



Donald Gentry Hopper.

February 13, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Donald “Donnie” Gentry Hopper, on February 13, at the age of 55, from sudden cardiac arrest.

“If ever there was a modern man born to be a pirate, it was Donald Gentry Hopper. He was in equal parts a rebel, an instigator, and an adventurer. When confronted with a Keep Out sign, Donnie would, of course, be the first one over the fence. Rules are not meant for pirates, you see. Even as a young man, Donnie was gifted with a boundless sense of humor, confidence, charisma, and a larger than life personality that would only grow larger over the years. He loved his woman, he loved hunting and fishing, he loved playing his guitar, and as we can all attest, he loved living life to the fullest with every chance he got. To all who knew him, Donnie was a good friend, and come rain or shine, he never took that for granted. He loved and appreciated everyone around him, and we loved him back. Donnie, you are the stuff of legend. Enjoy the sunset, brother, and save us all a seat on that boat.” - Darel Parker (friend)

Donnie was preceded in death by his parents, Donald Dee Hopper and Elva June Hopper, and his oldest brother, Jimmie Bake Simpson. He is survived by the love of his life, Ivy Easterly, sister, Pamela Simpson, brothers Johnny Simpson, Grady Simpson, Sister-in-law Karen Simpson, sister Norma Miller (Mack), eight nieces and nephews and their families. He was also blessed with greatest of friends that he loved as family.

No surprise, there will NOT be a traditional service. When it gets warmer there will be a gathering at South Padre Island, and later at Port Mansfield, when his ashes will be spread in the East Cut, where he belongs.

Tribute Wall

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“ So many sunny memories with Donnie somewhere on the water. I will always remember you at every beach and every sunset. Rest in Peace old friend into the great wide open ...☀️!

Aissa Fletcher - February 26, 2025 at 10:00 PM

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“ One late Friday night, Donnie pulls up to the old Windjammer dock on a shallow sport out of nowhere. He told the group I was standing in to hop on, we were going to What's Up Doc!! When his big smile showed up, fun was always had. I'll sure miss visiting with him. RIP

Christine Haynes - February 25, 2025 at 11:11 PM

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“ We will miss Donnie dearly. Whitey and Donnie jammed for hours in our home. Whitey always said Donnie was a fantastic guitarist, and they really rocked our little house. He was always ready to jam, party , and we are thankful to have been a part of his fantastic life. Donnie knew how to live to its fullest, and we cherish that. RIP Donnie💚💙

sandra kohl thompson - February 22, 2025 at 08:42 AM

PS

Donnie loved ya'll so much.

Pam Simpson - February 22, 2025 at 10:44 AM

MD

“ One of my oldest friends, you will be missed but never forgotten. So many stories and good times over the years, we sure did some fun and crazy things. I can't listen to Led Zeppelin without thinking of you and the jam sessions. The trips to port Mansfield, the nights in Mexico, the fishing trips offshore. I'm sure you will find away to continue to harass me about that damn dirt bike of yours that I wrecked when we were kids. Lmao.. heck last month I had to hear about it. I can still hear you laughing Love ya like brother man! And I'll see you again someday.



Mick Drewry - February 21, 2025 at 09:13 AM

PS

Thanks for sharing. It means so much to me to hear from Donnie's friends.

Pam Simpson - February 22, 2025 at 10:46 AM



“ Thanks for the Smiles 😊 Till Next Time 😊😊🙏❤️



Kris Escobedo - February 20, 2025 at 08:22 PM

PS

Great picture. Thanks for sharing

Pam Simpson - February 22, 2025 at 10:46 AM

JA

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



John Aitkens - February 20, 2025 at 08:02 PM

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Thanks for the pictures. I can't get enough of them.

Pam Simpson - February 22, 2025 at 10:47 AM