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Donald William Handley II, age 61, passed away on December 8, 2025, at his home in Ringgold, Georgia. He was born on January 29, 1964, and was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Betty Fay Handley and Donald Handley I.

Donald was the beloved husband of Sheri Handley and a devoted father to his sons, Kyven Handley, Codi Handley, and Corey Handley. He was a proud “Papa Don” to Lyra Handley, Georgia Handley, and Elizabeth Handley. He is also survived by his sisters, Terri Handley and Kimberly Handley Roberts. Don had a deep passion for music and especially loved classic rock, with bands and artists like The Beatles, AC/DC, Elton John, and many others shaping the soundtrack of his life. He often shared song lyrics or sent songs to loved ones as his way of reminding them he was thinking of them. He was also a diehard Tennessee Volunteers fan, faithfully cheering on the Vols and proudly supporting his team.

Those who knew Don will remember his love for music, his loyalty to the Vols, and his dedication to his family. As Don would say, “It’s not goodbye, it’s see you later.” He will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

An Online guest book can be found at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com. W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Homes, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, is handling the funeral arrangements.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Rest in peace, Don. I will miss our friendship. Still don't know how you were able to always (mostly) win at Connect Four...

and Backgammon...

and Tonk...

and Cornhole...

and Frisbee Golf...

It must have been the luck of the Irish.

Farewell, Regulator

Mark Salmi - December 29, 2025 at 02:55 PM

KR

“ Being the youngest of the three Handley children, I was always following in his footsteps in everything... whatever he did, I did... sports, saxophone, chorus, and both of us survived Mrs. Sorrells' English class for two years. Our home time was survival of the fittest, which led me to his music with the headphones! We parted ways when we had children, but still a cookout would bring us to horseshoes, basketball, and swimming. After many years of hanging out on various celebrations, I stopped by his job with a pair of tennis shoes for him. You could see the light in his eyes with such a big smile, like “what did I do to deserve this?” That's when I noticed he wasn't well. Several tests were run and the finding was a neurological disease. As competitive as we were, and as intelligent as he was, we played games and tested each other. He called me “broster” for the little brother he didn't have. While the past 2 years were hard, we talked everyday and he sent me a song and text. We honestly had the best times. I'm sitting here with tears flowing. “Hey brother. I'll talk to you later.”

Kimberly Roberts - December 21, 2025 at 06:07 PM

BC

“ Don' and I were good friends when we were young and into Jr. HIGH. Mostly I remember he was fun and unselfish. It has been along time so things are hard to remeber. But. I know a guy didn't have to work hard to make him like you. He was good to everyone back then. I never saw him get into a fight or even argue with anyone. I didn't stay in touch past Jr. High. But I won't to believe he was always that way for the rest of his life. Rest peacefully Don. You finished the race and won! Put in a good word for me in heaven old.froend.

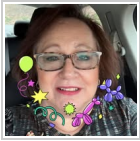
Billy Cross - December 21, 2025 at 04:00 PM

CH

“ I couldn't have asked for a better father, of course we had our ups and downs but he helped make me into who I am and I will never forget him. I find him in my mannerisms all the time, from the way I always say "talk to you later" rather than goodbye to listening to the same songs he listened to and how to treat everyone, even strangers, with respect. We watched thunderstorms roll in, gazed at constellations that he taught me to see, played baseball until the sun went down and created thousands of memories that ill cherish forever. Ill talk to you again someday, but until then ill always remember and live by our motto "Do Smart Things".



Corey Handley - December 19, 2025 at 10:02 AM



“ I will remember Don as a sweet guy with a big smile. He never failed to make you laugh. I have good memories growing up in school. May he rest in peace. I truly believe as the Bible says to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. May his loved ones find peace through the memories they shared. Lisa Ramirez Williams

Lisa Williams - December 19, 2025 at 01:34 AM

LP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Yall were always like my brother and sisters. I have so many fun memories with all of yall, but my favorite memory of Don would have to be that smile he always had.



Lora Payne - December 17, 2025 at 10:48 AM

CH

“ It's impossible to put down a memory with Don as we had 40+ years as brothers and had so so many great life experiences together. Love you sir! Until we me again.

Clyde Hampsted - December 16, 2025 at 10:16 PM

KR

You two had a wild ride indeed. Love you brother Clyde!

Kimberly Roberts - December 17, 2025 at 08:00 AM

DW

“ I will always remember Don being the life of the party. I remember swimming in your back yard and playing basketball in ours. I remember passing ball over the fence. How many games did we play in Ernest Holmes parking lot? I remember us getting into trouble and the spankings we would get. Somehow that didn't stop us from getting into mischief. I remember dancing at clubs as we grew older and Don definitely could dance! He had the biggest smile and knew how to have a good time! I'm so glad we were neighbors for so many years! Don will definitely be missed!

Debbie Weldon - December 16, 2025 at 07:24 PM

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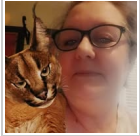
Debbie, that just brought a tear and a smile simultaneously. Yes, the mischief Don always had a "plan" but Mr Handley only knew half of those times as he worked third shift. Playing ball, swimming... although I was too young to go to the clubs with you guys, somehow Don Clyde snuck me in. Did someone mention getting a bucket at the Beachclub. Or some fruity drinks after my graduation at Fantasy something on Brainerd Rd. 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 07:51 PM

KS

“ Don't was 1 of a kind. I remember him always happy with a smile on his face and laughing. He had the best attitude and is a great person. I've not seen him in years. Im sure nothing changed only the love for his family grew. RIP Don. See ya later.

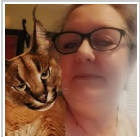
Kimberly Snider - December 16, 2025 at 06:44 PM



“ Beverly Britt Guess lit a candle in memory of Donald William Handley II



Beverly Britt Guess - December 16, 2025 at 04:57 PM



“ Don was always a lot of fun to be around. I can't recall a time when he was ever in a bad mood. He was such a cut up. Rest easy old friend, see ya later

Beverly Britt Guess - December 16, 2025 at 04:56 PM

KR

I witnessed several of these times.

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 06:14 PM

LC

“ Don was always a very cool guy. He loved music and his family. He will e greatly missed. Go rest high on that Don till we meet again

Lisa Plemons Clark - December 16, 2025 at 02:57 PM

KR

Thank you, Lisa. He never lost that attitude. As a sister, I saw my dad in him. Walk with held high!

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 06:17 PM

CJ

“ Don was always the life of the party!! When I would see yall together you both had the BIGGEST smiles!! He was a GREAT brother and I'm honored I got to see that!! We'll be missing you but know we are gonna all be together one day! XOXO

Carmen Johnson - December 16, 2025 at 02:33 PM

KR

Thank you, my Chica! I love you!

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 06:18 PM

AR

“ Sending my Condolences to Kim and family on the passing of your Love One!! RIP Don

Annette Reese - December 16, 2025 at 01:57 PM

VJ

“ Don was a great guy, the first time I met him and his sister we became friends in Elementary school and He has always been a good guy and loved by many, rest well my friend. Vickie Jones

Vickie Jones - December 16, 2025 at 01:53 PM

TW

“ My friend and brother. I liked you from the jump. You were kind..classy & respectful, but most of all you were cool. 🙏❤️😎👑
Youre memory is instilled within our times at KTHS 🏆..indeed You were & still The Man. 😎
Alot of good people gna miss you brother..
Bcus You were such a good person. 🙏❤️😎 T.Westfield

Timothy Westfield - December 16, 2025 at 12:36 PM

KR

Thank you, Brother Tim. He indeed was everything you said!
Love you!

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 01:17 PM

TL

Extending to the family and friends my sincere condolences and praying for peace and comfort. Don was a friendly cool guy.

Tammy Hicks Lovingood - December 16, 2025 at 09:34 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to u all. I'm so sorry for your loss. We love yah very much. Love always , Terry Sneed and family



terry sneed - December 16, 2025 at 12:29 PM

KR

Thank you, Terry!

Kimberly Roberts - December 16, 2025 at 05:19 PM