



Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier

June 30, 1937 - January 16, 2022

Donald "Donnie" Lanphier, 84, of Oskaloosa, passed away Sunday, January 16, 2022 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, IA.

Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier, son of Edward James and Beatrice Lucille (Langfitt) Lanphier, was born June 30, 1937, at the home of his parents in University Park, Iowa. He went to Sandridge Country School through the eighth grade. From a young age, Donnie loved all things mechanical, and he overhauled his first Chevrolet motor when he was 11 years old. He credits Dow Price at his auto shop in Oskaloosa, for teaching him the basics of mechanics. One of Donnie's first jobs was with Kaiser Corp. where he worked for ten years operating heavy machinery, and it was there that he was introduced to heavy equipment mechanics. In 1964, he started working for the City of Oskaloosa as the grader/maintainer operator and the head mechanic for the heavy equipment. He worked for the city for 35 years, primarily operating the blade. After his retirement in 2000, an article was published in the Oskaloosa Herald about Donnie's career with the city; it was written "the grader could be replaced but not the Blade Man. In addition to collecting cars, tractors, pocket watches, and many other things, Donnie loved the races at the Southern Iowa Fair Grounds. He bladed that track for 30 years, earning the nickname of "Blade."

January 23, 1964, Donnie married Beverly Eileen Harrison. They made their home in Oskaloosa. Donnie and Bev enjoyed attending Blue Grass Festivals and the Old Thresher's Reunion in Mt. Pleasant.

His family includes his wife, Beverly; his children: Randy (Pam) Lanphier, Jim (Sharon) Lanphier, and LeRoy Lanphier, all of Oskaloosa; six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, five great-great grandchildren, a brother, Ronnie (Connie) Lanphier of Oskaloosa and Kathy (Dennis) Sherman, also of Oskaloosa, many nieces and nephews, and a special friend, Duane Roberts of Rose Hill, IA.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Donnie will be held at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at Langkamp Funeral Chapel and Crematory with Pastor Alvern Boetsma of the Good News Chapel officiating. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday with the family present from 12:30 p.m. to service time to greet friends and relatives. Memorials can be made to

the Beverly Lanphier, to be donated to multiple organizations.

Previous Events

Open Visitation

JAN 19. 9:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
2116 N 3rd St
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
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Family Greeting Time

JAN 19. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JAN 19. 1:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

FT

“ Jim Sharon I will offer Mass today for your Dad. God bless. Fr Tom

Fr Tom - January 21, 2022 at 08:37 AM

KS

“ If you take a look at a picture I have in my cabinet at my house Donald look just like my grandpa in the picture I will take a picture of it and I will show you he looks just like my grandpa the first day I met Donald I fell in love with him he said I was a sweet girl and said I can call him grandpa I called him Grandpa lanphier for many years that I've known him I'm going to miss him deep in my heart he went to be with the Lord in the pearly white Gates of Heaven he died in the shadow of death and I fear no evil for thou is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever I will never forget him when I look in the eyes of the picture of my grandpa he looks exactly like him I will take a picture of it and show you that's a picture of my grandpa and my grandma in memory of Donald I loved you from the bottom of my heart and I will always remember you



Kathy Simmons - January 19, 2022 at 02:21 PM

JW

“ Beverly and Family

I am so sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. Sending prayers that God will be with you thru your difficult times.

Joyce (Burke) Webb

Joyce Webb - January 19, 2022 at 10:14 AM

TM

“ Sorry for your Loss

Tonia McCreery - January 19, 2022 at 08:03 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier.*



January 19, 2022 at 07:38 AM

IS

“ *Irvin Slagter lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier*



Irvin Slagter - January 18, 2022 at 10:54 AM

CA

“ *CINDY ALBRIGHT lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier*



CINDY ALBRIGHT - January 18, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier.*



January 18, 2022 at 07:29 AM

PK

“ *Patricia Kirk lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier*



Patricia Kirk - January 17, 2022 at 07:01 PM

JF

“ Jeff & Jill Ferguson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier



Jeff & Jill Ferguson - January 17, 2022 at 06:32 PM

BN

“ Becky Netten lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier



Becky Netten - January 17, 2022 at 05:05 PM

BT

“ Brenda Todd lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier



Brenda Todd - January 17, 2022 at 04:57 PM

CF

“ Chuck And Jackie Ferree lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier



Chuck and Jackie Ferree - January 17, 2022 at 04:04 PM

MW

“ Marla And Wayne lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier



marla and wayne - January 17, 2022 at 03:47 PM

TH

“ *Bev & Family, we r sorry for your loss may he rest in peace and may God wrap his loving arms around you all in this difficult time*

Tim Hol - January 17, 2022 at 02:30 PM



“ *Marty Burke lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" "Blade" Edward Lanphier*



Marty Burke - January 17, 2022 at 02:18 PM



“ *Bev and Boys I am so sorry for your loss, RIP Donnie.*

Marty Burke

Marty Burke - January 17, 2022 at 02:17 PM