



Donnie (Donald Raymond) Bonelli

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Donnie never met a stranger who didn't soon become a friend. He had a gift for lighting up every room—and every stage—he ever stepped into. A creative soul through and through, Donnie came alive when he was drawing, writing, singing, or making people laugh. A modern troubadour, he always seemed to have the right words for every song and every moment.

Creativity flowed through Donnie in everything he did. His passion for music and art drove him to live a life that was uniquely his own—one not everyone could fully understand, but one that was authentic and beautiful. He was one of the best graphic designers around, an accomplished singer and songwriter, a rapper in the House of Lewis, and an amateur comedian who could make anyone laugh. Donnie used his creativity to bless others—to bring joy, to stir emotion through his music, and to cope with life's hardships.

He made his mark through song, humor, and compassion. Even in the face of cancer, Donnie's optimism and determination were contagious. Though he faced many challenges and spent the last year of his life in a nursing home, he continued to advocate for others—especially those who couldn't advocate for themselves—and built friendships with the nursing staff and fellow residents.

The hole in our hearts will never be filled, but we take comfort in knowing that Donnie's body is finally at peace after a long, courageous fight.

Donnie is survived by his mother, Tina Bonelli; sisters, Elizabeth Galindo and Lianna Escaño; brothers-in-law, Roberto Galindo and Hamlet Escaño; and his beloved niece and nephews—Oliver, Isaac, Dante, Daphne, and Darian. He is also survived by countless friends who became family, many of whose children lovingly called him “Uncle Donnie, too.”

He was preceded in death by his father, Rick Bonelli, and his dear friend, “Big” Sal



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A celebration of life will be held on November 1, 2025. Details will be shared soon.



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Kathleen Wesley shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I met Donnie while he was on his mission in Utah back in 2001. He spent many days during the next 2 years at our home. Donnie sat with my 4 year old son and they "played" guitar together. ❤️ Donnie always had his with him. This picture was probably in 2002. Donnie had posted it saying "we were a family he'd cherish forever" ❤️😭 my little boy Kristian in the picture is 28 now.



January 20 at 9:11 PM



Amy Thomas posted:

Aw dangit. Donnie was amazing. I met him on the Jungle Cruise in Disneyland over 15 years ago. He made me laugh and I always asked for his boat when I was there. He remembered me one day and we eventually became long distance texting friends. The world is a bit more dim without his light and laughter. Rest my dear friend, my beloved Skipper Donnie.

November 3 at 4:14 PM



Mary Booher Johnston posted:

Donnie left a lasting impact on mine and my children's lives. I used to give him rides to the Provo shows early on. When they had all ages shows, my kids would come. We all loved Donnie so much! Many of our fond memories together involve those shows and his music. We will love you forever, Donnie. Thank you for being part of our lives. ❤️

November 1 at 2:35 PM



Jake Bishop shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Donnie and I hadn't talked in quite a while. I'm so glad his pain is over and I'm even more glad he had so many loved ones to hug when he got to the other side. Love to all of the Bonellis. (Stephan Moss sent me this pic a few months ago. So many good times with this group of punks.)



October 13 at 7:10 AM



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Deanna Palmer Donoghue posted:

Though I never formally met Donnie, I have known Tina for many years. She spoke of him with such love and affection, that I felt like I had known him forever. May his whole family feel the grace of God surround you as you go through the grieving proceed. We send all of love and prayers to all of you.
Bob and DeAnna Donoghue

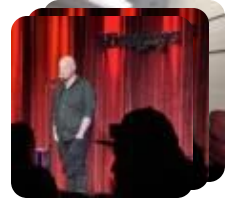
October 5 at 9:35 AM



Alexys Gee shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

♥ Rest in peace, Donnie ♥

October 4 at 9:32 AM



AT **Amy Thomas** November 3 at 7:41 AM

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KP **Kevin Prusse** October 8 at 6:44 AM

Donnie is a good man. I met him while he was resident at Monument Health. He was loved by all the residents. He will be missed by all here.



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Throwback Thursday! A family I will cherish forever.
— with **Donnie Bonelli** and **Seth Fairweather**.



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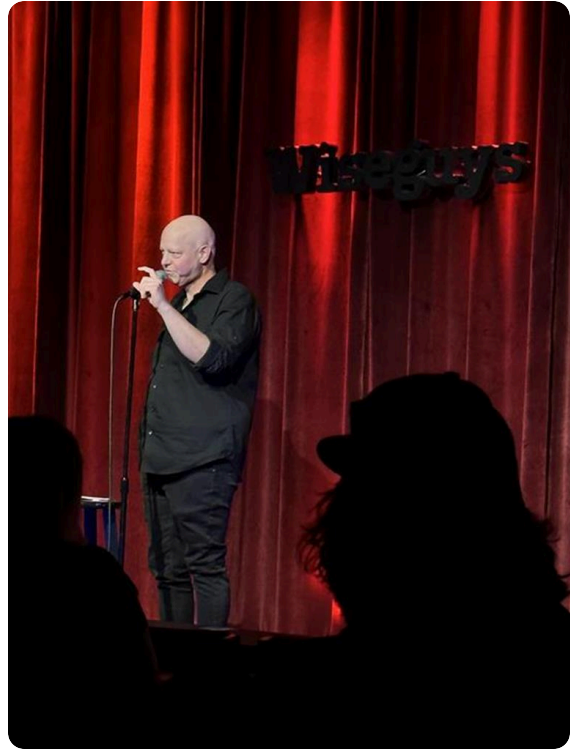




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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donnie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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