



Donald Lee Stokes

September 3, 1936 - November 23, 2024

Donald Lee Stokes was born September 3, 1936, in St. Louis, Missouri, to Dorsey Lee and Luetta (Whitener) Stokes. He entered into eternal rest November 23, 2024, in Eureka, Missouri, at the age of eighty-eight years.

In 1955, Don graduated from St. Clair High School. He then enlisted into the United States Marine Corp and served his country faithfully and honorably for four years. On June 20, 1960, Don was united in marriage to Sandra Faye Williams and to this union blessed with one son, Clayton.

Don worked as an Information Technology Administrator for many years. After retirement, he started working at the Montauk Lodge. He became a fly-fishing guide and shared his passion for the sport with others.

Don was a talented artist and has some of his work displayed around the Dent County Community. He especially enjoyed carving fish out of wood. Don had a servant's heart and volunteered with the Ozark Natural & Cultural Resource Center for many years.

Don cherished the things in life that were most important. He was a loving husband to Sandy for sixty-five years, a supportive father and proud grandfather who knew how to spoil his grandchildren well. His faith in the Lord was evident in everything he did. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist

Church where he enjoyed singing in the choir.

Don is survived by his son: Clayton Stokes and wife Kristy; grandchildren: Brooke and Keegan; sister: Judy Richardson; brother: Leonard Butts and wife Robin; sister-in-law: Judy Butts; extended family and dear friends.

Preceding him in death were his wife: Sandy Stokes; parents: Dorsey and Luetta Stokes; brother: Leo Butts; sister: Janet Stokes; brother-in-law: George Richardson; and sister-in-law: Betty Ann Butts.

Don leaves a legacy of love and care for others. He truly enjoyed talking to anyone and everyone. His friendly nature will be forever treasured by all who knew and loved him.

Celebration of Life for Donald Lee Stokes was held Saturday, December 14, 2024, in the Wilson Mortuary Salem Chapel with Pastor Chris Hendrix and Jeremiah Privett officiating. Song selections played were "Beat You There" and "Monsters". Military Honors was provided the American Legion Post 99 and the United States Marine Corp. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Wilson Mortuary - December 14, 2024 at 05:27 PM

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“ Donald Stokes was married to my Aunt Sandy, I believe they celebrated their 64th Wedding anniversary this past Summer 2024. I have the highest respect for this man, my Uncle Don. He taught me about different breeds of birds, about the earth and rocks, and how to make a good lasagna with garlic bread. He had a great sense of humor, and could share a good family story. He was a good father to his son Clayton, and a good Uncle to us crazy kids that visited them. Very thankful my Aunt Sandy married him. You are forever in my heart Uncle Don. See you in Heaven. Love, Bonnie

Bonnie - December 12, 2024 at 01:33 PM

PS

“ I worked with Don for many years at Montauk he will be missed

Patricia Sisco - December 11, 2024 at 08:22 PM

LJ

“ Sorry to hear about Don's passing. We spent many days fishing for trout and salmon. He had a good sense of humor and I'll miss him.
Leo Lehr

Leo E Lehr Jr - December 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

MC

“ I will always cherish many memories visiting with don at oncrc. He will always have a special place in our hearts. Rest in peace.

marybeth cook - November 26, 2024 at 12:09 PM

CB

“ Clay,
Sorry to hear about your father and mother. Your Dad was an extraordinary loving and caring man! His devotion to his Scout Troup was amazing! I truly believe he is responsible for making these boys, mine included, into better young men! May your memories comfort you at this time.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Bollinger

Carolyn E Bollinger - November 26, 2024 at 11:30 AM