



## Donald "Donnie" Curtis Ogletree

July 12, 1953 - September 21, 2021

Donald "Donnie" Curtis Ogletree, 68, formerly of Buford Georgia and Tampa Florida, passed away Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at the Colorado Springs home of his family and caregivers brother David Thomas Ogletree, and sister-in-law Adele Ogletree. After his father's passing in 2004, Donnie continued to live with his mother in Buford GA, briefly in Lawrenceville GA, and then in 2014 they moved together to Colorado Springs to be near David and Adele. Donnie began to live full time with his brother in March 2018, and his mother passed away in May 2018.

Donnie was born July 12, 1953 in Washington D.C. to Thomas Watson and Anna Margaret (Williams) Ogletree. He joined his "Big Brother Dave" and made the family complete. Donnie was a special person with Down syndrome and while he had unique needs in his everyday life, he always enjoyed every day and lived his life with evident self assurance.

The Ogletree family of four moved to Tampa, Florida in 1957, where Donnie's father Tom began work for the Tampa Police Department, and then the Hillsborough County Sheriff's office. In 1986, Tom, Margaret and Donnie moved to Buford, Georgia where they resided together. Donnie was an active member of the special needs ministry at 1st Baptist Church of Snellville (nka Church on Main) for many years, and could often be found as an official greeter at the church entry on Sunday mornings. Donnie was an active participant in Special Olympics as a child and an adult. His favorite sport was bowling, and he was part of a weekly league until 2014. His high game was 212, and he always remembered that score along with his memorable trip to Baton Rouge, Louisiana for a Special Olympics competition. He enjoyed his participation in the programs at Creative Enterprises in Lawrenceville for 27 years. He was a specialist in putting small boxes together, and held that job at Creative Enterprises for many years. His collection of 700 t-shirts told the story of his life, as they represented places, people and activities he experienced and remembered. Donnie loved his extended family, making special connections with all. He had life-long best friends, whom he greeted with "Hello Pal!"

In Colorado Springs, he enjoyed time with new friends at Mosaic; a day program that took him out into the community. His favorite day was Friday – that was bowling day. Until the pandemic shut the program down, he attended 5 days a week.

His smile lit up a room and when he met you, that smile and a friendly handshake was his first thing to do along with an introduction: “my name is Donnie Ogletree”.

Donald Curtis is survived by his brother David Thomas Ogletree and sister-in-law Adele Ogletree, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; nephews Dave Ogletree of Portland, Oregon, and John Ogletree of Welches, Oregon; niece Maj. Brittany Morton, USAF and grand-niece Cheyenne; uncles and a great number of cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Flanigan Funeral Home in Buford, Georgia on Saturday, October 16th at 11:00 a.m. (ET). Burial will follow at Gwinnett Memorial Park in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

# Cemetery Details

## Gwinnett Memorial Park

925 Lawrenceville Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chapel of Flanigan Funeral Home

## Burial

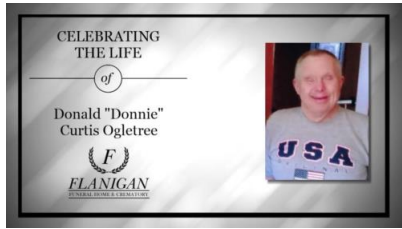
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Flanigan Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Donnie" Curtis Ogletree*



Flanigan Funeral Home - October 07, 2021 at 01:22 PM

MA

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*Marthena Bagley*



Marthena - March 04 at 07:40 PM

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Marthena - March 04 at 07:36 PM

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“ Donnie was my friend at Mrs. Mary Eldridge’s kindergarten. We enjoyed each other’s company. Years later while in college I applied for work at an organization employing people with special needs called HARC. I learned that Donnie was working there and we met again. It was an emotionally touching time and Donnie remembered me as clearly as if it were yesterday. Donnie was a dear human being and a good soul. Knowing him made a difference in my life and work as a nurse.

Scottie Fingar - December 28, 2022 at 07:50 AM



“ Donald "Donnie" Curtis Ogletree

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM

LE

“ Donnie was much loved by many of his friends at Creative Enterprises. He spent many happy years here and loved working. He would work tirelessly all day and was always smiling and happy. He had a work space he called his office and was our official box maker. Over the years, both of his parents supported our efforts in so many ways and it is sad that they are all gone now. Rest in Peace Donnie. You will be missed.

Leigh McIntosh

Leigh - October 13, 2021 at 02:37 PM

RE

“ Donnie, I can't believe you are gone. I went to Creative Enterprises in 2007 to Feb of 08. He was an amazing and awesome man.



Your friend, Rainey E

Rainey E - October 11, 2021 at 10:49 AM

JK

To the family, home I do not personally know, nor did I know your loved one. Just wanted to pass along a suggestion, after reading the online obituary, and the fact that Donnie had a wonderful collection of t-shirts. You may know this already, but there are people out there that make quilts or throws/blankets out of t-shirts, etc. What a wonderful memorial gift that would be to take his t-shirts and have a memorial blanket made from them. May your loved one rest peacefully in God's hands.

Jk - October 12, 2021 at 07:35 AM