

Donald "Don" Lee Kirby

November 22, 1943 - October 18, 2019

Donald "Don" Lee Kirby Sr., age 75, of Peoria, passed away on Friday, October 18, 2019 at UnityPoint Methodist in Peoria.

Don was born on November 22, 1943 in Peoria to Charles and Doris (Potter) Kirby.

Don is survived by his children, DeAnna (Don) Slavens of Peoria, Lucy Jo (Corey) Noonan of Chillicothe, Donnie (Trish) Kirby of Wyoming, David (Julie) West of Washington, and Jacqueline Kirby of Peoria; siblings, Bobbie (Jack) Purfield of Washington, Billy (Donna) Kirby of Washington, Chuck Kirby of East Peoria, Dorothy (Randy) McConnell of South Carolina, and Debbie Kirby of East Peoria; nine grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life for 23 years, Mary Austin; and siblings, Francis Ray, Robert, Earl Jean, Pat, Carol, and Betty.

Don served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1967. He then worked for DeHater Paper Co. for 25 years and was a member of the Teamsters Union.

In his free time, Don enjoyed selling poppies to support veterans, golfing, fishing, watching the Cubs, old westerns (especially John Wayne), and spending time with his family.

Don will be escorted by the Patriot Guard from Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services who is assisting the family with arrangements in East Peoria. Promptly leaving at 9:45 AM to arrive by 10:00 AM at the Lutheran

Cemetery in Peoria, where a graveside service with military honors will be held on Friday, October 25, 2019. Our close family friend and Evangelist Kenny Melton will officiate. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Veterans Pub & Pizza following the graveside service.

In lieu of Flowers, memorials may be made to the Donald Kirby Memorial Fund, care of Morton Community Bank.

Online condolences may be left for the family at www.GaryDeitersFH.com

Cemetery Details

Lutheran Cemetery

914 S. Pleasant
Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Service

OCT 25. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lutheran Cemetery
914 S. Pleasant
Peoria, IL

Celebration of Life

OCT 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

Veterans Pub & Pizza
2525 NE Adams St.
Peoria, IL 61603

Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Don" Lee Kirby

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Dear Lucy, I'm so very sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Sheryl Willy - October 24, 2019 at 07:03 AM



Thank you Sheryl - Miss him a ton!!!

Lucy Noonan (Kirby) - October 24, 2019 at 01:44 PM



“ Sorry Deanna for your loss and I am praying for you and your family!



Cindy - October 23, 2019 at 11:26 AM



Thank you Cindy. We appreciate all the prayers.

DeAnna - October 24, 2019 at 02:19 PM

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“ We were shocked to hear of Don's passing. Please accept our heartfelt condolences during this most difficult time. Don was a friend and a wonderful person. We are keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. I pray that God's blessings be bestowed on you all. May God grant you the peace and strength.

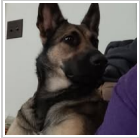
Chris and Barb Miller

Chris Miller - October 22, 2019 at 03:57 PM

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Thank you Chris and Barb - We all welcome your prayers

Lucy Noonan (Kirby) - October 24, 2019 at 01:43 PM



“ *Glad I got to meet you Don. Thank you for your service. Rest in peace buddy.*

Bernie Ring - October 22, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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Bernie - I am glad you were part of his life - Thank you for the message.

Lucy Noonan (Kirby) - October 24, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Lee Kirby.*



October 22, 2019 at 12:30 PM