



## Donald M. Cronshaw

August 21, 1941 - January 9, 2021

Donald Morris Cronshaw "Captain" of Ingleside, MD, passed away on January 9, 2021, at University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD. He was 79.

He was born in Easton Hospital on August 21, 1941, the son of the late Eldridge Price Cronshaw and Marjorie Morris Cronshaw.

Married and survived by his wife, Dianne Fowler Cronshaw, Ingleside, MD of 55 years, Donald had daughters, Michelle Rae Austin (James Austin, III) of Centreville, MD, Tracey Morris Day (Chris Day) of New Windsor, MD; eight grandchildren, Corey, James IV, Justin, and Connor Austin; Amber and Donald, "Buddy" Wiesberg, Alexis and Collin Day; brother E.P. Cronshaw, Jr. (Linda); nephews, Chad, Joshua, Joey, and Jason Cronshaw; and Ray and Ryan Fowler.

Donald graduated in Class of 1959 from Centreville High School and later joined and served in the National Guard. Then he worked with his father Eldridge Price Cronshaw, Cronshaw Construction Excavating. They had built several half-mile training and jogging tracks for various Eastern Shore horseman. He also joined the Goodwill Fire Department where he was a member and volunteer fireman.

In 1978-1990, Donnie and his family moved to Laurel, MD, and was offered a job as Track Superintendent to fill the vacancy for Laurel Harness Racetrack. Later it was purchased by Frank D. DeFrancis, which was renamed Freestate Raceway. From his experience of operating a grader and other equipment with his father, he managed and prepared the Laurel harness racing strip track with his 9-man maintenance crew. Donnie and his crew prepared the racing strip to lightning-fast perfection for 12 years. Then Donnie and his family moved to Burley Cove in Glen Burnie from 1993 -2008. During that time, he went back into his trucking business and hauled material for Gordon Hollingsworth. His final move was back to his Eastern Shore roots in 2008 where he lived with his wife Dianne in Ingleside, MD, and continued driving his 10-wheeler dump truck. During the past 3 ½ years, he drove with his brother, E.P. Cronshaw, a black Peterbilt truck, hauling sand, etc. to Annapolis and other locations. Donnie was better known as “Captain” to many truck drivers.

Donnie’s hobbies were snowmobiling, golf, softball, boating, and he was an Orioles and Ravens family. He also attended many of his grandsons’ baseball, football, basketball, and soccer games as well as his granddaughters’ cheerleading games and cheer competitions. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with all his family.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and other staff of the University of Maryland Medical Center in Easton who cared for him.

There will be a Celebration of Donald’s Life planned at a later date. Please check the funeral home website later for future information of the date, time, and location.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial donations be made in his name to the Goodwill Fire Department, 212 Broadway, Centreville, MD 21617



# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald M. Cronshaw*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



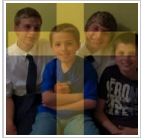
“ *Donald M. Cronshaw*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donald M. Cronshaw*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



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**Jim Austin** - February 10, 2021 at 08:44 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald M. Cronshaw.*



February 06, 2021 at 03:15 PM

DB

“ *Delores Bowles lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Cronshaw*



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**Delores Bowles** - January 26, 2021 at 11:26 PM

ME

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Michelle Edens** - January 24, 2021 at 06:16 PM

SS

“ *EP, we are so sorry to see of the loss of your brother, he obviously was a wonderful man and very much loved by his family. Our prayers are with you and your family. Love and prayers from Sherri & Steve Szczechura*



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**Sherri Szczechura** - January 22, 2021 at 06:28 PM

BH

“ *Billy & Dorothy Hollingsworth lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Cronshaw*



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**billy & dorothy Hollingsworth** - January 21, 2021 at 02:43 PM

KY

“ *What a great man, loved seeing him when he used to come into my store. Then when I worked for the post office I met his wonderful wife Diane. He was ornery but he was a wonderful man. He will be greatly missed and I am honored to have known such a wonderful man. My thoughts and prayers are with Mrs. Diane and family. Lots of Love!*



**Kelley Yiannakis** - January 16, 2021 at 02:25 PM

GP

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald M. Cronshaw*



**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - January 14, 2021 at 08:34 AM

GP

*Diane and family: Our prayers and blessings are with you during the loss of Donnie. Donnie was a good old Centreville boy growing up for many years. He will surely be missed by many. Hold onto the wonderful memories you have and it will make this sad road a little easier. God bless all of you and prayers are coming your way. Gene and Lynda Palmatary*

**Gene & Lynda Palmatary** - January 14, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JE

“ *Dear Dianne, Tracey, Shelly, EP and Linda,  
We are thinking of you at this time of sorrow. Donnie's sudden passing brings sadness to all of us. Indeed, he will always be remembered.*

*Love, Judy and Eric*

**judy & eric** - January 13, 2021 at 02:13 PM

JT

“ *My condolences. Always enjoyed talking with Donnie while servicing their system*  
*J.T Taylor*

JT Taylor - January 13, 2021 at 09:33 AM

DB

“ *We are sending our deepest sympathy to Dianne and her family, as well as E.P. and his family for the loss of Donnie. You all will be in our thoughts and prayers*  
*Debbie & Henry Bitter*

Debbie Bitter - January 13, 2021 at 09:11 AM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald M. Cronshaw*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - January 13, 2021 at 07:58 AM

JC

“ *June Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald M. Cronshaw*



June Clark - January 12, 2021 at 03:36 PM

EC

“ *Dianne and family our thoughts and prayers are with you. May you be sustained by all the loving memories you will cherish. We loved Donnie and his family. Ed and I also have Covid 19 but are doing well....Mary and Ed Cronshaw*

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**Ed and Mary Cronshaw** - January 12, 2021 at 01:43 PM