



Don Bailey

May 24, 1942 - January 23, 2015

Donald O. Bailey, 72, of Groveland, formerly of East Peoria, passed away at 2:48am Friday, January 23, 2015 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Don was born May 24, 1942 in Peoria to James Dray and Frances Marquis. He was raised by his mother and Fred Bailey. He married Evelyn Arlene Rentfro on December 5, 1964 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Peoria. Surviving are his wife, Arlene; sons, Don (Tammy) Bailey, Dave (Kendra) Bailey, and Marc Bailey all of Morton; grandchildren, Keighley of Denver, CO, Josh of Peoria, Hannah, Kyra, Blake, Bryn, Sierra, and Brody, all of Morton; siblings, Janet (Wally) Kuecks of Peoria, Jim (Jane) Bailey of Spring Bay, Judy Dunavan of Sunnyland, Julie (Bob) Vititow of East Peoria, Vanette (Bob) Kohlrus of Metamora, June (Ron) Cato of Eureka, and Fred (Jan) Bailey of Marquette Heights; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one sister. One of Don's passions was his work. He was active in the Plumber's Local #63 as a member for over 50 years, and served as general foreman of several large commercial projects in the Peoria area. With faith and family as his cornerstones, he served as a trustee and usher at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Peoria where he was a member for 35 years and was active in Indian Guides and as a Boy Scout Leader. Don was a master craftsman, outdoorsman, and enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family and friends. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather; his presence will be missed by those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service for Don will be held at 11am, Wednesday January 28, 2015 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in East Peoria. Visitation will be from 6-8:00pm, Tuesday, January 27, 2015 at Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory in East Peoria, and a half hour prior to the service at the church. Pastor Kurt Mews will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the American Lung Association, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital-Midwest Affiliate.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JAN 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Deiters Funeral Home & Crematory - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 699-5999
garydeiters@deitersfuneralhome.com

Memorial Visitation

JAN 28. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
200 E. Cole Street
East Peoria, IL

Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
200 E. Cole Street
East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall

JM

“Arlene, I'm so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I didn't know until yesterday, the 29th. Please know that I'm praying God's comfort and peace for you and your family at this time.

Jeanette McCaulley

Jeanette McCaulley - January 30, 2015 at 01:40 PM

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Marc Bailey - January 27, 2015 at 09:25 AM

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Marc Bailey - January 27, 2015 at 09:11 AM

GC

I First met Don when I was 20 years old, , he was a child hood friend of Gary's , I was Gary's girlfriend and Arlene was Don's girlfriend, He was such a nice person, I was happy to know him, He will be missed. Gary Sr was a good friend of his from childhood, he has many memories of him and they are all good memories, they were Plumbers together, he always talks about Jim and Don, he said that when he was a teenager that him and Don would clean Bailey's Tavern every night, he talks about how if it hadn't been for the Bailey's , he doesn't know what he would have done, Gary said that he will miss him, such good memories, our condolences go out to Arlene and the boy's and grandkids, Love Gary SR. and Pat Chance

Gary and Pat Chance - January 27, 2015 at 09:33 AM

DH

“ *Deanna Hatcher lit a candle in memory of Don Bailey*



Deanna Hatcher - January 26, 2015 at 07:08 PM

RF

“ *Thinking of your family and praying for peace for all of you. {{ HUGS }}*



Robyn Flake - January 26, 2015 at 10:33 AM

LS

“ *We will miss our visits with Don. He was a good friend.*

Ken and Linda

Linda Sheldon - January 26, 2015 at 08:58 AM

DW

“ *Don always had a big smile and a hug for me when he saw me. I will miss you, but now you are breathing light and east in heaven! Love, Diane*



Diane White - January 25, 2015 at 06:33 PM

DW

Sorry- light and easy! Breathing with no need of oxygen!

Diane White - January 25, 2015 at 06:38 PM

MH

“ *My sympathy to the family of Don Bailey. Margaret Heidenreich*



Margaret Heidenreich - January 25, 2015 at 01:57 PM

FB

“ *Fred Bailey lit a candle in memory of Don Bailey*



Fred Bailey - January 25, 2015 at 11:54 AM