

Donald W. DeWees

January 21, 1947 - November 28, 2018

Donald Wayne DeWees, age 71, a lifetime resident of Jasper County, Indiana passed away November 28, 2018, at Franciscan Health Lafayette.

Don was born on January 21, 1947, to Donald Clay and Katherine (Sheldon) DeWees. Don graduated from Rensselaer High School with the class of 1965.

A strong-willed lifetime farmer, Don started farming alongside his father and continued the generational farm with his son-in-law Derrick. Additionally, Don was the co-owner of local businesses, Vision Ag Inc., Auto Works Inc., and Prairies Edge.

Don supported his community in many ways throughout the years, including serving eight years on the Jasper County Sheriff Reserves. He was affiliated with the Trinity United Methodist Church in Rensselaer.

Don was an avid outdoorsman with his dog always by his side. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, always claiming to have bagged the biggest “prize.” He never passed up the opportunity to have a party. Don loved being with family and friends, playing personal jokes and stirring the pot, leaving behind a lifetime of stories.

On January 30, 2013, Don married Kimberlie J. Schwarzkopf, in Cancun, Mexico. Surviving with his loving wife Kimberlie is a son-in-law, Derrick Barton, his mother, Katherine “Kate” DeWees of Rensselaer, Indiana, one son,

Tod DeWees of Lafayette, Indiana, and one daughter, Kimberly Barton of Rensselaer, Indiana, three granddaughters, Libby and Zoe Barton and Josie DeWees, two brothers, Patrick (Karen) DeWees of Rensselaer, Indiana and Dennis A. (Elizabeth) DeWees of Homosassa, Florida and numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death was his father, Donald C. DeWees.

Friends will be received by the family at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. (cst). Funeral services for Don will be held on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 10:30 a.m. (cst) at the Jackson Funeral Chapel in Rensselaer with Pastor John Hostetter officiating. Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Rensselaer.

Memorials are suggested to the Vision Ag Scholarship, noting Don DeWees in the memo line, c/o Jasper-Newton Foundation, P.O. Box 295, Rensselaer, IN 47978.

Cemetery Details

Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 4. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
<https://www.jacksonfuneral.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer
250 N. McKinley Avenue
P.O. Box 70
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5123
info@jacksonfuneral.com
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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 03, 2018 at 06:00 PM



Kim, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days.

Abby Schneider - December 05, 2018 at 08:14 AM

JG

“ *Tod, Kim, Derrick and kids,
We are so sorry for your loss. Don will always be remembered as a big presence with a big smile. He always shook my hand every time I saw him. He will be missed.
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jim and Tammy Gehring - December 05, 2018 at 09:55 AM

EA

“ *Kim, so sorry for your loss, sending you love and prayers*

Everett & Ann - December 04, 2018 at 05:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



December 04, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss from the Schaetzel's*

David & Robyn Schaetzel - December 04, 2018 at 07:50 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



December 04, 2018 at 07:08 AM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss.*

jill Wilson - December 03, 2018 at 11:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



December 03, 2018 at 07:48 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



December 03, 2018 at 06:06 PM



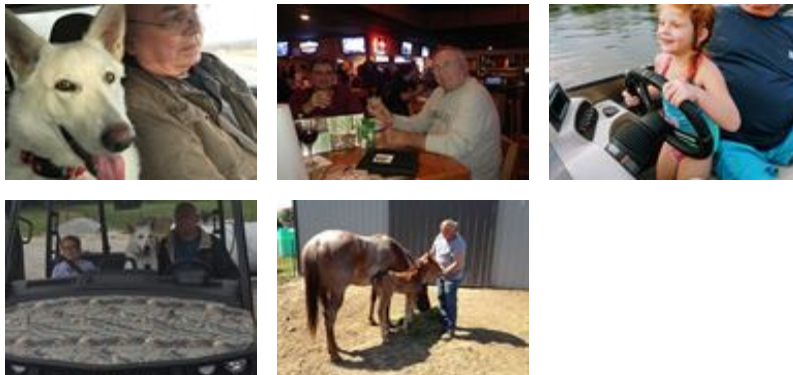
“ *Melinda Burchell & John Midgett lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Melinda Burchell & John Midgett - December 03, 2018 at 05:20 PM



“ *101 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 03, 2018 at 04:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



December 03, 2018 at 03:50 PM



“ *Chris Doughty & Your Gentian Financial Team purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Donald W. DeWees.*



Chris Doughty & Your Gentian Financial Team - December 03, 2018 at 11:45 AM



“ *Bill And Sue Conley lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Bill and Sue Conley - December 03, 2018 at 11:03 AM



“ *George And Joan Kanne lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



George and Joan Kanne - December 03, 2018 at 10:34 AM

JE

“ Jimmy and Linda Pinick (Dennis's employee) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



Jimmy and Linda Pinick (Dennis's employee) - December 03, 2018 at 08:14 AM

CO

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Candy Odden - December 03, 2018 at 07:19 AM

TF

“ The Wilson family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



The Wilson family - December 02, 2018 at 03:45 PM

MC

“ Mike Mills and your friends at Van Diest Supply Co purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



Mike Mills and your friends at Van Diest Supply Co - December 02, 2018 at 02:26 PM

HB

“ *Sorry for your loss, he will be greatly missed.*

Harry Burchell - December 02, 2018 at 02:17 PM

DR

“ *Couldn't ask for a better neighbor and friend. Hugs, Kim, for you and the family.*

Debbie & Jack Reindt - December 02, 2018 at 06:43 AM

JS

“ *Kimberlie - We are very sorry we cannot be there at this time due to schedule conflicts, but are saving our hugs for later. Our deepest sympathy, Uncle Jim and Aunt Sandy*

James Schwarzkopf - December 02, 2018 at 05:55 AM

PL

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Don was Steve's best man at our wedding. My sympathies to the family. R*



Phyllis Lanoue - December 01, 2018 at 03:49 PM

PL

R.I.P.

Phyllis Lanoue - December 01, 2018 at 04:51 PM

DW

“ Don And Gloria Waymouth lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees



Don and Gloria Waymouth - December 01, 2018 at 01:41 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



December 01, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



December 01, 2018 at 01:26 PM

PN

“ Paul Neumann purchased the Fruit Abounds for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



Paul Neumann - December 01, 2018 at 01:14 PM

SL

“ Sorry for the loss of a good neighbor.
Sympathy to his wife and family
Kenrick and Shirley LeGrand .



Shirley LeGrand - December 01, 2018 at 11:35 AM

RP

“ May God give this family comfort during this
difficult time. Our condolences!




Ron & Lib Prohosky - December 01, 2018 at 10:40 AM

RS

“ Don was my "older" cousin, born exactly one week before me. We
often joked about that. Donnie was a blessing to all who knew him. I
know Aunt Kate has many fond memories of their "coffee chats". He
is missed already. Rita Sheldon Shaw

Rita Sheldon Shaw - December 01, 2018 at 08:19 AM

 Dain N
Kate
Hayworth

“ Dain N Kate Hayworth lit a candle in memory
of Donald W. DeWees



Dain N Kate Hayworth - November 30, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ *May God bless you on your journey and your family in their time of need.* ”



Joshua Anselm - November 30, 2018 at 07:50 PM

JM

“ *Jim And Sandy Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees* ”



Jim and Sandy Miller - November 30, 2018 at 06:40 PM

CZ

“ *Cindy Ziese lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees* ”



Cindy Ziese - November 30, 2018 at 06:37 PM

CZ

Thoughts and prayers with all.

Cindy Ziese - November 30, 2018 at 07:38 PM

SR

“ Steven Reames lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees



Steven reames - November 30, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



November 30, 2018 at 05:20 PM

KP

“ Kaytlin Peterson lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees



Kaytlin Peterson - November 30, 2018 at 02:43 PM

RN

“ Robin Nunnaly lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees



Robin Nunnaly - November 30, 2018 at 01:43 PM

DM

“ *Dick And Shelli Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Dick and Shelli Maxwell - November 30, 2018 at 12:45 PM

DM

Don was such a great friend! He will be missed!

Dick and Shelli Maxwell - November 30, 2018 at 01:46 PM

TS

“ *Tim & Linda Shide lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Tim & Linda Shide - November 30, 2018 at 10:20 AM

BS

“ *Beverly Smith lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Beverly Smith - November 30, 2018 at 10:12 AM

RD

“ *Don was my cousin. I remember him taking me to Minnesota on a fishing trip with two others when I was a kid. One of the best fishing trips I ever had. He will be missed.*

Randy DeWees - November 30, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald W. DeWees.



November 30, 2018 at 07:42 AM



“ *Jason And Angie Dobson lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Jason and Angie Dobson - November 30, 2018 at 07:02 AM



“ *Tim Brown lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Tim Brown - November 30, 2018 at 04:58 AM



“ *Jerry Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Jerry miller - November 30, 2018 at 03:33 AM

JB

“ *Judy Burvan lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Judy Burvan - November 29, 2018 at 08:29 PM

LR

“ *Great man you will be missed Don* 😞



lori rose - November 29, 2018 at 07:59 PM

RY

“ *Don was one of a kind man. He was a good friend of my grandfather and my dad. He was a man who would always lend a hand your lend you a tool or machine if you needed it. You will be missed by many.*



Ray Yeoman - November 29, 2018 at 07:07 PM

GS

“ *Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Donald W. DeWees*



Gary Sheffer - November 29, 2018 at 06:30 PM