



## Donald E. Hughes

February 5, 1937 - February 25, 2016

Donald E. Hughes, age 79, of Francesville, formerly of Rensselaer, passed away at his home on Thursday, February 25, 2016. Don was born to the late James Solt and Lillie Marie (Wallace) Hughes in Jasper County on February 5, 1937. He was a graduate of Rensselaer High School Class of 1955.

Don worked for Northway Products, Hoover House Furniture, Case Implement Company, Felder Chevrolet and Robert's Chevrolet. Don served in the U.S. Army and Reserves. In 1962 Don took over his family farm. Later in life his family would joke that you could never take the farmer out of Don. He loved to tell stories of growing up and working the farm. Don was an avid collector of toy tractors, antique toby jugs, and model cars. He enjoyed helping his son with wood working projects, being outdoors, and spending time with family and friends.

Don and Susan (Boyer) Hughes were married in Francesville on February 20, 1971. He was a loving and caring husband, visiting the love of his life every day at Parkview Haven Home in Francesville.

Surviving with his loving wife Susan are two children, Patrick (wife Gerri) Hughes of Bridgeport, Illinois and Kerry (husband Sam) Stoltz of Nebraska along with two grandchildren whom he adored, Kylee Hughes, age nine and Ryan Hughes, age five. He was preceded in death by his parents, an infant brother James Jr., brother Robert T. Hughes, and his sister Wanda M. (Hughes) Smith.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, March 10, 2016, from 9:00 -

11:00 a.m. CST at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. CST at the Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer with Dr. James Blanchard officiating. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Memory Gardens, Rensselaer, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made in honor of his wife Susan to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st St., Ste 100, Indianapolis, IN 46209-4830.

# Cemetery Details

## Memory Gardens of Rensselaer

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 10.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 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>

## Service

**MAR 10.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Jackson Funeral Chapel of Rensselaer  
250 N. McKinley Avenue  
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Rensselaer, IN 47978  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Jackson Funeral Chapels created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald E. Hughes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 09, 2016 at 11:10 AM

BR

*A very loving tribute to Don.. Our thoughts and prayers to the Hughes Family.*

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**Bill Rowe** - March 09, 2016 at 03:35 PM

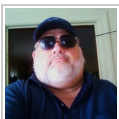


“ *Bill Rowe lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Hughes*



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**Bill Rowe** - March 10, 2016 at 09:30 AM



*Our thoughts and prayers are with each and everyone of you. We are so sorry for your loss, and that we won't be able to be there with you today. Scott also sends his condolences....*

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**Bill Rowe** - March 10, 2016 at 09:32 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald E. Hughes.*



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March 09, 2016 at 05:51 PM



“ *46 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**Jackson Funeral Chapels** - March 09, 2016 at 10:51 AM



“ *Our memories with family members goes way back with your mother & father, wife (Susan), sister, brother, children, grandchildren, and all of our family reunions. You will be missed. The Lord bless the family as you go through the grief process. I won't be able to make it to the funeral due to other commitments. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time.*

*Tom & Becky Lindley*

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**Tom Lindley** - March 08, 2016 at 12:03 PM

LZ

“ Prayers to the Hughes Family.  
Earl, Lori and Rielle Zeider

Lori Zeider - March 08, 2016 at 11:12 AM

PH

“ Dear Patrick and Kerry -- You are definitely in my thoughts and prayers since I can't be there on Thursday. Please know I will be there in spirit. Your dad took such good care of your mom and for that I am very thankful. If there's anything you need please don't hesitate to call me. Hugs to you both -- Peggy(dinkens) Harris

Peggy Harris - March 08, 2016 at 09:47 AM

GS

“ Gary Sheffer lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Hughes



Gary Sheffer - March 08, 2016 at 09:31 AM

LJ

“ Dear family of Donald Hughes: Our Condolences for you loss. The LORD be with you this time of sorrow. My father was a cousin to Don. by way of your grandfather Hughes. WE are on the Wood side, I remember your father well, we all played together as children. Blessings to you in this time of loss. Donald R. & Lois [ Wood] Johns

Lois M Wood Johns - March 08, 2016 at 08:42 AM

TG

“ *Dear Susan, Patrick, Kerry & Families- Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your heart. Thinking of you... Twyla Gibson*

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**Twyla Gibson** - March 08, 2016 at 08:21 AM