



Donnie William Crum

July 8, 1949 - March 26, 2024

Donnie William Crum, 74, of Panacea, passed away peacefully at home with his family on March 26, 2024. Born and raised in Wakulla County, Donnie Crum graduated from the last class of Sopchoppy High School in 1968, where he was a talented football player. Crum went on to attend law enforcement classes including Lively Law Enforcement Academy in 1975 and attended Gulf Coast Junior College in 1980. Donnie Crum began working as an accomplished mason / bricklayer while he served on the Sheriff's Office Auxiliary in 1973. He worked for Wakulla County Sheriff's Office beginning as a Correctional Officer/Dispatcher, Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Investigator, and Lieutenant. Crum continued his career as a Special Agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in domestic narcotics operations between 1985 and 1989, when he returned home to assume the position of Major, then Undersheriff of Wakulla County. The pinnacle of his career came when he was appointed Sheriff twice: Interim Sheriff by Gov. Charlie Crist, then as Sheriff by Florida Gov. Rick Scott in October 2011, where he served until his retirement in 2013. Crum was committed to his career as shown by the training and accolades received: Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year by Coastal Optimist Club, Advanced Training Surveillance Techniques, Economic Crimes, and Florida Asset Forfeitures. He attended the Florida Criminal Justice Executive Institute and became certified in the Investigation and Prosecution of Jamaican Gangs. Crum took part in programs with the United States Department of Justice as well as Diversified Training Programs. He was a proud member of the Florida Sheriff's Association, the Florida Intelligence Unit (F.I.U.) and a founding member of the extremely successful Big Bend Narcotics Task Force. This group of resolute undercover officers exposed hundreds of local drug smuggling operations for Wakulla and the surrounding counties. Crum's unique skills as a law enforcement officer extended well beyond the borders of North Florida. His skill and reputation allowed him to take part in Operation Grouper, a two-year undercover infiltration of domestic, Latin American, and Caribbean Cartels resulting in the convictions of 100+ criminal defendants. Over the course of 38 years, Crum successfully worked his undercover prowess with local, state, and federal agencies--The Florida Marine Patrol, The U.S. Coast Guard, The Drug Enforcement Agency, and the U.S State Attorney's Office which resulted in the seizure of drugs and money totaling millions. These

operations led to the prosecution of hundreds of offenders and contributed to Crum's lifelong and decorated law enforcement career. Donnie is thankful for being raised in a Christian home as the youngest of six children, by the late Henry & Rosa Lee Crum. He has been married to Alicia since 1989, and is blessed to have four children, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Despite significant health challenges, including being shot in the line of duty, Donnie Crum feels he would not have survived without the love of God and the support of his family. He will be remembered by his loving family wife of 34 years Alicia Crum, 4 children Candace Owens, Donovan Crum and his wife Holly, Carla Lunny and her husband Christopher & Natalie Crum, sister Mec Martin and her husband Frazier, 2 brothers Ronald Fred Crum and wife Eloise & Kenny Crum and wife Janie, 6 grandchildren Caroline Rose, Clara-Catherine, Jason, Justin, Kelsey & Hunter and 3 great grandchildren. Donnie is preceded in death by his parents Henry & Rosa Lee Crum and his brothers Glenwood Crum & Warren Crum. The family will receive friends on Friday, March 29, 2024, from 5:00-7:00 pm at Family Funeral Home/Harvey Young Chapel. Funeral Service will be Saturday, March 30, 2024, 11:00 am at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist. Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring and assisting the family with arrangements. 850-926-5919 Familyfhc.com

Cemetery Details

Panacea Cemetery

Otter Lake Rd.
Panacea, FL 32346

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Family Funeral Home-Harvey Young Chapel
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.
Crawfordville, FL 32327
paula@familyfhc.com

Funeral Service

MAR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church
117 Curtis Mills Rd.
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donnie William Crum*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - March 29, 2024 at 09:28 AM

LM

I am so sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. May God bring you comfort in knowing he is at peace and we shall see him again.

Laura Mullinax - April 03, 2024 at 06:07 PM

MK

“ *I am saddened to learn only today, Sunday, April 14, of Donnie's passing. I was back in Florida, but was ill during that time frame. I was part of the law enforcement community for many years as a federal law enforcement officer for the US Forest Service in Apalachicola National Forest in Wakulla, Leon, Franklin, and Liberty Counties. I knew Donnie during that time frame and before that through a mutual friend. He helped me find people to work on damages to my home after Hurricane Michael, which was highly appreciated. I am sorry that I missed his final service. I would have liked to attend to show my respect for a wonderful person and a competent, important, and dedicated law enforcement officer in our area.*



MaryPat King - April 14, 2024 at 04:39 PM

RT

“ *1 file added to the album Donnie Crum*



Ron Thompson - April 04, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donnie William Crum.



March 29, 2024 at 09:19 PM

CB

“ Callie Burch planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie William Crum.

Callie Burch - March 29, 2024 at 09:19 PM

JF

“ John Trice and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnie William Crum.



John Trice and Family - March 29, 2024 at 04:38 PM

HC

“ Harrison Bail Bonds. Mike and Charlie purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donnie William Crum.



Harrison Bail Bonds. Mike and Charlie - March 29, 2024 at 11:54 AM

MS

“ Mike and Donna Stephens purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donnie William Crum.



Mike and Donna Stephens - March 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM

MS

“ Mike and Donna Stephens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie William Crum.

Mike and Donna Stephens - March 29, 2024 at 10:04 AM

FD

“ *Farrah & Jimmy Duggar purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donnie William Crum.*



Farrah & Jimmy Duggar - March 29, 2024 at 09:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donnie William Crum.*



March 29, 2024 at 09:04 AM

PT

“ *ProCare Jax Leadership Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie William Crum.*

ProCare Jax Leadership Team - March 29, 2024 at 09:04 AM

TC

“ *Theresa Reynolds Conger lit a candle in memory of Donnie William Crum*



Theresa Reynolds Conger - March 29, 2024 at 03:15 AM

SS

“ *Mr. Donnie was a great person in everything he done. Always had a smile on his face no matter how ugly life would send. I remember when Mr. Donnie got shot I believe it was around the IGA in Panacea and when he got shot I believe his mother saw it all happen from her house. Our prayers are with the family as they go thru a terrible time.*

Susie Spears - March 28, 2024 at 11:33 PM

TS

“ *The Lunny/Griffin Cousins (& spouses!) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donnie William Crum.*



The Lunny/Griffin Cousins (& spouses!) - March 28, 2024 at 06:09 PM

PR

“ *Pam Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Donnie William Crum*



Pam Reynolds - March 28, 2024 at 03:11 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donnie William Crum.*



March 28, 2024 at 03:02 PM

JP

“ *Donnie was a loving and kind man, we are grateful for having him in our lives. Rest in peace, Steve, Judy, Christopher, & Jason Paris*

Judy Paris - March 28, 2024 at 02:41 PM

SP

“ *Steve, Judy, Christopher, & Jason Paris purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donnie William Crum.*



Steve, Judy, Christopher, & Jason Paris - March 28, 2024 at 02:38 PM

RP

“ Rachel and David Pienta purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donnie William Crum.



Rachel and David Pienta - March 28, 2024 at 01:31 PM

RP

“ Rachel and David Pienta planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie William Crum.

Rachel and David Pienta - March 28, 2024 at 01:31 PM

MB

“ Michele Falk Cole and Julia Baggett purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donnie William Crum.



Michele Falk Cole and Julia Baggett - March 28, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donnie William Crum.



March 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM

AC

“ Anne C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donnie William Crum.

Anne C. - March 28, 2024 at 11:14 AM