



Donald Lee Darrow

April 22, 1946 - November 17, 2022

Donald Lee Darrow, 76, of Washington, went to meet with his Lord on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

He was born April 22, 1946, in Peoria, to Harvey D. and Marie R. (Bessler) Darrow. He graduated from Peoria High School in 1964, then studied at DeVry Institute in Chicago and Bradley University.

Donald served in both the U.S. and overseas as a Crash-Rescue Firefighter in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1965-1969. He attained the rank of Sergeant. He was a member of The American Legion.

He married Janet J. Bogden in Aurora, OH in 1968. They had two children, Marcus T. (Amber) Darrow of Newnan, GA and Kimberly (Daniel) Camp of Sparland.

He later married Ada M. (Kingery) Adams in 1991 and gained two daughters, Susan (Darren) Henninger of Oak Creek, WI and Christine Adams of Washington.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert H. Darrow of Oklahoma City, OK; his wife, Janet; 2 sisters-in-law, Jane Darrow of Oklahoma City, OK and Judy Scranton of Pittsfield; and brother-in-law, Donald Scranton of Pittsfield.

Donald had 10 grandchildren, Brittney Henninger, Ashley (Jacob) Anglin, Kaleb Slotter, Ethan Darrow, Cameron Jackson, Jordan Darrow, Abigail Camp, Isabella Camp, Charlotte Camp, and Jonathon Camp; and one great-granddaughter, Amelia Anglin.

He is survived by his wife, 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, 1 niece, 3 nephews, and 7 great-nieces and great-nephews.

Donald served with the Northern Tazewell Fire Department and was a charter member of the Northern Tazewell Rescue Squad. He was in the first State of Illinois Emergency Medical Technician Class. He served in various positions, retiring as Chief after 20 years.

He was employed for 41 years at Caterpillar, Inc. in Peoria, IL. He worked as an electrician and then held various management positions. He retired in 2005 and became a "Snowbird" in 2007, spending the winters in Safety Harbor, FL. Eventually, he moved to Florida with his wife, Ada, and resided there for 7 years. They both returned to Illinois in 2021 to be closer to family.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services in East Peoria, with a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. Burial, with full military rites, will follow at Swan Lake Memory Gardens in Peoria.

Memorial contributions may be made to Northern Tazewell Fire Department. Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Cemetery Details

Swan Lake Memory Gardens

4601 Route 150
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services Inc. - East Peoria
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Lee Darrow



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 22, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ Donald Lee Darrow

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ I'm very sorry for your loss. I remember 'Donny' from when I was a child; he and his brother 'Bobby' were not much older than me. My mother (Doris Bessler Hopwood) is his first cousin; she's still with us and was also saddened to hear of Don's passing. Our sincere condolences.
Becky Gilles

Becky Gilles - November 22, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ I will always remember Don as my best friend. When my daughter Cathy and I moved to the area, he and his family made us feel welcome. Our daughters played softball together and went to national tournaments together. He will be missed by us all.

Donald Siefferman - November 21, 2022 at 04:45 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - November 21, 2022 at 04:38 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Donald Lee Darrow*.



November 21, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Donald Lee Darrow*.



November 21, 2022 at 09:51 AM



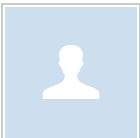
“ Don was the Chief when I started my time on Northern Tazewell. Don was committed to the Department and the community. A lot of people benefited from his commitments. I learned a lot from him and others in the department and community. Made lifelong friendships from my time on NTFD.

Martin palmer - November 20, 2022 at 07:51 PM



“ Many years of fun. One of my favorites was when you, Dave Knight and Cobb decided for me to give you perms. That was a fun, funny, crazy day. Many great times over the years, our kids growing up together, always at each other's home. You were a great friend. Rest in peace!

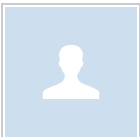
Linda (Maples) Randitsas - November 20, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Darrow.



November 20, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Darrow.



November 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Darrow.*



November 18, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *I was honored to have such a wonderful uncle! Don was always supportive, welcoming, and eager to share experiences on a wide array of topics. He held love of family close to heart. I valued his perspective and respected his insight. Rest well, Uncle Don.*

Bob Scranton - November 18, 2022 at 06:41 PM