



Donald D. Benjamin

October 17, 1940 - January 31, 2021

Donald Benjamin, 80, of Centralia, passed away Sunday, January 31, 2021 at Fireside Nursing Home in Centralia.

Donald was born October 17, 1940 in Centralia, the son of Willard Benjamin and Hazel (Stewart) Benjamin. He married Mary Ann Higgins and they later divorced. Donald married Shirley Bierman on October 2, 1971 and she preceded him in death in November of 2008.

Donald is survived by three sons: Danny Benjamin and wife Vicky of Centralia, Gary Benjamin and wife Kathy of Salem, and Kenneth Benjamin and wife Julie of Kell; one daughter: Penny Knepp of Kell; eight grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents: Willard and Hazel Benjamin; his wife Shirley Benjamin; one son: Brad Benjamin; and two brothers: Gerald Benjamin and Jerry Benjamin.

Donald worked for the Illinois Central and Canadian Northern Railroad for 40 plus years. He served as the former Village Clerk and Mayor of Walnut Hill. He was an outdoors man. He enjoyed spending his time deer hunting, fishing, and also finding and collecting Native American arrow heads and artifacts. He especially loved to spend time with his grandkids. He will be dearly missed by all of his family and friends.

Per Donald's wishes, a private graveside service for Donald Benjamin will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with Pastor John Willis officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Relay

for Life of Centralia, Illinois and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to Donald's Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home Facebook Page.

Tribute Wall



“ I'm so very saddened by the loss of Donnie. He was my father in law when I was married to his son, Brad. Donnie always treated me with kindness and respect. He was a lot of fun to be around. He was a wonderful grandfather to Mikki and she loved him very much. Our lives were so much richer because he was in them. RIP my dear friend.

Nena Minor

Mikki Benjamin

David Minor

Nena Minor - February 04, 2021 at 01:10 PM

MS

“ Penny sorry about the loss of your Dad prayers and thoughts going out to you at this hard time Marlena and Mike Stilwell



Marlena Stilwell - February 03, 2021 at 05:14 PM

DM

“ I have nothing but loving memories of my Uncle Donnie! Prayers for my cousins Penny, Danny, Gary and Kenny.

Dianna Myers - February 03, 2021 at 09:56 AM

VF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in my thoughts & prayers.



Val(Garren)Matthews & family - February 02, 2021 at 08:55 PM

JF

“ So very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.



Janet Finley-Huffman - February 01, 2021 at 11:32 PM

DR

“ Donnie lived next door to my mom for a long time. Really nice man that I enjoyed talking to. My sincere condolences to the family. RIP Donnie.

Dody Ray - February 01, 2021 at 08:04 PM