



Elmo L. Donze

August 2, 1953 - September 23, 2018

Elmo L. Donze, 65, of Perryville, died on September 23, 2018 at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

He was born August 2, 1953 in Perryville, MO son of Elmer and Betty (Schwent) Donze. His mother survives in Ste. Genevieve, MO. He and Anne Gagnepain were married on July 26, 1980. She survives in Perryville, MO.

Elmo had been owner/operator of Donze Communications.

Other survivors include one son, Jack Donze (Fiancee' Sarah Hayes) of Webster Groves; one daughter, Joy Donze of New York, New York; and one sister, Dorcas (Carlie) Grass of Ste. Genevieve, MO.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Visitation will be held at Young & Sons Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 26 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm and on Thursday, September 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 am. He will then be taken to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church for funeral Mass at 10:00 am with Rev. Rich Wehrmeyer C.M. officiating. Burial in Valle Springs Cemetery in Ste. Genevieve, MO.

Memorials preferred to St. Vincent School Systems.

Young & Sons Funeral Home, Inc. in Perryville, MO provided the arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Elmo L. Donze*

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



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October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ *Ann and family. My deepest sympathy to all of you on the loss of Elmo. He was a very respected man. He will truly be missed by many. May GOD give you all peace and comfort.*

Tina Tallevast - September 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our sincere condolences to the Donze family. May God bless and watch over you during this difficult time.*

Michael & Linda Hagan - September 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Anne, Jack and Joy, Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and everyday as you mourn the loss of your husband/father. Elmo was loved and respected by many and made a great contribution to the community. He will be remembered with great words and memories from all that were privileged to know him.*

David and Terry Welker - September 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bob gave me my first radio job and hired me back more than once, which I was very thankful for. Anne & family, you have my deepest sympathy.*

September 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Elmo is one of 36 of Elizabeth & Lawrence Donzes first cousins, ranging in birth year from 1937 to 1967. He was smack in the middle of us cousins but rose to the top with his love of family, his jokes (some, not so much), his wonderful radio voice, his fortitude, his continuous emails to me and my sisters about the family, and his willingness to get as silly as the rest of us, and sometimes more so. I remember how well he represented all of us at Jour de Fete in 2013 as he eloquently gave our Donze history - he did us proud as he dismissed much of the pain he was enduring. When we visited Ste Gen he would be the first cousin to welcome us back and I remember one particular year sitting under the streetlight on the corner and Merchant and Main Sts, reminiscing childhood memories. We sat there for hours. I am so sorry I cannot be there with the cousins and family for his services; I well remember how Elmo represented his parents (Elmer & Betty) at our mother's (Cornie) funeral in 1989 in Maryland. We so appreciated that. Well Elmo, our chats under the streetlight and our Donze reunions will NEVER be the same again, though we will carry on as best we can in remembering and celebrating you and our loving family who have gone before you. Please go easy on the angels with those jokes, at least for awhile. love, your cousin in Delaware, jean*

Jean Edwards - September 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ My deepest Sympathy to all of Elmo's family and friends. My thoughts and prayers for all of you at this most difficult time. Elmo will be missed. Asking God to Shine His White Light upon all of you. God Bless each and every one of you.

Karen Ritz - September 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all of your family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this extremely difficult time. Know that you and your family are in our hearts. May the Lord bless and comfort you.

Joan and Jack Flood - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Donze family. In our conversations in recent years he always talked more of his family than actual business which was a pleasure. He was a great family man and businessman. He is being sorely missed in my heart as a friend. The Lottes and Rozier Mercantile family extends its prayers and thoughts to your family.

charlie lottes - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was privileged to know Elmo for over 30 years. It was always a pleasure to be around Elmo. Always upbeat. Bob Francis

Bob Francis - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with all of the family. Blessings of peace.

Fr. Rickey Valleroy - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JS

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John, Suzanne, Dennis Schwent,

LaMarque, Texas

John, Suzanne, Dennis Schwent - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I worked for and with Bob while he published the Sun Times newspaper, and spent many long nights with him in Cape Girardeau while we waited for the paper to come off the press. He was a hard worker on the radio stations, too. He was very proud of his family and talked about Ann, Jack and Joy whenever I saw him in later years. My deepest sympathy to them and all his many friends. He was my friend, too.*

John Meacham - September 25, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VW

“ *I cannot comprehend how difficult this time must be for your family. I am so, so sorry. Know that we are all thinking of you, and wishing you strength as you deal with so much grief. God be with you. Love Vicki and Larry Wibbenmeyer*

Victoria & Larry Wibbenmeyer - September 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

FA

“ *Ann, Jack and Joy, our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you during this most difficult time and in the days ahead. Elmo will certainly be missed by Klaus Jewelers that is for sure. RIP, Elmo.*

Faye Amschler - September 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *My condolences to Anne and family. Sorry I am unable to be there, but know you are in my prayers. RIP Elmo*

Victoria Tretter - September 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Our condoences to Elmo's famiy. He was a special person. He will truly be missed. We always enjoyed our relationship with him.*

Lou an Shirley Meyer - September 24, 2018 at 12:00 AM