



Donald "Don" Ray Tillema

November 29, 1949 - July 6, 2020

Donald "Don" Ray Tillema, age 70, of Wheatfield, passed away on Monday, July 6, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 29, 1949, in Rensselaer, Indiana the son of Edward and Nellie (DeBoer) Tillema.

Don attended Wheatfield High School, Class of 1967. He married Jenny Ann Roorda on December 29, 1971 in DeMotte. Don was the owner and operator of Tillema Construction. He built many homes in the DeMotte and Wheatfield area over a 20-year era. Don was in the carpenters Union #1005 for 12 years. He is a proud veteran of the United States Army, a member of American Reformed Church, a past elder and deacon for the church, and previously served on the Jasper County Council. Don loved spending family time with his children and grandchildren, fishing, boating, and golfing.

Don is survived by his wife, Jenny Tillema; children: Eric (Jen) Tillema, Neil (Luz) Tillema, David (Linda) Tillema, Jeni Rae Tillema; grandchildren: Dakota, Ethan, Noah, Tyler, Logan, Elena, Sonny, Ollie, and one on-the-way; siblings: Joyce (late Kenneth) Kampenga, Dean (Annette) Tillema, Richard (Sally) Tillema, and Edward (Kathy) Tillema.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Vern (Margaret) Tillema and one sister, Irene (Thomas) Hanley.

Friends and family may gather, while practicing social distancing, at the American Reformed Church of DeMotte on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. A Funeral Service will immediately follow at the church at 11:00 AM with Pastor Troy Nanninga officiating. Interment and flag folding ceremony will be held at Holland Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Personal Energy Transport (P.E.T.) or Team ARC World Vision in Memory of Don Tillema.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

American Reformed Church
1021 S. Halleck St.
DeMotte, IN

Funeral Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema*



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 08, 2020 at 05:34 PM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Gift Bundle was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.*



July 17, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *What a wonderful man and friend was Don. We were privileged to get to know Don better when he ran for the County Council. He was such a good candidate and always had Jasper County in his heart. His church played a big part in his life.*

Don was a thankful candidate and made a beautiful, round top trunk for us.

Our prayers and sympathy are with you and Jenny.

Kenny & Sandra Culp



Ken & Sandra Culp - July 09, 2020 at 10:54 PM

RM

“ You will be dearly missed my friend. Catch all kinds of fish in heaven. All of our love, Robin & Annie Miller.



Robin Miller - July 09, 2020 at 10:04 PM

GP

“ Jenny and family,

*So sorry to hear about Don. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Thanks to you...Don did some work for us at the house which was beautiful!!
God be with you and the family at this time.*

George and Bernice Post

George Post - July 09, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BS

“ Don did so many home renovations for Tim and I (Becky) He was so pleasant and down to earth. We talked so much and drank coffee it was amazing how he got the work done. Truth be told Tim said I had to leave the house when he was there. Lol. He never was afraid of my labs until I left one day and my female lab wouldn't let him come down off his ladder,we had a good laugh about it. He built my back deck which is my sanctuary, bird watching, coyotes calling , tree frogs,and other noises that scare the hell out of me. Still I sit out there and peace overwhelms me. Sometimes he brought this young boy to help him, and I saw what a great father he was. They worked together so well and once again I had to leave so they could finish the job. I kind of like to talk,so did Don! He put in my new windows so I had a better view . Don I simply adored you and enjoyed our talks,don't worry I won't tell anyone what we discussed. I know you have a beautiful view now,way better than mine, but each time I enjoy my bathroom,kitchen ,windows,and back porch, I will always remember who' made it possible. Jenny I am so sorry for your loss, I know you will miss him. I've always appreciated the kindness and friendship you gave to us.Please never hesitate to call us if you need anything, my heart aches for you, loss is horrible so grieve my friend but never forget we are always here for you..

Becky schultz - July 09, 2020 at 12:29 AM

AJ

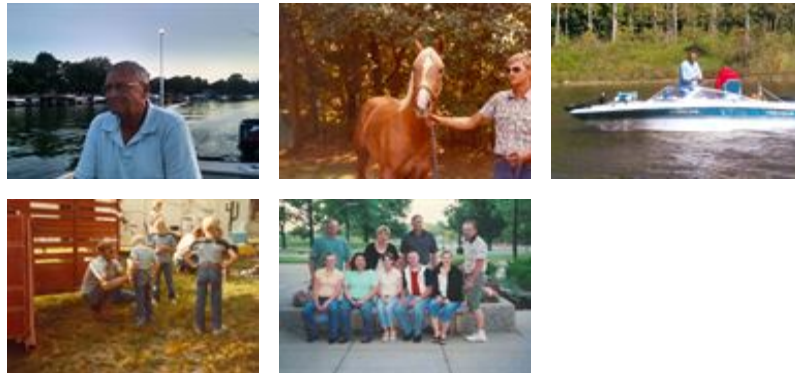
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Adam John - July 08, 2020 at 10:54 PM



“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



Jackson Funeral Chapels - July 08, 2020 at 05:19 PM

DB

“ Don was in the US Army with us in Nurnberg Germany. We remember when he left to go home for Christmas and bring back his bride to be with him. A few weeks after Jenny was there the 4 of us took a snow skiing trip to Innsbrook, Austria where Jenny fell and broke her leg in places. They remained our friends all these years. We are so grateful that our paths crossed 48 years ago and I know one day they will eternally cross again. I will always remember his delightful chuckle and his tall stature. We love this family and will keep you in our prayers. Darrell & June Barnhill, Shreveport, LA

Darrell Barnhill - July 08, 2020 at 03:40 PM

NR

“ Nancy And Richard Rhoades lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema



Nancy and Richard Rhoades - July 08, 2020 at 03:07 PM

NR

Jenny, I am so sorry to hear about Don and your Mother. Cannot imagine how hard this is to go through. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Nancy Rhoades - July 08, 2020 at 03:28 PM

PL

“ *Jenny
I was so saddened to hear of your loss. I enjoyed being on the Jasper County Council with Don & so respected him. Prayers for your family for comfort.*
Phyllis Lanoue



Phyllis Lanoue - July 08, 2020 at 10:19 AM

YP

“ *Your friends from Poncie's purchased the Love E verlasting Bouquet for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.*



Your friends from Poncie's - July 08, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Cheryl's Classic Gift Tower was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.*



July 08, 2020 at 09:38 AM

DC

“ Dave & Cindy Culbreth lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema






Dave & Cindy culbreth - July 08, 2020 at 09:01 AM

MS

“ Our sympathy for your family. The loss of of your husband and mother is a very hard thing. We will keep your family in our hearts and prayers.

Mary Van SOest - July 08, 2020 at 07:26 AM

BH

“ Don was a super funny and nice guy. He will be so missed. Always said hello with a smile. Jenny so very sorry for your loss of your   Mom & your husband. May you find comfort in knowing they are both free of pain. Always in my prayers 

Bobbie Hixson - July 07, 2020 at 06:41 PM

YS

“ You have our deepest sympathy. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.



You have our deepest sympathy. - July 07, 2020 at 06:21 PM

TC

“ Tony and Jennifer Certa purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.



Tony and Jennifer Certa - July 07, 2020 at 05:35 PM

CB

“ We have such fond memories of Don at the lake and hearing how much he loved his family and fishing. Sending all of you are love and hugs. Tom and Carla

Carla Barnhart - July 07, 2020 at 04:12 PM

RS

“ My sympathy to you and your family for both the loss of your husband and your mother. May you all receive peace and strength with the hope that we all have in our faith. Prayers, Ruth Swart

Ruth Swart - July 07, 2020 at 03:57 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Ray Tillema.



July 07, 2020 at 03:28 PM