



Donald Joseph Brown

August 14, 1932 - February 28, 2014

Donald Joseph Brown, age 81, of Rensselaer passed away at the Rensselaer Care Center on Friday, February 28, 2014. Donald was born on August 14, 1932 in Rensselaer, Indiana, the son of Joseph Andrew & L. Mildred (Nagel) Brown, both deceased.

He graduated from Rensselaer High School, the Class of 1950. He enlisted in the United States Army in February of 1953 and served overseas for two years. During his military enlistment, he shared letters back and forth with JoAnn Marie Stalbaum, who he married upon his return to Rensselaer on June 9, 1956. Together, they shared 57 years of devoted marriage.

Donald was a lifetime member of the V.F.W. Post #1279. He retired after 39 years as a cabinet maker at the former Northway Products in Rensselaer. After retirement, he enjoyed working at auctions, playing horseshoes and bingo and honing his bowling skills. He was a soft-spoken gentleman who deeply loved and cared for his family.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn; a daughter, Tammy (Jerry) Allen, Flora, Ind., a son, Kerry (Gena) Brown, Lafayette, Ind.; three sisters, Virginia (Joseph) Mackey, Chicago, Illinois; Carol (William) Luttrell, Mt. Ayr, Ind.; Sandra Brown, Oconomowoc, Wis.; one brother, Richard (Monica) Brown, Las Vegas, NV; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and many nieces

and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Dale, one brother and one sister.

Friends may visit with family on Tuesday, March 4, 2014 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM CST at Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel on Tuesday March 4th at 3:00 PM with Rev. Robert Rawlins officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Gardens of Rensselaer with full military rites. Memorials may be made to the Rensselaer Care Center.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

Memory Gardens
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5125
info@jacksonfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
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Service

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Jackson Funeral Chapels - February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I remember Don, Joann and your kids very well. I am Loretta Brown's granddaughter. I remember all the times you would come visit Grandma and Grandpa Brown and I brought Loretta to visit you after I moved to Indianapolis. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Beth Walliser

Craig Jackson - March 07, 2014 at 04:00 PM



“ Glen And Marcy Kelley lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Glen and Marcy Kelley - March 04, 2014 at 04:11 PM

BC

“ Today my heart longs to be with you Aunt JoAnn, Tammy and Kerry, as I can not be there for my Uncle Donald's burial. Last years visit was so good and He had that light in his eyes and a smile on his face. His service, faith and devotion to his family was seen by me and those who met and loved him. I pray you are comforted by the memory of his life's example. Keep the faith that our God is always good and always on time.

Bill Cordes - March 04, 2014 at 06:10 AM

PF

“ Pat Fox lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Pat Fox - March 03, 2014 at 01:14 PM

RW

“ Regina Warfel lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Regina Warfel - March 03, 2014 at 07:27 AM

HL

“ *Homer And Theresa Lakin lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Homer and Theresa Lakin - March 02, 2014 at 07:50 PM

MC

“ *Mike cordes has fond memories of camping with uncle Donald and raccoon getting in trash cans. He was one inspiration for joining the military. A great man that never seen lose his temper or raise his voice.*

mike cordes - March 02, 2014 at 07:32 PM

DW

“ *JoAnn, our sincere sympathy to you and your family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Don & Gloria Waymouth - March 02, 2014 at 05:51 PM

BO

“ *I remember Don as a "good guy" in all ways. Years ago, he enjoyed lighting fireworks.*

I so very much remember the time that Don accidentally dropped Dale, who Don was carrying about, and Don cried so very much.

Bob Cordes (formerly married to Louella Brown)

Bob Cordes, London, OH - March 02, 2014 at 05:19 PM

SM

“ Steve And Judy Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Steve and Judy Miller - March 02, 2014 at 02:38 PM

SL

“ Stan & Hedy Larson lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Stan & Hedy Larson - March 02, 2014 at 12:15 PM

TH

“ Tammy Hesson-Bottoms lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown



Tammy Hesson-Bottoms - March 02, 2014 at 12:03 PM

TH

Deepest condolences to the Brown family...I hope you & Dale are enjoying the best bingo game ever up there!!!

Tammy Hesson-Bottoms - March 02, 2014 at 12:04 PM

RL

“ *Rich And Sue Ludington lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Rich and Sue Ludington - March 01, 2014 at 12:39 PM



“ *Rebecca Moe sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Rebecca Moe - March 01, 2014 at 11:01 AM



“ *I remember my Uncle Donald being the best uncle I ever had. I am glad he is in no more pain and with my cousin Dale. Love you Uncle Don.*



Rebecca Moe - March 01, 2014 at 11:00 AM

ML

“ *Martha Langley lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Martha Langley - March 01, 2014 at 08:51 AM

CR

“ *Craig lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Craig - March 01, 2014 at 08:51 AM

DA

“ *I am happy Don is with Dale in heaven now. I am so sorry for the loss of such a great man, God got another great angel!! I have been remembering so many times with you all! Joann you were so lucky 57 years wow!! Tammy do you remember your dad and mom laughing at us when Dale got his first motorized wheelchair and chased us!! So many memories you have. Wish I was closer so I could be there for you!! Love from Arizona, Deb Allen*

Deb Allen - March 01, 2014 at 08:31 AM



“ *Sheri Michal lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Sheri Michal - March 01, 2014 at 07:54 AM



“ *I will deeply miss you! My favorite Uncle Don. Prayers to my Aunt Joann and my cousins.*

Sheri Michal - March 01, 2014 at 07:51 AM

SM

“ *My condolences on your loss.*



Scott Malone - February 28, 2014 at 10:50 PM

KK

“ *Joann so sorry for your loss may God be with you all Tom and Karen Kennedy*

karen kennedy - February 28, 2014 at 07:32 PM

MA

“ *Mary Hesson Alberts lit a candle in memory of Donald Joseph Brown*



Mary Hesson Alberts - February 28, 2014 at 07:23 PM

KS

my heart goes out to you Joann and your family and I'm very sorry i didn't get to come to say my goodbye to don, but i think he will forgive me. my heart is very heavy just thinking of what you are going through as i know all too well the pain that no one can take away. after you get settled down please give me a call and we will go out to lunch, promise me!?!?

kay stone - March 04, 2014 at 09:31 PM

KS

R I P Don!

kay stone - March 04, 2014 at 09:33 PM

KS

please look over dale and lisa and give them a big hug form me.

kay stone - March 04, 2014 at 09:35 PM