



William Don Devore Sr.

August 13, 1942 - July 5, 2024

William "Don" Devore, age 81, a longtime resident of Jackson, MO, passed away peacefully at his home in Florence, MS, on Friday, July 5, 2024. Don was born on August 13, 1942, in Cape Girardeau, the son of William Loy and Louva Marie Allen Devore. As the second of three children, Don's work ethic and leadership qualities were evident early on.

Don accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior at Harmony CM Church, which set him on a path to a life deeply rooted in faith. He graduated from Woodland High School and continued his training in the Army National Guard, where he excelled as a diesel mechanic, marksman and drill sergeant.

On January 22, 1964, Don married the love of his life, Norma Jean Whitener. Together, they raised their son, William Don Devore, Jr., instilling in him the values of faith and hard work.

Don enjoyed a successful career of over 40 years at Roland Machinery before his retirement. In his spare time, he took pleasure in making personal repairs and baling hay for his neighbors. He served as a church lay leader until his health declined.

An avid hunter and sports enthusiast, Don was the former president of the Cape Girardeau Coon Hunter Association and had a passion for baseball. Don was preceded in death by his parents, William Loy and Louva Devore; his sister, Margaret Glastetter; and his beloved wife of 57 years, Norma Jean Devore.

He is survived by his sister, Lois Seabaugh of Jackson, MO; his son, William

Don Devore, Jr. (Heather); and three grandchildren, all of Florence, MS. He also leaves behind two brothers-in-law, Henry (Linda) Whitener of Glen Allen, MO, and Larry Bollinger of Marble Hill, MO, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and loving friends.

Don's legacy of love, faith, and dedication will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday July 11, 2024 at Harmony Church in Marble Hill, MO.

Funeral service will follow at 12:00 pm with Pastors Greg Burns and Elijah Allen officiating.

Burial will be at Old Trace Creek Cemetery in Bollinger County, MO.

Online condolences may be made at www.fordandlileyfuneralhome.com

Ford & Liley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Old Trace Creek

Glen Allen, MO 63751

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Harmony Church
30073 State Highway 34
Marble Hill, MO 63764

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Don and his family lived close to me and mine . He was a real hard worker on their farm. I think I was 15 years old when I had my first date with his then girlfriend Jeanie. She had a cousin who was about my age, so Don got me a date with her. I can't remember her name but I was a nervous wreck. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him . No doubt God has him with Him now. May the family take comfort in the belief that he rests in with his Lord and Savior

Roy Crader - July 12, 2024 at 08:13 PM

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“ Prayers for Chrissi, his sweet niece, who had a special relationship with him and Don Jr and all of the living family. May Don Sr's soul and the souls of all of the passed family members rest in peace and may his and their memories & legacies live on in each of you.

Allison Dudash - July 11, 2024 at 08:00 AM

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