



Donald "Don" Gale Watson

June 24, 1938 - June 28, 2019

Donald Gale Watson was born June 24, 1938 to Marvin and Stella (Reeves) Watson in Caledonia, Missouri and passed away June 28, 2019 at his home in St. James, Missouri at the age of eighty-one years.

As a young boy Don grew up near Benton Creek and attended school in St. James, Missouri. He accepted the Lord as his Savior in his early 40's at Calvary Temple Church and then followed in baptism in a local river.

November 1955, Don entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully until his Honorable Discharge in November 1958. Don was united in marriage to the love of his life, Irene Treece, on May 4, 1957 in Vienna, Missouri. Together they shared sixty-two years of marriage and were blessed with seven children: Debbie, Wanda, Brenda, Dillard, Anna, Colleen and Donald Jr.

Don worked hard to provide for his family. He had various jobs through the years to include: truck driving, timber work, sawmill work and work in the salvage yards; he eventually retired as a Machinist in Cuba, Missouri. In his spare time, Don enjoyed being outdoors. He loved to work on his farm where he raised cows, chickens and pigs. You could also find him by the waters fishing for crappie and catfish. In his early years, he did enjoy hunting until his wife started trophy hunting and eventually out did him. Spending time with his family is what Don treasured. They made several memories camping at

Pomme de Terre Lake and at Land Between the Lakes. He was proud of his family and cherished his time spent with them. Don was also the author of a book called "Rhythm Of The Road". A true story about his life as a young boy. He was eighty years old at the time the book was printed.

Don leaves behind to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Irene Watson of the home in St. James, MO; children, Debbie Gregory of Pensacola, FL, Wanda Watson of Navarre, FL, Brenda Pollard and her husband David of Salem, MO, Dillard Watson and his wife Mandy of Salem, MO, Anna Martin and her husband Richard of St. James, MO, Colleen Watz and her husband Derek of Pacific, MO; one sister, Minnie Jordan of Salem, MO; one brother, Oscar "Bud" Watson of Eldon, MO; seventeen grandchildren; twenty-two great grandchildren; seven great-great grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his son, Don Watson, Jr.; grandson, Chris Pollard; great granddaughter, Emma Casey and aunt, Fanny Hurt, whom Don was raised by.

Don was a wonderful husband, devoted father, loving grandfather and caring brother. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Funeral Service for Donald Gale Watson was held Wednesday, July 3, 2019 in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Lewis and Pastor Mike Cronk officiating. Song selections played were: "Grandpa, Tell Me Bout The Good Old Days", "The Old Rugged Cross", "When I Get Where I'm Going" and "Go Rest High On That Mountain". Serving as Pallbearers were: Donald Watson, Matthew Pollard, David Payne, Eric Ayers, Robbie Payne, Shawn Pollard, Ben Martin and Aaron Pollard. Honorary Pallbearers were: Joey Alexander and Michael Alexander. Burial with Military Honors was in the Asher Cemetery of St. James, Missouri. All arrangements were under the care

and direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Cemetery Details

Asher Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Wilson Mortuary - July 03, 2019 at 07:35 AM

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“ I had the pleasure of getting to Mr Watson through the hospital. We were making conversation one day about where we were from etc and discovered he knew my dad, Butch Holman. Each day I worked I would try to save him for last so I could spend a little more time with him and his stories. One day he gave me a copy of his book, and he chuckled when I asked him to autograph it for me and when I finished it I asked him when the sequel was coming out! Some patients make a lasting impression on me, and Mr Watson certainly left a good one. It was a pleasure to get to know him and to read his book. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Caroline Stevenson - July 02, 2019 at 10:02 PM



“ Prayers for Irene and all the kids and family. We hurt for your loss. Don meant so much to me and my family through the years. He passed same day as we buried momma. Sorely missed God bless

Bion Irwin - July 02, 2019 at 09:32 PM

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“ *Brenda, and family, I'm so sorry to hear about his passing. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

Penny L. Yantis - July 01, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ *Debbie we are sorry to hear about your dad. We send our Deepest Sympathy and prayers to you and your family.*

Lyda Creath - June 30, 2019 at 06:12 AM

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“ *I'm so saddened t see Don's passing. My heart is out to Irene. I know this has to be so very hard. Love you Irene.*

Karen Lewis - June 29, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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Brenda and family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Teresa Stark - June 29, 2019 at 06:22 PM