*



Doug Hooper - February 05, 2018 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ I first met Big Dave in 1981 working in the same dealership. We became friends in about 2 minutes. When he opened his first shop I would leave work and go straight to his shop & we would work often till 1am. Years later I worked for him at Central Honda. One day someone asked, "How do y'all get any work done? Every time I come in y'all are laughing about something". That was life with Big Dave. He had a heart as big as all outdoors. To him no favor was too big for a friend in need, and he would often drop what he was doing to run to the aid of town people or even strangers. It was my honor to be his friend and to work with him. Big Dave, thanks for always being there. I will miss that laugh, but am happy to remember all the fun we had together and all we accomplished... Your friend forever, Doug Hooper("Bud")

Doug Hooper - February 05, 2018 at 05:49 PM

DM

“ David was the Best! He will be greatly missed.....I know the Angels in Heaven will be so glad to have him there with them!!!

Diane Martin - February 02, 2018 at 08:47 PM

SW

“ My most sincere condolences to you Karon, Brooke and Deanna. Davey D was my 5th big brother when I was a young girl. I know he will be dearly missed by all that knew him. My hearts go out to this sweet family. Bless all of you.

Sandy Walker - February 02, 2018 at 09:26 AM

SN

“ Karon, Brooke and Deanna, David would have been so proud of you all yesterday! The service was extremely nice, loving and sweet, just like him and all of you!! He will forever be in our hearts. If you ever need anything just let us know and we will be there! Don't ever forget how much he loved you all.

Steve & Nancy

Steve & Nancy - February 01, 2018 at 07:46 AM



“ A man with such a wonderful spirit. His laugh and his love for his family beyond words. One that is going to be missed. May the Lord give each grace needed in the weeks ahead. A pleasure to know. God Bless.

Bette Pilgrim - January 31, 2018 at 02:58 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.



January 31, 2018 at 07:25 AM

RH

“ First, please allow me to express my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of David. Mama and daddy loved him like a son - my siblings like a brother. I have multiple memories of this beloved gentleman. My first one is from early 1970's. He owned a AMC Javelin car. We reached a speed of 120mph, fast! He loved cars and a awesome driver. He was a master quiche pie chef. He loved the Town of Central and worked hard to better the town. I had the honor and opportunity to serve with him on two civic committies. His advice and wisdom always inspiring. His most remarkable achievement was his dedication, devotion, and love for his family plus his church. Our loss on earth is Heavens gain.

With Sincere Love,
Ralph Hayes

Ralph Hayes - January 31, 2018 at 04:22 AM

TM

“ David was just, simply put, a great man in my eyes. As a business owner, he was always fair and you got the best he could give. He wasn't afraid to tell you how to fix something he could easily do if he knew you could accomplish it. That was really cool of him.to do that. I'd run into him at the former BP station on the corner in the early morning and he'd joke about the energy rings he was buying (chocolate covered donuts) and how he really shouldn't eat them. I don't remember ever talking with David when he didn't have something to say that would make me laugh. David, rest in peace my friend.

To you, David's family. I'm sorry I didn't know you personally, but you were the apple of his eye. He loves you so much. May God bless you all and keep you in His hands, comforting you from here to eternity.

Tim McPeak

Tim McPeak - January 30, 2018 at 09:24 PM

CE

“ To Big Dave my best friend...No words can express what you meant to me and my family. I will always cherish all the times we talked, ate together, hung out at the shop, and especially all the pranks and laughter we shared. My prayers are with your family and close friends but one of these days I'll see you again in Heaven. Until that day, I love you friend and brother! Chris Evatt

Chris Evatt - January 30, 2018 at 08:34 PM

SN

“ Mr David was an awesome person, in his business and his life, he was always honest, kind and condiderste of others! God had David in the petfect place to be a witness and to shine! He was a great husband, dad and papa. His eyes would light up at just the mention of the names of his girls, and even more so when you would mention his grandchildren. He loved his family very much and it was extremely obvious. We will remember him with great love and foundess and appreciation. We will remember his sweet family in prayer.

Steve & Nancy

Steve and Nancy - January 30, 2018 at 06:28 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



drue - January 30, 2018 at 05:24 PM

DR

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Drue - January 30, 2018 at 04:09 PM

TW

“ There are moments throughout our days when there are no words. Not because there’s nothing more to say, but because there are not words enough. I don’t even know where to begin I have been there, too & I know the courage it takes to go on when your every breath aches. To say he was a friend would be a gross understatement and this is where the BIG in BIG Dave comes in as he was bigger than life itself and was ALWAYS there for you ! I was diagnosed with cancer in 2012 and he was there for me and kept me laughing through it all and when he called me and told me he had cancer we just leaned on each other even more and one day when we both were feeling tired he said we need to duct tape ourselves together to get one good body! I will carry his smile and humor forward through anything this life throws at me ! He Loved his family with All his Heart and it showed and there is nothing I can say that will bring him back, but I will stand here all the same with you, my heart broken open with yours & remember what we have lost ! It is still so new and all we see is the empty space, but that is not how it is in Heaven . There, there is no empty space & he still laughs & grapples with ideas & plans & nods wisely with each of us in turn. We are proud to have known him. We are proud to have called him friend. Most of all I can truly say it was an HONOR to know him ! I will carry him with me to the end of my days remembering all the moments he taught me to trust my own heart to be alive.

*God Speed my Friend
Until We Meet Again !
Tommy Wood*

Tommy Wood - January 30, 2018 at 03:58 PM

TW

“ Tommy Wood lit a candle in memory of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald



Tommy Wood - January 30, 2018 at 03:23 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.



January 30, 2018 at 01:46 PM

TP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Karon, Deanna, Brooke, and all of the Donald and Merck family. David was such a thoughtful and kind person and had a wonderful sense of humor! He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

Tracy Garrett Pratt

Tracy Pratt - January 30, 2018 at 12:28 PM

KA

“ Karon, Brooke, Deanna, Aaron, and Collyn:
Please accept our deepest sympathy in the loss of David. He meant so much to my family. His kindness toward my sister, and my Cody, will never be forgotten. We appreciate everything he did for us. He kept my 17 year old Accord going for us...he advised me when I bought a Hybrid Honda...We will miss his kindness and advice. Hugs and love...Mike and Kathy Clark Carpenter.

Kathy - January 30, 2018 at 12:25 PM

TF

“ The Hartmann Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.



The Hartmann Family - January 30, 2018 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ Dear Karon and Family,
It is with great sadness to hear of Jackie's passing. Please know that you will be in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Celebrate the memories and his life!!!
Love,
Dan and Ann Hofmann

Dan Hofmann - January 30, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.*



January 30, 2018 at 10:58 AM



“ *David (I did not know him as Big Dave) was a true friend and gentleman. I was one of his Central Honda clients, from the late 90's until he said "I just can't do it anymore." I appreciated his integrity: honest, truthful about repairs and the charges, referrals out to others when he could not repair something, appointments in a timely fashion, even taking me to a local coffee shop or home while I waited for the check up--then, coming to get me. I used to wonder how he could spend all of that time on the road (5-10 minutes each way) and still accomplish so much with so many Hondas brought to him by everyone.*

This past year after he closed his shop, I have prayed for him, wondered how he was doing, missed him, his jokes, his chuckle, conversations about the economy, politics, and his girls. He was so proud of his family!

*May God hold each of you in His peace and comfort knowing that David is now whole and worshipping the Lord in real time. RIP
Jerdone Davis*

Jerdone Davis - January 30, 2018 at 10:38 AM

SP

“ David was a wonderful person , friend and neighbor. I will miss him so much! He was truly blessed and was so proud of his beautiful wife and his “ girls “. The strength and grace that carried him through his illness was truly inspirational ! Gods speed David. Your life touched many people !

Sara Palmet - January 30, 2018 at 09:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.



January 29, 2018 at 10:35 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jackie David "Big Dave" Donald.



January 29, 2018 at 09:30 PM

Jl

“ May the Lord bless and keep you David. May the Lord comfort and shed his light on the girls. I will celebrate the memories and laughter we shared.

jimparrott - January 29, 2018 at 08:21 PM

RP

“ *What a great friend DAVID was to me and many others... a business neighbor for many years but a true friend. Big Dave was a very good man, father, husband & Friend to many! We really going to miss Big Dave! He was ready, and is now in no pain! Love you my friend! Rick Powell*

Rick Powell - January 29, 2018 at 07:57 PM

BW

“ *One of God's angels has been called to heaven. David is needed there to help prepare for our arrivals. We all have been blessed in knowing him and following his example. Thank you, David; and thank you, God, for sharing your angel with us.*

*Barbara Williams
Central, SC*

Barbara Williams - January 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM

DR

“ *" Big Dave " Son, Husband, Father, Papa, Friend, & Best Friend. You will be missed by many. You and your family will always be a big part of my life. This is so hard for me ! ! ! ! Your son you never had Love Always, Drue " Stick Boy "*

Drue - January 29, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DM

“ David was a special cousin I will truly miss. I called David many times during his illness and will miss our conversations about his beliefs, family and both being mechanics. I used to stop by his shop when I was in the area and we always had great time catching up on what was going on in our lives. David was very proud of his family and always caught me up on what his girls were doing and how proud he was of them. David was so special and true servant of God .

*Dean Moore
Moore, SC*

Dean Moore - January 29, 2018 at 06:17 PM