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Donnie Kilgore September 26, 1972 – September 8, 2015



Dori and Donnie Kilgore December 2011

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Making *our* standard, industry standard.

IN MEMORIAM DONNIE KILGORE

There are days when reality is too much to take in. When the order of things is topsy turvy and our world is jolted.

Tuesday, September 8th was such a day. When we heard that Donnie Kilgore had passed away in his truck in a customer's parking lot—when we learned this, we felt our world quiver. At 42, he was too young to die. Surely a man who was always nice and unassuming wasn't taken. But it was true, and we were all utterly shocked.

My perspective of Donnie is one of an employer. Donnie was a great employee. Many people do good work, but great employees are rare. They are exceptional in their talents, and they use them for the good of the team. They enjoy their job, but don't seek the spotlight. Pleasant and reliable, they just get the job done without drama. This was Donnie.

I was less familiar with his personal life, but it was on full display at his funeral. The essence of Donnie was reflected in all the funeral faces. The depth of grief from his family and friends reflected a life well lived and a man truly loved.

It is really no surprise that the qualities that made him a great employee-also made him a great father, husband, friend, and son.

Donnie was a wonderful all around man who will be missed by many but not forgotten.

Ellen Gallant

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In picture from left: Barry Lasley, Randall Woodlee, Rusty Sewell, Jeb Barrett, Ken Noland, Steve Wright, and Steve Wild.

MEI Exhibits at 2015 Georgia Environmental Conference
The Annual Georgia Environmental Conference is Georgia's largest, most comprehensive and diverse educational opportunity for Environmental Professionals and Government Officials seeking to exchange knowledge and share ideas around environmental concerns in Georgia and the Southeast Region. This year's conference had over 700 attendees. The curriculum was designed and developed by a 50 member steering committee offering 56 unique courses, allowing attendees to select their own breakout session schedule while receiving valuable continuing education credits (CEC).

On November 19, MEI will be sponsoring the 2015 Tennessee Association of Manufacturer's Environmental, Health and Safety Summit at the Chattanooga Trade Center. The Summit will provide educational opportunities for EH&S Managers across the region, providing education and interaction with Government Officials and Industry Professionals. More information can be found at www.tennam.com/environment-summit.html.



Off-duty firefighter talks about rescuing baby from apartment complex blaze

Lt. Vernon Lane with the Chattanooga Fire Department didn't have much time to think about the loss of his own possessions in last night's fire at Hidden Creek Apartments, according to a Chattanooga Fire Department news release. Lt. Lane said he grabbed a few things from his apartment and got out when, moments later, he spotted a woman leaning out a third floor window holding a baby. Chattanooga police officers found a mattress they were going to use to break her fall, but there was no time. Before the mattress could be moved in place, the woman let go of the baby. Lt. Lane said he just leaped in the direction of the baby and caught him in his arms. Seconds later, he was hit on the back by the mother, who jumped from the window and landed on top of Lt. Lane and the baby. The mother and son were taken to a local hospital, but their injuries do not appear to be life-threatening.

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