



## Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.

July 7, 1981 - August 2, 2018

Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr., age 37, of Hibbing, MN formerly of Martins Ferry, OH and Wheeling, WV passed away Thursday, August 2, 2018.

He was born July 7, 1981 in Wheeling, WV.

Donnie was a Computer Technician and loved music.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents: Louella and Steve Crupe; maternal grandparents: Jack and Helen Phillips and maternal grandmother: Helen Stefanow.

Survivors include one son: Donnie Crupe of NC; one daughter: Elizabeth Crupe of NC; father: Donald (Terry) Crupe, Sr. of Wheeling; companion: Eileen Wright of MN; sister: Amber Crupe and brother: David Crupe both of Wheeling and his devoted dog: Rumble.

Private services and interment will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, 1 Ridgecrest Road, Bethlehem/Wheeling.

# Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Been thinking about you a lot lately. I turned 21 last month, a big milestone for me. I hate that I never got to know you, maybe I'll get to meet you when my time comes. I hope you'll be proud of me when I get there, dad. You didn't get to raise me, but you're a bigger part of my life than you thought. I hope you're at peace now.* ”



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**Ella Crupe** - February 13 at 02:58 PM

EW

“ *I miss you you're still around aren't you* ”



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**Eileen Wright** - January 01 at 06:23 PM

EW

“ *Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.* ”



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**Eileen Wright** - September 15, 2025 at 07:01 PM

EW

“ *Miss you*



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**Eileen Wright** - August 01, 2025 at 05:03 PM

EW

“ *Maybe someday your son or daughter will want your favorite hoodie your wallet and some other stuff maybe I'm just sentimental and it's pointless love you to infinity never forgotten*

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**Eileen Wright** - July 15, 2025 at 10:38 PM

EW

“ *Everything is still in storage on the iron range in hibbing from 2018 that was ours haven't been back there if your family cared they would of helped with that by now someday I'll go through the storage unit if I can get a army to go back there with me miss you I'm not posting on your death day this year to many got there jollies off celebrating your death*

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**Eileen Wright** - July 15, 2025 at 10:02 PM

EW

“ *Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.*



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**Eileen Wright** - July 07, 2025 at 11:59 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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**Eileen Wright** - January 01, 2025 at 12:57 AM

EW

“ Rumpelstiltskin pup turned 10 this year he still reminds me every day of how much love you had for me my lil protector you blessed me with I'm going to have to find a pup for him to train hopefully without the jack Russell bark lol miss you so much love you always



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**Eileen Wright** - December 08, 2024 at 07:42 PM

EI

“ always loved never forgotten



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**Eileen** - August 06, 2024 at 06:42 PM

AM

“ 6 years has felt like a million.

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**Amber** - August 02, 2024 at 10:30 AM

EW

“ Happy birthday always loved never forgotten  
💖



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**Eileen Wright** - July 07, 2024 at 07:05 PM

AM

“ Amber lit a candle in memory of Donald  
"Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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**Amber** - May 03, 2024 at 03:33 PM

AM

*I miss you every day. I'm about to be 37, so we'll be the same age this year.*

*I still feel when you're around.*

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**Amber** - May 03, 2024 at 03:36 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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**Eileen Wright** - January 10, 2024 at 12:09 AM

EI

“ Eileen lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



Eileen - July 07, 2023 at 08:59 PM

EW

“ 📢💔😞

Forced to by police n maintenance no one would buy it even before I painted it after sinking 2000 in it in a period of 3 months in 2020 while it was being vandalized Everytime I brought it back home here



Eileen Wright - August 03, 2022 at 01:17 PM

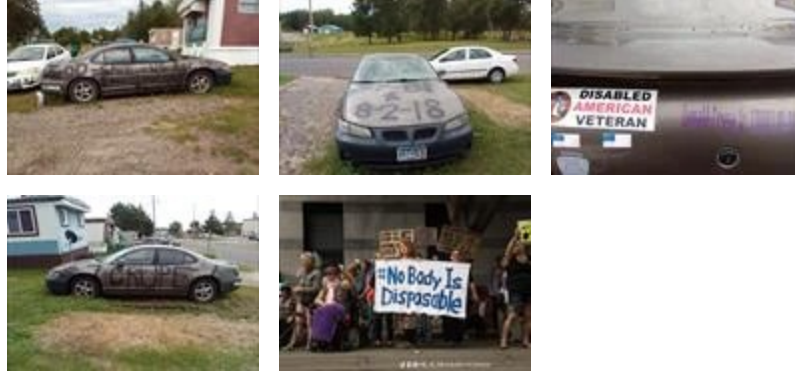
EW

“ It's being donated to a company in MN twin cities I'm not getting money out of it they did they robbed us of life! it's going to be destroyed for parts like it's a friggin organ donor

Eileen Wright - August 01, 2022 at 03:16 PM

EW

“ I couldn't save you I understand what happened may god have mercy on thier souls never forgotten love you forever I'm going be harassed off the range it was supposed to cause my death also



Eileen Wright - August 01, 2022 at 03:04 PM

EW

“ The grand prix:It was vandalized in 2020 by maintenance guy in nashwauk trailer court after putting 2000into it I ran out of money, police ordered it on maintenance request to be towed on the anniversary of your death I couldn't save it or you Will load pictures soon having problem loading add media right now

Eileen Wright - August 01, 2022 at 02:54 PM

EW

“ They did everything to chase their memory of their sin of what they did to you off the iron range.Destroyed the grand prix.went after rumpel.harassed me to near death because they want no trace of their sin on the range. It was supposed to be 2 birds with 1 stone I understand that now the iron range is a portal to he'll You didn't die like the cops informed me did you my love. In my heart forever never forgotten

Eileen Wright - July 03, 2022 at 10:17 PM

EW

“ I still have it in the sperm bank if I ever choose or can afford IVF if I don't do it naturally or just decide too but I still have your/our/my big baby dog Rumpelstiltskin by my side xxxxxxxx

Eileen Wright - April 03, 2022 at 09:02 PM

EW

“ The greatest present I got got was the privilege to spend the rest of your life with you. Thank you. Your family, your two children from your ex wife and I were robbed of a great man that day. Never forgotten always loved I carry you in my heart still

Eileen Wright - April 03, 2022 at 08:01 PM

EW

“ Never forgotten



Eileen Wright - January 01, 2022 at 01:27 AM

EW

“ NEVER FORGOTTEN ALWAYS LOVED



Eileen Wright - December 25, 2021 at 06:10 PM

EW

“ Miss you soooo much 😞



Eileen Wright - November 26, 2021 at 09:39 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eileen Wright - August 14, 2021 at 11:22 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eileen Wright - August 01, 2021 at 12:02 PM

EW

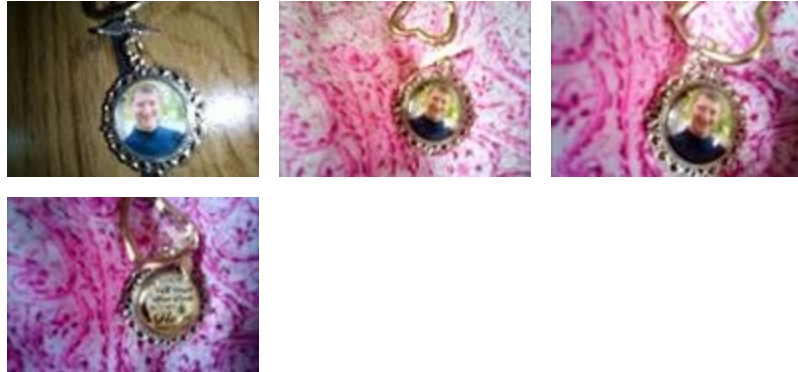
“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



Eileen Wright - August 01, 2021 at 12:02 PM

EW

“❤️🌸



Eileen Wright - July 07, 2021 at 11:58 AM

EW

“ *I miss and love you still everyday you're never forgotten Happy Birthday*

Eileen Wright - July 07, 2021 at 11:26 AM

EW

“ *I miss you n love you everyday, Happy Birthday*



Eileen Wright - July 07, 2021 at 11:24 AM

EW

“ *Eileen Wright lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.*



Eileen Wright - May 19, 2021 at 05:09 PM

EW

“❤️



Eileen Wright - April 05, 2021 at 02:38 AM

EW

“ *Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.*



Eileen Wright - March 29, 2021 at 02:56 AM

EI

“ *NEvEr FoRgOttEn*



Eileen - February 14, 2021 at 06:23 PM

EW

“ *You'd be scrambling to finish everything with my help in the kitchen today in between talking to family then hoping at the last minute the gas station, the only thing open on Christmas, would have the one thing we forgot at the store. I just slept all day today it's those things they stole as they steal more n I'm still friggin pissed. Love you always merry Christmas*

Eileen Wright - December 26, 2020 at 01:16 AM

EW

“ *Never Forgotten Always Loved*



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**Eileen Wright** - December 01, 2020 at 08:46 AM

EW

“ *On this day 2 years ago my world ended when you died now the world seems to b ending for others I don't understand why they're scared but I went through it alone except for your spirit helping me so I'm numb to the fear of it. Love you forever n eternity, Eileen*

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**Eileen Wright** - August 02, 2020 at 05:04 PM

EW

“ *Happy birthday love n miss you also tons*



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**Eileen Wright** - July 07, 2020 at 05:36 PM

AM

“ *Happy birthday. I love you, and I miss you. We all do.*

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**Amber** - July 07, 2020 at 10:00 AM

EW

“ *I miss you* ”



Eileen Wright - May 25, 2020 at 09:01 PM

EW

“ *I hope you can see this mess of a world right now you'd b laughing,I miss you so much* ”



Eileen Wright - March 27, 2020 at 08:09 PM

EW

“ *I will always love you* ”



Eileen Wright - February 14, 2020 at 05:17 PM

EW

“ *I miss you soooooo much*💕 ”



Eileen Wright - January 19, 2020 at 09:26 PM

EW

“ *I miss you*



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**Eileen Wright** - December 24, 2019 at 05:06 PM

EW

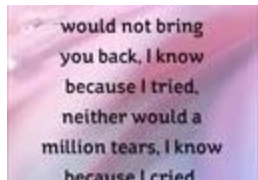
“ *Prayed a million words for your return to a God that just ignored me, cried a million tears*

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**Eileen Wright** - November 27, 2019 at 01:22 AM

EW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Eileen Wright** - November 27, 2019 at 01:19 AM

EW

“ *I feel so lost without you* 💕

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**Eileen Wright** - November 03, 2019 at 11:17 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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Eileen Wright - October 06, 2019 at 05:16 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Eileen Wright - September 28, 2019 at 10:59 PM

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“ Eileen Wright lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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Eileen Wright - September 11, 2019 at 12:10 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Eileen Wright - August 02, 2019 at 07:01 PM

EW

“❤️🍃



Eileen wright - July 07, 2019 at 11:38 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eileen wright - May 28, 2019 at 02:05 AM

EI

“ Eil sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



Eil - May 28, 2019 at 02:03 AM

EW

*From Eileen*

Eileen wright - May 28, 2019 at 02:04 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Eileen wright - April 04, 2019 at 10:51 PM

EW

“ I miss you



Eileen Wright - February 17, 2019 at 02:02 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



Eileen Wright - January 15, 2019 at 12:37 AM

EW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



eileen wright - December 25, 2018 at 02:32 PM

EW

“ *Holidays are not the same but you are still loved dearly in my heart Never Forgotten*



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**eileen wright** - December 13, 2018 at 04:46 PM

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*I'm sorry I just found out I was 1 of his friends from high school*

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**Tim Neer** - February 06, 2019 at 02:09 AM

EW

“ *Never Forgotten*



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**eileen wright** - November 13, 2018 at 04:24 PM

EW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Eileen wright** - October 13, 2018 at 09:32 PM

EW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Eileen wright** - October 13, 2018 at 09:26 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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**Eileen Wright** - September 27, 2018 at 02:28 PM

EW

“ Don You are never forgotten, eternally loved.



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**Eileen Wright** - September 13, 2018 at 12:59 PM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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**eileen wright** - August 27, 2018 at 10:39 AM

EW

“ Eileen Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.



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eileen wright - August 15, 2018 at 01:30 PM

EW

“ On August 2nd 2018 I lost my fiancée, my soulmate, the love of my life, my best friend Don to his illness. My name is Eileen Wright. Don and I met in December 2012 and were together until that final day. We met in Boise lived there for several years until we moved to Minnesota to start new due to his mother in Boise not accepting the divorce of his ex-wife, separating from her when he was 24 1/2 or so divorcing her several years later, or me.

He was close with his family in WV talking to them on the phone but I never actually met them I did get texts and a phone call that final day though. He told me stories about his family in WV as I did mine I felt as if I knew them. We would talk about everything daily like we knew each other from another life from day the day we met my other half.

I do have tons to share about him about his years with me but his family would need to accept me as a part of his life like he always wanted.

We have had pets over the years yes one of his favorites is Rumpelstilskin aka rumpel our dog.

I will never forget how we saved each other in death and in life, he would understand that even if no one else does.

I LOVE YOU DON ALWAYS!!!!



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eileen wright - August 13, 2018 at 09:48 AM

MP

“ *My heart is numb with grief and disbelief.  
Donald is my only son. I would like to share part of his life as his  
journey began...*

*When you were born your father held you up to God as to say.. We  
have received your great gift of our firstborn son.*

*That day was 7-7-81. 7 minutes after 1,  
7lbs 6ozs, 21 inches long. God was smiling.*

*By the time he was 7 he could tell you any part of the Bible you  
would like to discuss. He was truly a child of God. He always liked  
to celebrate the Son of God.*

*He loved Christmas at Gramma and Paps house. He loved to help  
his Pap decorate and eat all the Christmas goodies Gramma baked.  
The House was full of the love that beamed from his excitement.  
As a young man he became a wide band communications  
specialist.*

*He served his country in the United States Air Force.*

*There he met a beautiful young woman, Mary R Popio. He made  
her his wife. They had two beautiful children together... Donald  
James Crupe (baby Donnie) & Elizabeth Rose Crupe. He called his  
baby girl 'Bug'.*

*They moved to Idaho to be closer to 'Gramma'.*

*One of his accomplishments here was he became a producer of a  
TV Ministey called*

*The Church of The Way. Donnie accomplished a lot in his short life.*

*He also had two step brothers that loved him very much.. Ryan Lee  
and Robert Lee.*

*And a step dad Rick Lee.*

*He also has a sister Amber Crupe, a brother*

*David Crupe and a step mother Terry Crupe that he loved very  
much& his father Don Crupe. We will all miss him.*

*I leave you in the hands of our Heavenly Father that you loved so  
dear.*

*A mother's love comes from God and will be with you wherever you  
are.*

*He moved away from his family to find himself and our love went with him. He found that Gods love was with him all the time.*

*God called Donnie home to Him so he could give him the peace of His love he had been searching for. The love of sweet Hesus that walked him home.*

*He is my son and I love him very much.  
Mom & Dad will always feel blessed that God chose us to be your parents sweet son.*

*Mom* 💜

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**Mark/ Tammy Porter** - August 08, 2018 at 05:03 PM

NB

“ *Don and Terry I am so sorry he was a really good person great personality I'm sure you're going to miss him ...*

*Nada*



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**Nada Beneke** - August 08, 2018 at 03:08 PM

MP

“ My heart aches for Both the Phillips and the Crupe families.  
Donnie is my nephew, the son of my sister  
Lisa Phillips. There are no words that can express the loss of a  
child, but here are some memories we would like to share with you  
now...

As a young boy his favorite holiday was Christmas. He was always  
so excited when his grandma and pap would decorate the house  
up. He loved God and was excited to celebrate Jesus birthday.  
Grandmas Christmas cookies were the best he said.

As he got a little older football became his favorite game. He played  
for his high school and was proud to be a good player.

Di Carlos pizza was a favorite food he loved to share.

He worked hard as a young man, trying to make his way in the  
world.

He decided it was time to serve his country and joined the Air Force.

During that time he met a girl, fell in love and got married.. two  
beautiful children followed. Their names are Donnie and Elizabeth.

He loved them dearly and often talked about them with his mom.

Donnie had a big heart and was always ready to lend a hand . Life  
had its hardships and that he understood. His smile was warm and  
his laugh was sweet. He took life's lemons and made the sweetest  
lemonade.

There are so many wonderful memories we carry with us when a  
loved one passes.

Today my family and his mother , though we miss him terribly,  
choose to celebrate his life and in doing so share just a small piece  
of it with you.

We love you Donnie. You are with God now, and are shining bright.  
Until we see each other again sweet boy.

Mom Lisa Phillips

Uncle Mark, Aunt Tammy Porter

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Mark/ Tammy Porter - August 08, 2018 at 11:36 AM

TF

“ *The Wensyel Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Donnie" Crupe, Jr.*



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**The Wensyel Family** - August 06, 2018 at 08:57 PM

MD

“ *Words seem inadequate to express the sorrow felt by the loss of Donnie. My heart is with each of you. "May tender memories soften your grief ,May fond recollection bring you relief.. And may you find comfort and peace in the thought of the joy that Donnie brought...For time and space can never divide or keep your loved one from your side.*

*Thoughts are prayers and love sent your way.*

*Amber , Missy,*

*Jayden, Justin, Scott.*

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**Melissa Downie** - August 06, 2018 at 08:23 PM

TH

*Heartfelt sympathies to the entire Crupe family. I was deeply saddened to hear about your loss. Donald and I were classmates at Martins Ferry Christian Grade School many years ago. He had an infectious personality that everyone loved. During this difficult time, I pray you find comfort in knowing the impact that he made on everyone that was blessed to know him.*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Tiffany (Higgins) Hartlieb*

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**Tiffany Hartlieb** - August 07, 2018 at 06:39 PM