



## Donald James Hancock

June 22, 1949 - January 29, 2025

Donald James Hancock, 75, of La Plata, Maryland, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at his home.

Born on June 22, 1949, he was the son of the late Harold Lee Hancock and Norma Ann Hancock. In addition to his parents, Donnie was preceded in death by his brother, Matthew Hancock.

Donnie is survived by his wife Debora Hancock; son DJ Hawkins; step-children Brian Brookhart and his wife Julie, Chris Brookhart, Kelly McNamara and her husband Mark; brothers Michael John Hancock Sr. and his wife Sherri and Gerald Thomas Hancock and his wife Kay; sister, Kathryn Dyson; 10 grandchildren; also survived by several nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and numerous friends.

Donnie was a very active member of the Charles County community. He started out on his home farm and became involved in 4-H. From there he went on to become a 4-H Allstar Club member in 1967, represented Charles County in Chicago at the National 4-H Convention. Donnie continued being involved in the county. In 1983 he was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, was selected as an Outstanding Youth Farmer, was on the County Fair Board as well as a long-time member of the Farm Bureau. Being a long-time farmer, he raised hay and turkeys. Equipment repair was also one

of Donnie specialties, many relied on his expertise.

Donnie was an avid hunter and enjoyed mentoring younger hunters. He was a natural horseman belonging to numerous trail riding organizations. Donnie spent many hours in the saddle trail riding and training. Many people would ask him to “tune up” their horses which he gladly did.

Other interests included tractor pulls in his younger years; gardening that provided vegetables for canning and friends; as well as butchering and meat processing.

Donnie will be greatly missed.

A visitation will be on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 10 AM until time for the service to begin at 11 AM at the La Plata United Methodist Church, 3 Port Tobacco Road, La Plata, Maryland 20646.

Interment to follow at La Plata United Methodist Church Cemetery, Dentsville, MD.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Donnie’s name, may be made to Wounded Warriors, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, or any worthy charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made on Donnie’s Tribute Wall.

# Cemetery Details

## Dentsville Methodist Cemetery

East Charles Street  
La Plata, MD

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church  
3 Port Tobacco Rd  
La Plata, MD 20646  
(301) 934-2288

## Service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

La Plata United Methodist Church  
3 Port Tobacco Rd.  
La Plata, MD MD  
<http://laplataumc.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald James Hancock.

February 09, 2025 at 07:24 AM



“ Donnie lifted my spirits while I was in a trying time of my life. He and the SMTR brought me back into the horse world where many new friends brought light into my life.  
Rest In Peace my dear friend. I will forever be grateful..Mount UP!  
Cindy Pearson

Cindy Pearson Swann - February 09, 2025 at 07:21 AM



“ Rest in peace Old Friend. It's been many moons since we raised hell in the cow barns at the fairs!!

Renee - February 04, 2025 at 08:52 AM



“ Lori Sides purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald James Hancock.



Lori Sides - February 04, 2025 at 07:58 AM

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“ *Always will remember our trail rides and all of the fun we had! Hope you're riding some beautiful places in Heaven, Donnie, and are at peace*

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**Lori Sides** - February 02, 2025 at 08:02 PM