



Donnie Victor Armstrong

August 6, 1945 - February 27, 2021

Donnie Victor Armstrong, age 75, passed away on February 27, 2021. He was born in Dumas, Arkansas on August 6, 1945 to Leo and America “Meck” Armstrong. A handful of years later, the family moved to Poway, California, where he attended grade school and graduated from Poway High School. Donnie was a gas turbine, jet engine engineer for over 50 years and mentored many with a genuine promise in the gas turbine engine industry over the years. He began his career with Solar Turbines, Inc. in San Diego, CA in 1965 and retired from Gas Turbine Applications, in Calera, Oklahoma in 2020. He had many hobbies and interests, from building and racing stock cars in the 60’s, to deep sea fishing, target shooting and knife throwing. He was also a member of the NRA.

He is preceded in death by his parents Leo James Armstrong and America “Meck” Lea Armstrong, his sisters Genova Kirtley and Virginia McCreery, and his second wife Diane “Jane” Armstrong.

Left to cherish his memories are his three daughters Katherine Armstrong and Karen Armstrong both of San Diego California and Karoline Armstrong-Gontang, husband Jeremy and Linda Board, the mother of his daughters of Julian, California. His grandchildren: Kera Marie Vowles, Morgan Lee Parpart, Claudio Babicchio, Christian Duval Armstrong, and Shayne Michael Armstrong. His great grandchildren: Kayleigh Nicole Vowles, Cole Brian Vowles, and Claire Renee Vowles. His sister Margie Alexander and brothers LJ Armstrong, Arthur Ray Armstrong. His cherished nephews Mark Adams

and Douglas Armstrong. As well as his special friends: Robert Powers, Tom Ramsey, Kenny Oxford, Melinda White, the Metcalf and Ford families, and so many more.

You will be forever loved and missed dad.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ Here are some images of Granny & Grandad's house. I got them off the internet. Two of the images are of the house after being moved to Old Poway Park & labeled , " The Nelson House" and then there is a black and white image of the house while it was still on Garden Rd. in Poway. I used my AI assistant to bring the black & white image back to life with color, plants, flowers & chickens. The way I remember it. It was always home. Untill I moved to Durant with you it was the only real home I ever felt I had. Leaving the Cedar Street house was very , very hard for me because although we didn't own it, it was home. ❤️🇺🇸



Kathy Armstrong - March 17 at 03:29 PM

KA

“ Hi Dad,
I'm back with another song I've written for you. It's called, " BACK HOME IN ARKANSAS". It's my version of the song ARKANSAS that you taught us girls when we were little. ❤️🇺🇸

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Kathy Armstrong - March 17 at 03:20 PM

KA

“ Hi Dad,
I'm back with another song I've written for you. It's called, " BACK HOME IN ARKANSAS". It's my version of the song ARKANSAS that you taught us girls when we were little. ❤️🇺🇸



Katherine Armstrong - March 17 at 03:16 PM

KS

“ Hi Dad,
I've been working on our family album. Its not just a photo album but, a music album. I wish I could have discovered this talent while you were still here. Its ok though better late than never. Anyways, I have written one for Granny and I wanted to bring it to you. I'm just getting started on the album so don't worry, no one will be left out. I'm even writing about Granny & Grandad's house. Well, I don't need to tell you what you already know but, I'm going to anyways. I miss you and I love you.



Katherine Armstrong Schilke - March 17 at 01:29 PM

KA

“ I STILL CAN'T SAY GOODBYE,
I DON'T EVEN TRY! ”

Written to: Donnie Victor Armstrong (DAD)

By: Kathy Armstrong 2/2026



Kathy Armstrong - February 21 at 11:48 PM

KA

Look at how handsome you are. 💜

Kathy Armstrong - February 22 at 12:01 AM

KA

“ Here is the song I wrote to you Dad. I love you. Always have!
Always will!

Your #1 brat
Kathy 💜🇺🇸

Kathy Armstrong - February 21 at 11:41 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Armstrong - February 21 at 10:07 PM

KA

“ I WROTE YOU A SONG TODAY. I STILL
CANT SAY GOODBYE. I TALK TO YOU DAILY
AS IF YOU NEVER LEFT. I LOVE YOU DAD.
ALWAYS HAVE. ALWAYS WILL.
I STILL CANT SAY GOODBYE.
I DONT EVEN TRY.

YOUR #1 KATHY



Kathy Armstrong - February 16 at 07:32 PM

KA

“ It's been awhile since I've visited here. I talk to you all the time as if your still around me and there have been times when I've been certain you were. Anyways, I'm writing a tribute song for you today and sharing it with the world. I've been learning to use AI and I have been able to bring some of your images to life. AI turns them into little 4 second videos with you moving around in them. I was so EXCITED!!! To see you in motion again. I love and miss you so much but, you already know this. I will be adding the tribute music video I'm creating for you when it's done. Hopefully it'll upload here if not , that's fine too. I put the pic of you at El Cajon Speedway with your car 68 up today. I couldn't believe that I never included it in the college I made for you. Probably because it was framed and on the wall. It's definitely one of the many things that I was and am proud of you for. So I'm glad it's here.
I love and miss you deeply. I'm 60 now so it won't be too much longer and we will be seeing each other again. I expect you to be there when I cross over. I love you Dad.
Your #1 bratt



Katherine Armstrong - November 23, 2025 at 02:54 PM

KS

“ HAPPY FATHERS DAY DAD
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Katherine A Armstrong Schilke - June 16, 2024 at 10:23 AM

KS

“ It's June. Father's Day is a week from today. I miss you soooo much. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I still have a hard time and cry over the loss of you frequently.

The other day I woke up from a nap and I could smell the essence of you. Then in a flash it was gone. I often wonder if you ever come to see me in spirit. I would give anything to be with you again. I miss your smile, your laughter, sense of humor, watching westerns & Pit Masters with you. Planning meals and eating together. Long talks about history and listening to your stories. The list goes on. No matter how many states or time would be between us at times, I never once doubted your love for me. I've always known you loved me even though I only heard you say it 3 times in my life. You were never a huggy affectionate, I love you confessing type of dad but, you didn't have to be. I always felt your love.

When the day comes that I pass over I want you to be on the other side to welcome me. I miss you so much. I don't even really have the words to describe just how much I miss you. I love you dad. I always have and I always will. Happy Father's Day. I wish you were sitting in your recliner and I were sitting on the floor next to you and we were eating roasted peanuts and watching westerns right now. I love you forever.

Your number 1 bratt.

Kathy

Katherine A Armstrong Schilke - June 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM

KA

“ It's February 19, 2024.

I think about you every day however, for the last couple of weeks I've been hurting more than usual. It didn't occur to me until last night that we're coming up on the anniversary of your passing.

I MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH!

I find comfort in watching the shows we used to watch together, Longmire, Gun Smoke, Bat Masterson and one we should have watched together, Yellowstone.

I'm in California now and have been for a little over a year. I love in a nice apartment. I have a nice roommate, good friends, all of my creature comforts. Despite all of this I still feel empty. I feel home sick. I miss you. Being with you , taking care of you, your witty sense of humor, your laughter, your expressions, your wisdom, your company and stories of the old days. I miss your smell and the way you used to chew on the right side of your inner cheek. I will always love you. I will never forget you. My biggest regret is that I feel you left this world without the knowledge of just how very much you are loved by me. I pray you are in heaven with family members , friends and pets that went there before you. I am holding onto the hope that when I pass I will see you again. My love to Granny & Grandad, Meonkers, Big Foot & Quadie. I love you forever dad.

Katherine A Armstrong - February 19, 2024 at 04:57 PM

FS

Donnie was my first cousin , my dad and his mom were brother and sister. He came to visit twice with Aunt Meck and uncle Leo. The last visit he and uncle Leo fished at the river everyday. He seemed like such a kind and gentle soul. I hate we didn't keep in touch. I will always remember him fondly along with the rest of the family. Love Frelis Schulz

Frelis Schulz - April 25, 2024 at 09:49 PM

KS

*Frelis hi this is Donnie's oldest daughter, Kathy. Ty for the kind words about my father. He was a kind soul. He'd literally give the shirt off his back for a person in need and he had a big heart for animals. I wish you many blessings in life. Ty again for your kind words. God bless.
Kathy*

Katherine A Armstrong Schilke - June 09, 2024 at 02:50 PM

LI

“ *So young when we married, Donnie was 19 and I was 17. We had 3 beautiful daughters together. Donnie had a wry sense of humor and loved to play practical jokes. He was a adventurous person, loved collecting geodes, working on motors, figure 8 racing, westerns and military movies, and was an expert marksman. He was so handsome, tall and blonde...who could not fall in love with him? You are missed so much every day Donnie. Always in my heart.*

Linda - November 02, 2023 at 12:21 PM

KA

“ *Left the old house we called our home for the past 9 1/2 years last August. One of the hardest things I've ever done. I wasn't ready but, ready or not plane landed in California on your birthday Dad and what and for me, it was symbolic. I was leaving to start my life anew with you on your birthday. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. It's taken some time but I'm laughing about memorie I charishable of us/you. I watched a few hours of Bat Masterson the other night like we used to. I will never stop missing you Dad. ILL NEVER STOP LOVING YOU!
Your #1 Bratt*



Katherine Armstrong - July 04, 2023 at 01:32 AM



“ Donnie Victor Armstrong

January 08, 2023 at 11:32 PM



“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Katherine Armstrong - October 13, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ Lol... You'd have a fit, I know however, I had to do it. These are too precious.



Katherine Armstrong - October 13, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ I just miss you more than I can say. I love you Dad❤️



Katherine Armstrong - February 28, 2022 at 06:43 AM

KA

“ Tomorrow it will be a year that you've been gone.

Feels like yesterday.

A cold front set in a couple of days ago. The sound of ice falling woke me. I looked at the clock on my phone and it was a few minutes after 6 am. I could smell you in the house. I jumped up out of bed saying, " I've git to get dad's coat in the dryer and go start the truck and turn the heater on so both will be warm and toasty when he leaves for work."

When I entered the living room, reality hit me. You were gone. I started bawling. It was so real. I was even hearing Fox news on the tv in the living room. It was all in my head because there is no tv in the living room now.

I miss you every day. I think of you all of the time.

I love you so very much. I always have and I ALWAYS WILL!!! ❤️❤️



Katherine Armstrong - February 26, 2022 at 11:35 AM

KA

“ ROSES ARE RED
VIOLETS BLUE
NOT A DAY GOES BY
THAT I DONT THINK OF YOU



Happy Valentine's Dad

Katherine - February 14, 2022 at 10:04 PM

KA

“ It's December 31, 2021.

We are 3 1/2 hours away from 2022.

You were always in bed every new years eve trying hard to sleep through all the horns, fire crackers and dogs barking while our surrounding neighborhoods went wild ringing in the new year.

How I wish I could turn back time. The permanency of your being gone is hitting me real hard right now.

I have friends around me alot. In fact I'm rarely alone however, I feel lonely even in their midst.

I wish I could sit and watch Bat Masterson with you again while we eat summer sausage, cheese and crackers.

I MISS YOU SO MUCH DAD!!!

I LOVE YOU NOW AND I ALWAYS HAVE AND I ALWAYS WILL!!! I WILL ALWAYS BE YOUR NUMBER 1 BRAT!



Katherine Armstrong - December 31, 2021 at 10:41 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - December 30, 2021 at 07:57 PM

KA

“ Tomorrow's New Years Eve.

Hard to believe I'll be ringing in the new year without you. I miss your funny and witty sense of humor, your smell, your voice... I MISS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU DAD!

I was your legs for the last 9 years of your life. I gave it all I had in me to take good care of you. It hasn't yet been a year but, it's getting close. I'm on a walker now. There were only 20 years between us its so strange to think that I'm where you were before you passed as far as my inability to walk and I'm only 56. I guess getting old has nothing to do with the number and everything to do with when your body says your old. You'd be glad to know that my friends that helped is with things around the house and the truck are still my friends and still here for me helping whenever and with whatever. Jd's family. His mama I'm very close to and he's still there for me whenever I need help with the truck or someone gets out of line with me. I know you'd be glad to know that I have people who care about me. The landlords talking about selling some of their properties. I have been reluctant to move because somehow I still feel the presence of you at times. This was our home and I'm not ready to put closure on it even though I know it would be best for me to return to California because the resources are more plentiful especially now that I have special needs. The very last of you is in this house and I guard it like a vicious yard dog!

You were my favorite person in the world when I was a little girl. I wanted to be with you so bad. I never cared what your character defects were or what anyone else felt about you one way or another. I always knew that aside from my step monster, people admired, respected and loved you.

I WILL FOREVER MISS YOU DAD AND I WILL ALWAYS ALWAYS ALWAYS LOVE YOU!

Katherine Armstrong - December 30, 2021 at 07:57 PM

KA

“ Thinking of you at Christmas. Missing you ever day.
I love you.



Katherine Armstrong - December 21, 2021 at 08:58 PM

KA

“ I just miss you so much Dad!



Katherine Armstrong - December 15, 2021 at 02:37 AM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - December 09, 2021 at 12:36 AM

KA

“ First week of December. Shayne moved out and I've a new roommate. Nothing in life's permanent but change.
Though it would be best for me to go, it's hard for me to leave this old house. It was our home and I still feel the essence of you. I will forever love and miss you dad. ❤️



Katherine Armstrong - December 09, 2021 at 12:36 AM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - November 24, 2021 at 11:08 AM

KA

“ HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAD 🐻 IM THINKING OF YOU & I MISS YOU EVERY DAY. I LOVE YOU ❤️

Katherine Armstrong - November 24, 2021 at 11:06 AM

KA

“ Its that time of year. I love & miss you dad. So much!



Katherine armstrong - September 14, 2021 at 06:06 PM

RW

Don was a good man. Hang in there kathy.

Thanking about you,

Ronnie Williams

Ronnie Williams - September 17, 2021 at 03:15 PM

RW

don was a good man; hang in there kathy, you will make it through this. Its hard I know but your a strong person

Ronnie Williams - September 17, 2021 at 03:16 PM

KA

*Thank you
Ronnie Williams
for your kind words. Just saw you tried to reach me on messenger. I
don't know what happened. I think I accidentally deleted it. Reach out to
me again. It would be nice to talk to you.
Kathy*

Katherine Armstrong - December 15, 2021 at 03:04 AM

KA

“ I MISS YOU SO MUCH!
YOU ALREADY KNOW!
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KATHY



Katherine Armstrong - September 12, 2021 at 08:28 PM

RW

*Kathy,
This is ronnie. So sorry for your loss. My number is 254-522-2498*

ronnie williams - November 09, 2021 at 01:23 PM

RW

*kathy,
This is ronnie, so sorry for you loss. Your father was a good man. My
number is 254-522-2398.*

*Take
Care*

ronnie williams - November 09, 2021 at 01:25 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Marker #3 **NELSON HOUSE**
The Nelson House, built between 1915 and 1918 by Norwegian immigrant Niles Nelson on the site of the Nelson-Stone farm on Garden Road, is a wood frame house built in the pioneer style. The house remained in the

Katherine Armstrong - September 09, 2021 at 11:48 AM

KA

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Katherine Armstrong - September 08, 2021 at 10:14 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - September 08, 2021 at 10:01 PM

KA

It's September. Winters around the corner. Shaynes and I are hanging in there but it's been tough. I MISS YOU SOOO MUCH. I spent some time walking down Memory Lane today. Went and saw Granny & Grandad's house. Then I went to El Cajon Speedway. All done online. Been going through things and I found some treasures. Pics of you and all my aunt's, uncle's, Granny, Grandad & you & mom on your wedding day. Even a picture of Palmarado School. I sent them to Mom & Uncle LJ. Mom will be passing them on to the girls. I'm posting them on your page. I LOVE & MISS YOU DAD. 💕

Katherine Armstrong - September 08, 2021 at 10:09 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong

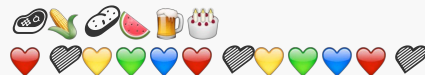


Katherine Armstrong - August 06, 2021 at 03:16 PM

KA

*Today you would have been 76. I MISS YOU SO MUCH DAD!!! I ALWAYS WILL!
I'm glad I was born in the same month as you Dad. I have always been proud of that. I hope you are at peace and that you are with granny and grandad and the rest of our family in heaven. I like to think that you are. I miss you so much Dad.*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY . I LOVE YOU Always have. Always will!



Katherine Armstrong - August 06, 2021 at 03:35 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - July 05, 2021 at 12:57 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - July 01, 2021 at 08:46 PM

KA

“ Karoline sent a virtual gift in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Karoline - March 26, 2021 at 09:02 PM

KA

“ Karoline lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Karoline - March 20, 2021 at 03:59 AM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - March 18, 2021 at 08:25 AM

KA

“ Karen Jean Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Karen Jean Armstrong - March 11, 2021 at 12:11 PM

KA

Every day is a cherished memory with you, Dad, regardless of the often many miles between us. Until we're together again xo Kare-Kare

Karen Jean Armstrong - March 11, 2021 at 12:13 PM



“ Katherine Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - March 08, 2021 at 07:18 PM

KA

“ Katherine Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Donnie Victor Armstrong



Katherine Armstrong - March 07, 2021 at 01:31 PM

KA

My father was my hero when I was just a kid. I wanted to be just like him and grow up to be a race car driver myself. He taught me many things, how to build a camp fire, how to bait a hook, cast a line and clean fish, how to shoot a gun and throw a knife to name a few. I can remember and will always cherish the many days I spent with my father out in the barn on granny and grandads farm watching him welding, working on his race car or filling his own shotgun shells. Wherever my father went, I would follow as long as he let me. He used to strap me down to a spare tire that was in his single seat stock car, he'd put a helmet too large for my head and off wed go to the orange orchards just down the street. Then dad would punch the gas and I'd be laughing so hard I'd always have a sore tummy the next day. I'm glad that I was able to be with my father this past 8 years of his life. As sad as it is that he's gone I'm also truly grateful to have been face to face with my father while caressing his face and telling him I love him when he took his last breath. I will forever love and cherish the memories I have of my father. I am confident he's with family and at peace. I will forever miss, love and cherish you dad.



*Your #1 bratt
Kathy*

Katherine Armstrong - March 07, 2021 at 01:56 PM

LI

Please visit his memorial on Find a Grave honey. Mom

Linda - November 02, 2023 at 12:14 PM