



# Donald Allan "Don" Burpee

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## **Donald Allan "Don" Burpee**

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**D**onald Allan "Don" Burpee passed away at the age of 59 in Gainesville, Florida on Tuesday, July 7, 2015. Don was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. He moved to the Dunnellon, Florida area over 21 years ago. He was an avid outdoorsman and through his many travels visited all but two of the continental United States. Don was a great family man and was known for his fun loving personality and enthusiasm along with spending quality time with Brenda his wife of 18 years.

Don spent his time with several hobbies including fishing, hunting, music, woodworking, and riding his motorcycle. He loved spending his days on the water or in the woods. When not outdoors, Don was a lover of all music types and had taught himself to play the bass guitar and was an accomplished woodworker creating many pieces cherished by his family and friends.

He enjoyed life and loved being active but his greatest passion was truly his family. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and was always ready with a great story or a friendly ear to listen with.

He is survived by his wife Brenda; daughters – Nicole Burpee of Buffalo, NY; and Barbara O'Brien (Mark) of Ocala; sons – Michael Smith of Dunnellon, FL; and Keith (Jill) Smith of Orlando; grandchildren – Jessica; Henry; Logan; and Devin O'Brien and a large extended family who were loved very much by Don.

A funeral service with military honors is planned for 10 AM – Friday, July 17, 2015 at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

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## Events


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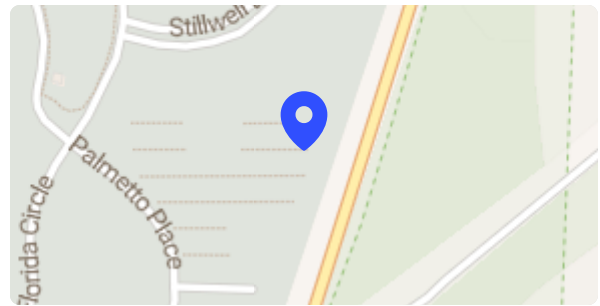
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### Graveside Service


 **Friday**, July 17, 2015

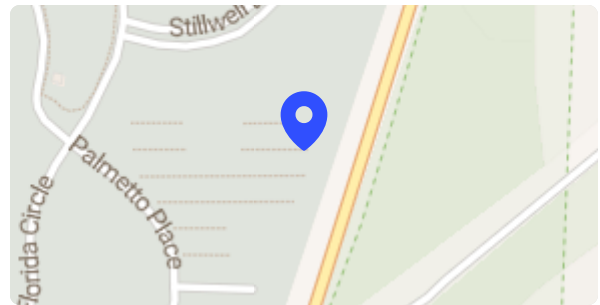
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 **Florida National Cemetery**  
6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue, Bushnell FL 33513



### Cemetery Details

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# Tribute Wall

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**CI Seamus** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Happy birthday Donnie. Gone but never forgotten! We miss you on Thunder Row!

May 14 at 10:47 PM



**Brenda Burpee** posted:

A quick thank you to whoever sent a large floral bouquet -card read "sincere condolences" but no name - it was a very beautiful arrangement and as I sit here writing out thank yous I just want to tell you thank you for a thoughtful gift

July 25 at 2:58 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Healing Tears - Blue and White to the "Don" Burpee family.

July 16 at 7:34 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the "Don" Burpee family.

July 16 at 4:56 AM



**Victoria Archambault** posted:

I have known Donnie since we went to middle school at 16th St. He was mybrothers best friend and though most of his friends teased and made fun of me, Donnie never did. He was always very nice to me. He was a good personand a good friend. May the lord comfort his friends and family who love him.

July 16 at 3:44 AM



**Brenda Burpee** July 25 at 3:00 PM

Thank you Vickie and Robert -your friendship went back years and meant a lot to Donnie



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DC

**David Crossman** posted:

Thanks for being an inspiration to all of us on Thunder Row, Donnie. We'll miss you! To his family, thanks so much for sharing him with us! God bless you all.

July 14 at 6:24 AM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 16 at 7:03 AM

Thank you -donnie b enjoyed everyone he encountered thru thunder row and I know he is smiling down at all of you -God bless you

NJ

**Nancy & Ray Jaquett** sent a Love's Embrace Roses – White to the "Don" Burpee family.



July 12 at 3:20 PM

NJ

**Nancy & Ray Jaquett** posted:

Brenda you and Don have been a big part of our life. We will miss him every day. If you ever need anything please let us know. We know that he is in Heaven with his friends, family and especially GOD! We Love You Nancy & Ray Jaquett.

July 12 at 2:38 PM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 16 at 7:02 AM

Thank you Nancy and Ray

CS

**C.L. Seamus** sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.



July 11 at 7:58 PM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 16 at 7:05 AM

Thank you - your friendship with Don was special to him and me



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RT

**Rae Runge (Tobiasman)** posted:

I "knew" Donnie through the Teach Me Bass Guitar Thunder Row forum, and was continually inspired by his "never give up" attitude. He frequently got knocked down by his illness, but always immediately got up again and started down the path again. An inspiring friend, but one that I never met face to face. He was a very important part of that community for the last few years and someone that we will miss immensely. Rest in God's arms Donnie.

July 11 at 7:40 PM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 16 at 7:12 AM

He was a never give up type - truly will be missed by all -

CS

**C.L. Seamus** posted:

I knew Donnie from his online bass guitar family, Thunder Row. He was a true inspiration to us all, with his never-ending enthusiasm and spirit. All of his friends here are saddened by his passing, and we wish Brenda and his family our prayers and deepest condolences. C.L. Seamus Winnipeg, Manitoba

July 11 at 6:21 PM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 25 at 2:54 PM

Thank you for your heartfelt thoughts and prayers

BA

**Bill Armentrout** posted:

I first met Don in boot camp at Parris Island South Carolina in 1975. I hadn't seen him in forty years but, became reacquainted with him after seeing him on an internet news report a couple of months ago. It meant a lot to me to be able to talk with Don once again. We enjoyed several phone conversations, talking about our boot camp days and our families. SEMPER FI Don!!!!!! With deepest sympathy Bill Armentrout Covington, VA

July 9 at 7:08 AM

BB

**Brenda Burpee** July 25 at 2:55 PM

Thank you bill - your reaching out to Don meant a lot



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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