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On January 16, 1953, Donnie was born in Eastman, Georgia, to Fred and Bertie Rowland. He graduated from Cochran High School in Cochran, Georgia, and attended the University of Middle Georgia. Donnie was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was the beloved husband of Lanell Brockman, who he married in 1992.

Donnie received a bachelor's degree in education in 1994 from ENMU in Portales, NM. He was employed at Roswell High School from 1994 to 2011, where he was a freshman football coach who taught special education, Life skills, and woodshop. He was an involved member of Pecos Valley Horse Shows and Chaves County Sherriff Posse playdays from 2007-2011 and an umpire for softball during the summers.

Known as "Coach Rowland" to many, Donnie loved sports and his students. He was a member of Midway Baptist Church and a member of the choir, and he loved to sing. Donnie was loved by all who knew him.

Those left to cherish memories of Donnie are his wife of thirty years, Lanell Brockman; two sons: Sammy Brockman and wife Lori of El Paso, Texas, and Shane Battle and wife Brandi of Roswell, NM; daughter, Trisha Brockman of Ruidoso, NM; grandson who he raised, Christopher Battle of Albuquerque, NM; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandsons; mother, Bertie Rowland of Cochran, Georgia; two sisters: Shelbie Purser and husband Ernie, Stephanie

Dabbs and husband Lonnie; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

Donnie was preceded in death by his father, James Fred Rowland and brother, Jerry Wyndel Rowland.

Special "Thanks" to Interim Home Health, Encompass Hospice, Dr. Wulf, Maria Gonzales (CNA) and Naomi Myers (CNA).

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating to the Baptist Children's Home in Portales, NM.

Plans for a private memorial graveside service will be placed at a later date.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donnie "Coach" Rowland*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



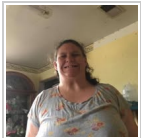
“ *Donnie and I coached track at RHS. He was a good person. My condolences go out to his family, relatives, friends, and co-workers.*  
*James Kelt*

**James Kelt** - March 06, 2022 at 08:31 PM



“ *I worked with Donnie at Roswell High. He was a joy to be around. I will never forget him. We will miss him together. My heart goes out to the family.*

**Debbie Reed** - March 03, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Liz Moore lit a candle in memory of Donnie "Coach" Rowland*



**Liz Moore** - February 28, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *He was best teacher help with me a lot thing told love to joke with student I am him freshman year in high told me how to do math*

**harleywebb** - February 27, 2022 at 10:51 AM

KW

“ We will love and miss you Donnie!! I love you Nell!

Kari Wyche-Lang - February 26, 2022 at 09:42 AM

JT

“ My prayers go out to Coach Rowland's family. I worked with Donnie at Roswell High, he was an awesome teacher. Rest in Peace Coach.



joan tempero - February 25, 2022 at 12:53 AM

ND

“ I worked at Roswell High and knew him well. He was a great man and awesome teacher. I have a potato bin that his students made. RIP Mr. Rowland.

Nellie Daniel - February 24, 2022 at 09:21 PM

JG

“ Im sure going to miss you i loved havin u as a teacher so many great memories with you

Jenevie Gamboa - February 24, 2022 at 08:37 PM

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“ It was a pleasure to know and work with Mr. Roland. His life was well lived and not invasion. My prayers go out to his loved ones. God bless you all.



(Tammy) Tamela Stewart(Garcia) - February 24, 2022 at 07:34 PM

SH

“ *Donnie was a great man my son Shyrone loved him they had a great friendship he taught my son at Roswell high and my son would help him out whenever he needed him to he will be missed*



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**silvia hilliard** - February 24, 2022 at 04:12 PM

DH

“ *Donnie had a heart of gold! He loved his students as his own. I was very honored to call him friend!*



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**Dana Howse** - February 24, 2022 at 04:05 PM

EP

*Sincere condolence to the family. I worked with Coach Rowland at Roswell High. He was a wonderful teacher. Always patient and willing to help. May he rest in peace.*

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**Elia Patterson** - February 28, 2022 at 09:10 PM