



## Gregory Shannon Finke

June 20, 1967 - February 17, 2018

Gregory Shannon Finke, 50, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018. Greg was born on June 20, 1967 in Lebanon, Indiana. He was a graduate of Lebanon High School and studied at Indiana State University and Vol State with a strong passion for music. He began his musical career at the early age of six, continuing to hone his skills as a professional drummer. Respected and admired by fellow musicians, Greg was a studio percussionist recording several projects and commercial jingles in the Indianapolis area. Greg was also a touring musician, most notably as a member of the Jimmy Ryser Band, where he toured across the United States with musical artists including The Moody Blues and REO Speedwagon. In his downtime, Greg enjoyed being at the lake and engaged in water activities. He was also an avid sports fan, cheering for his favorite teams including the Indianapolis Colts, Purdue Boilermakers, and Chicago Cubs. Most importantly, Greg loved the Lord and leading others toward Christ. His favorite verse was Jeremiah 29:11 NIV "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Greg is survived by his two sons whom he loved dearly, Trevor Finke, Columbia, SC; Joshua Finke, Myrtle Beach, SC; his loving parents J. and Rosalie Finke, Leesburg, FL; niece Lauryn Finke and great nephew Landon Finke, Woodstock, GA; uncle Mike Hootman (Libby), Brownsburg, IN; and fiancé LaShona Donica, Tavares, FL. He was preceded in death by his brother David Finke and his maternal and paternal grandparents. A Celebration of Life

will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Today is the day you Celebrate Greg's life. We hope that in doing so, you are able to capture his love of family, friends, music and you LaShona. I wish Jack and I could be there with you but know that our thought and prayers are with you all. I think he is truly playing drums for the best band that God could have assembled. May that bring you all a smile and a little peace.

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**Barb Coulter** - March 03, 2018 at 05:01 PM

LA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. A wonderful hope is promised to us in the bible at (Acts 24:15). We will be able to see our loved ones again on a beautiful, peaceful paradise Earth. We look forward for that time soon to come!

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**Lauren** - March 01, 2018 at 10:42 AM

JH

“ Dear Mr and Mrs Finke and La Shona-

*Please accept my deepest prayers of support regarding the passing of Greg. I truly loved Greg and we have actually shared these words to each other in recent weeks. It is shocking and I cannot do anything more than to pray and pray again as far as making sense of this. I am unable to attend the service but on behalf of myself and my family, please know that Greg is one of my dearest friends and a huge part of my life.*

*Sincerely,  
Jeff Hedback*

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**Jeff Hedback** - March 01, 2018 at 10:14 AM

SN

“ *Finke Family and Friends - Everyone who knew Greg is unbelievably saddened that he departed us oh too soon. Greg had so much more to give in the flesh but our Lord has called upon him. Please know your son/father/friend was one of the brightest spirits of this World sprinkling his contagious energy on everyone who came in contact with him. I was very blessed to spend a few intimate years with Greg passionately creating and recording as his rhythm partner. I can affirm that Greg's heart and soul were the most kind known to man. Greg has had a lasting impact on my life. For that, I am extremely grateful. May The Lord ease your pain and rest your soul my Brother! With blessings and gratitude - Shawn*

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**Shawn Nugent** - February 27, 2018 at 10:21 AM

BB

“ *So sad to hear of Greg's passing. He was such a good friend. He helped lead me to Christ and had such a beautiful heart. Prayers for your family during this difficult time.*

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**Bernadette Brennaman** - February 26, 2018 at 10:44 AM

DB

“ *I am truly sorry for your loss of Gregory, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the Finke family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection (John 5:28, 29) and the renewed Paradise earth, where death is an enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26) that will very soon be eliminated forever, and no family will mourn the death of a loved one (Revelation 21:4). This promise has been given by Almighty God Jehovah (Psalms 83:18). Truly, what a glorious and almost unbelievable day that will be! It's a reality though for God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). For more comforting and encouraging scriptures on the resurrection, please visit [jw.org](http://jw.org).*

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**Debora Bailey** - February 26, 2018 at 09:26 AM

CE

“ You are all in my thoughts and prayers!



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**Cheryl Edwards** - February 23, 2018 at 10:02 PM

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“ LaShonna & the Finke family, I am so sorry for your loss! You are in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Cheryl Edwards** - February 23, 2018 at 10:01 PM

HD

“ Very saddened by the passing of Greg. Got to know him through our daughter and loved his sweet spirit and gentleness. Such a loss, but heaven gained a special angel. So glad you have a new body and no more pain. Always loved and remembered as our drummer boy and avid sports fan. RIP Greg.

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**Herman & LaVona Donica** - February 23, 2018 at 08:53 AM

HP

“ No word can ease your pain. Only prayer, time and the wonderful memories you have of Greg, of which I am sure there are many! He was a special guy that touch the lives of so many. He was a religious man, not privately, but publicly; helping others find our our Lord and Saviour. What a legacy he leaves! I am so proud to have known Greg. God bless you all with peace and comfort!

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**Helen Marie Foreman Pell** - February 23, 2018 at 07:34 AM

JH

“ Jay & Rosalie, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Janet Edwards Holoubek - February 23, 2018 at 04:49 AM

JR

“ Words cannot describe my sense of loss personally and my humble love for Rosie and J. All I know is that Greg was a loving, passionate soul and I have quoted his wisdom many times to my patient population. He walks with his Lord and I know he is at peace.

Jim Ryser - February 22, 2018 at 10:49 PM

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“ I am saddened to hear of Greg's passing. Gone too soon and too young. May he continue to play music for those with him now. As a member of the Class of 85, Greg, you will be missed. RIP



Melanie Classick (Hendrickson) - February 22, 2018 at 09:48 PM

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Melanie Classick (Hendrickson) - February 22, 2018 at 09:47 PM

DF

“ *My deepest sympathies .may you find comfort and peace in the God of comfort and believe in his promise of bringing your love ones back again . John 5:28 -29*

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**Dorothy Freeman** - February 22, 2018 at 01:07 PM