

Donald Andrew Gizel

October 24, 1957 - December 27, 2014

Donald Andrew Gizel, age 57 of Wheatfield, IN went to be with Jesus on Saturday, December 27, 2014 from the I U Arnett Hospital in Lafayette, IN. Donald was born October 24, 1957 in Chicago, IL the son of Stanley and Virginia (Dippel) Gizel.

On July 7, 1984 Donald married Patricia Madsen and she survives. Donald was employed as a General Manager for Schwan's. His hobby was his family. He devoted his life to ensure his entire family was cared for no matter what. Donald leaves behind his wife Patricia; children, Lori Ann Hagele of Henderson, Nevada, Melissa Ann Smith of Crystal Lake, IL and Joshua Eugene Burke of Chicago, IL; grandchildren, Katilin Burke, Morgan Whiting, Cole, Beau and Trinity Smith and Jayden Burke; his father Stanley Gizel of Woodstock, IL and his mother Virginia Gizel of Lowell, IN; a sister Donna Jean (Tracy) Juchcinski and a brother David Allen Gizel both of IL.

Donald was preceded in death by his mother and father in law Robert and Clara Madsen and a brother in law Robert Madsen.

Friends may call on January 1, 2015 from 2 to 5 PM (CST) at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte, IN. Funeral services will be held at 5 PM (CST) on January 1, 2015 at Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte, IN with Chad Rentschler officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Service of DeMotte
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Tribute Wall



“ Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Andrew Gizel



Jackson Funeral Chapels - December 31, 2014 at 02:36 PM

PG

“ It's hard to believe it's been 2 years since I lost the love of my life. My best friend my soul mate. I love you more then you will ever know

pat gizel - December 29, 2016 at 04:56 PM

PG

“ I miss you so much you were and always will be my life.



pat gize - January 06, 2015 at 09:47 PM

SB

“ There are not enough words to say what a great guy Don was, those who had the pleasure of knowing him at one time or another are fortunate. Life changes as we go through our journeys but we always have our memories. We are fortunate to have good memories of Don and Pat, Dave, Bobby and the others who were around thirtysome years ago. So sorry he had to go way to soon, may God bless.

Bill and Sheila Beard

sheila beard - January 06, 2015 at 08:06 PM

JK

“ Our memories of Don go way back. What a wonderful friend he was to all who knew him and what a fun loving guy. The best thing that ever happened to him is Pat. He loved his sister and brother deeper than most could imagine. A couple of memories are of him coming to our Halloween party in the 70's with a full beard dressed as a woman, Pat being upset with him one morning and making him a tuna sandwich with a napkin in it, then as he ate his lunch he kept telling Bob why do you think Pat and the other girls are over there laughing so much. He laughed right along when he found out why. Bob and I will deeply miss him. Love to the whole family
Bob and Janet Kelley

Janet Kelley - January 04, 2015 at 11:03 AM

BM

“ So sad to hear of Don's passing. Many great memories of our younger years in Lake Killarney. He was always up for an adventure, prank, or in adult retrospect truly high risk silly stunt just for the laughs and thrill. Epic bike rides on the then country roads of McHenry County, smoking cigars until we turned a shade of green, listening to Black Sabbath for the first time (Donna's records), getting chased for trespassing by the local farmer, and rumbles on the swim raft at the beach, he was the guy to hang-out with and have fun. Glad we were able to connect by phone in the last few years and catch-up. Till we meet again, miss you Buddy.

Bob Mitchell - January 04, 2015 at 08:23 AM

DM

“ Donald & Annelise Menoni purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.



Donald & Annelise Menoni - December 31, 2014 at 08:11 PM

LG

“ Don was a great leader and many coworkers and friends from the Schwan Food Company will miss him. Don and I worked together for the last 8 years, both in Shorewood IL where Don was the Facility Manager and in Valparaiso where he was the Sales Manager. He is one of the hardest workers I know, no matter the task, no matter the complexity or issues that arrived, he never stopped until he achieved his goals. Don achieved the highest level of accomplishment and recognition in Shorewood by Achieving Platinum Level; he was the best facility manager in the district. As the Sales Manager in Valparaiso, he also reached high levels of success, too many to mention but he was ranked #1 i growth several times. The one thing that sticks out to me about Don was that no matter what great accomplishment he achieved, he always gave credit to his team, he never took credit for himself, he always told me “the team stepped up, the team worked hard, the team won that, I was just there to support them.” Not too many people care for their team the way Don did. I would describe him as, firm but fair manager that was always willing to get in the truck and help, he truly believed in his team and that they were all capable of great successes.

If you ever need an example of what an outstanding teammate or sales manager should look like, you have to look no further then Don Gisel. He was the best!

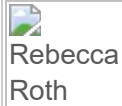
You will be truly missed my friend!

Larry Gaskin - December 31, 2014 at 03:51 PM

 Bill
Madsen

“ Donald was the greatest. He was like a 2nd dad to me growing up. He did anything for anyone at anytime. He always was there not matter what. My sister Patty and him were a match made in heaven. We lost one of the good ones. He will truly be missed and was loved.

Bill Madsen - December 31, 2014 at 12:26 PM



Rebecca Roth

“ *My thoughts are with all of Don's beautiful family. It was a complete honor to have been a sister in law to Don for 7 years and have nothing but the fondest memories, most of them involve laughing hysterically with him and Patti. The one that I will never ever forget would have to be Don, Patti, Bill and I all at wrestle mania at Rosemont Horizon and Patti singing "The Don" song as we walked through struggled with the crowds. Nothing worse than Patti and baby Billy together! Don and I had suffered through many gatherings with those two maniac's and their insane and completely dry sense of humor and he made sure that I was not the only one that was unsure of what they were laughing about most of the times! So many fun times were had and I will forever cherish those memories that I have. Please remember that I am only a phone call away if you are to ever need anything. Much love to everyone!*

Rebecca Roth - December 31, 2014 at 11:19 AM

RR

“ *Rebecca Roth lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Gizel*



Rebecca Roth - December 31, 2014 at 11:02 AM

DG

“ *Not only did I loose my brother I lost my best friend but knowing he is with our Lord and Savior gives me peace. Thank you for everyone sharing your kind words and thoughts for Don. May you rest in peace my brother.
Love you with all my heart forever,
Dave*

Dave Gizel - December 30, 2014 at 09:37 PM

DT

“ *Dennis Ties purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



Dennis Ties - December 30, 2014 at 07:06 PM

RW

“ *I'm really going to miss my calls to Don, as a manager here at Schwan's we have alot of things always going on and Don was the person I always could call to talk with. he helped me keep focused, he gave me great advice and was so caring and understanding, I will truly miss my conversations with Don, not only did Schwans lose a great Leader, but I lost a brother and I will miss him- Gizel family I'm so very sorry for your loss, I can't even begin to understand your pain, I will pray for you in this sad time.*

*Sincerely: Rick Wood
TSL:Round Lake Beach*

Rick Wood - December 30, 2014 at 01:18 PM

JG

“ *John Gizel purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



John Gizel - December 30, 2014 at 07:46 AM

FP

“ *Frank Paul lit a candle in memory of Donald Andrew Gizel*



Frank Paul - December 29, 2014 at 08:55 PM

FP

“ *He was a good boss and friend he was their for us he will be dearly missed my prayers are with the Gizel Family*

Frank Paul - December 29, 2014 at 08:54 PM

FP

“ *I worked with Don he was a good man inside and outside side of coiled Inc he was a good friend to all of us who worked for him may him rest in peace my prayers are with the Gizel family*

Frank Paul - December 29, 2014 at 08:49 PM

TB

“ *Sorry to hear about Don, worked with him at coils, he was a great guy. Teresa Barten*



teresa barten - December 29, 2014 at 08:40 PM



I went to high school with Don and was in band with him. Don played the sax. We had a lot of fun together. Don did a great Lurch voice. Went to Florida for a vacation after high school and had a blast. Always meant to try to reconnect with Don. Rest in peace Don

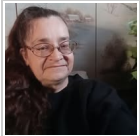
Mark Oefelein Huntley Illinois

Mark Oefelein - December 30, 2014 at 05:39 PM

LG

Schwan's call center message. "Customer called in to compliment the TSL "Don G" that passed away. She would like his family to know how great he was and that he went out of his way for people all the time. She would like the family to know how sorry she is for their loss." Karen M

Larry Gaskin - December 30, 2014 at 06:44 PM



“ *So Sorry for the loss of your Loved one ! Don was a Great Guy .I worked under Don at Coils .Rest in Peace Don ,We all know you deserve it*

Debra Newman-Mcdannel - December 29, 2014 at 08:28 PM

WO

“ *So sorry to hear about the passing of Don.He was a great boss at Coils, always easy to talk to.Do talked about his family all the time, expressing so much love for his wife, children.My husband and I feel so blessed to have known him.We deeply saddened to hear of his passing.Sending prayers for your family.*

John and Wendy Osborn

Wendy Osborn - December 29, 2014 at 08:24 PM

JM

“ So Sorry for the loss of your Loved one ! Don was a Great Guy .I worked under Don at Coils .Rest in Peace Don ,We all know you deserve it ..



Jessica McCormick - December 29, 2014 at 08:12 PM



“ Rays of Light Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.



December 29, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ Care and Compassion Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.



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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.



December 29, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



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“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



December 29, 2014 at 03:57 PM



“ *Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



December 29, 2014 at 03:54 PM



“ *Lisa Gizel Wooton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.*



Lisa Gizel Wooton - December 29, 2014 at 01:39 PM

LW

“ So saddened. Your cousin, Lisa.

Lisa Gizel Wooton - December 29, 2014 at 01:27 PM

SD

“ There's something to be said about a man who's final act of greatness was to bring his family back closer than ever. I knew Don for a short period of time, but he was clearly well respected, and undoubtedly a man with honor. Hilarious, witty, and sarcastic, with an overwhelmingly large kind heart. He was a man who cared little for his own well being, and often only thought about his family and how he could make them smile. Good hearts, and souls never perish, they only take a leave of absence. I'm looking forward to seeing a gappy, youthful Don at the end of my own journey. Peace and love to the family in this difficult time. You know his hand is on your shoulder telling you "everything is going to be alright"

Steven dickson - December 29, 2014 at 12:06 PM

LW

This is so good to know about my cousin. .

Lisa Gizel Wooton - December 29, 2014 at 01:54 PM

BS

“ My heart aches for you all. Blessings & sweet memories! Hugs. Barbara (Browne) Spacone



Barbara Spacone - December 29, 2014 at 11:27 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Andrew Gizel.* ”



December 29, 2014 at 10:04 AM