



Donald V. "Bumbo" Reed

June 16, 1928 - February 13, 2009

Age 80 of Rensselaer, IN, passed away at the Jasper County Hospital on Friday, February 13, 2009. Donald was born in Kentland, IN on June 16, 1928 to the late William and Florence (O'Neil) Reed. He had lived in the Remington and Rensselaer area for 45 years.

On August 3, 1950 in Goodland, IN he married Lois J. Welsh who survives.. Donald graduated from A.J. Kent High School with the class of 1946. He was a farmer from 1954 to 1994, along with his wife and son. He had worked as a mechanic for Sondergrath in Kentland, IN for 6 years. He was a member of the St. Augustine Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Marian Assembly, Rensselaer City Parks Board, Jasper County Democratic Board, Jasper County Farm Bureau. He was a past state deputy of Indiana from 1990-1992, trustee, past president for Gibault School and board member and past president for Gibault Foundation. He was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by former Indiana State Governor Evan Bayh. Donald is survived by his wife, Lois J. (Welsh) Reed of Rensselaer, two daughters, Donna Reed of Alexandria, VA and Julie (Steve) Liersch of Rensselaer, two sons, Joseph (Pam) Reed of Fowler, IN and Daniel (Anita) Reed of Remington, IN, five grandchildren, Kirby Reed of Rensselaer, Blair (Mario) DiRuzza of Rensselaer, Blain Reed of Rensselaer, Chad Liersch of Bloomington, IN, Cristen Liersch of Rensselaer, two sisters, Rosemond Pietron of Larimore, ND and Mary Lou(Tom) Potts of Rensselaer, two brothers, Paul (Velma) Reed of Lafayette, IN and Kenneth Reed (Carolyn)

Cleveland, WV and two sister-in-laws Betty Reed of Lafayette, IN and Mary Reed of W. Lafayette, IN

Donald was preceded in death by his Mother, Father, two infant children, three brothers, Bernard, William and Robert Reed, one brother in law, Arnold Pietron and one sister in law, Catherine Reed.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 3:00 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>

Service

FEB **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
318 North McKinley Avenue
Rensselaer, IN 47978
(219) 866-5351
<https://stmichaelpastorate.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ We wish to send our condolences to the Reed family with the passing of Don. We did not hear about this until today. We are in TX visiting George's family. We would have been at the visitation if we had been at home. We will hold all of you in our prayers.
Gloria and George##imported-begin##George and Gloria Hawkes##imported-end##

February 18, 2009 at 06:52 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. It is always so hard to lose a loved one, especially a grandpa! Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
Jamie Williams Spencer##imported-begin##Jamie Williams Spencer##imported-end##

February 17, 2009 at 01:06 PM



“ My prayers go out to the Reed Family Don will be truly missed.##imported-begin##Scott Deno##imported-end##

February 16, 2009 at 11:18 PM



“ *To the family of Donald Reed:
When a loved one dies, it causes so much sorrow. It is my hope as a volunteer to bring to the family a comforting thought. In the Bible book of Job there is a beautiful comparison of a tree that gets cut down yet sprouts again, to a man who gets ‘cut down’ by death yet will be brought back to life. It says at Job 14:7,14,15: "For there exists hope for even a tree. If it gets cut down, it will even sprout again,...If an able-bodied man dies can he live again?... You (God) will call, and I myself shall answer you. For the work of your hands you will have a yearning." Yes, the Creator longs to bring back to life those who have died. What a wonderful promise and a sure future for those asleep in death. Now, though, we send our deepest sympathy to all the family.##imported-begin##Jackie##imported-end##*

February 16, 2009 at 10:48 AM



“ *Hi Lois and Family,
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My heart felt sympathy is with you all.
Don was a great person. God has another angel.
Carole Shorter##imported-begin##Carole Shorter##imported-end##*

February 16, 2009 at 02:16 AM



“ Dear Lois & Family

Phil and E want to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. We are going to miss our visits with him. He was a great example how two people of different political beliefs could be friends and respect each other. We know he is up there watching us and smiling wanting to tell us a joke. We will send a donation to St. A's School in Don's memory.##imported-begin##Ellen and Phil McGraw##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 09:10 PM



“ My sympathy to everyone...you will be in my thoughts and prayers.
SUE FLICKNER##imported-begin##Sue Flickner##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 08:43 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your entire family at this sad time.
May you all find peace with the knowledge that so many good memories surround this time.
Sincerely
Jerry and Vickie Wilder##imported-begin##Jerry and Vickie Wilder##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 07:48 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your loss.##imported-begin##Danah (Thorndyke) Nuest##imported-end##

February 15, 2009 at 12:19 PM



“ *our thoughts and prayers go out to your family at this difficult time....Don was a grat guy and will be missed by everyone...Hold on to all the great memories that you have.##imported-begin##Gerald and Rhonda Sondgerath##imported-end##*

February 15, 2009 at 09:16 AM