

Donald "Don" P. Henderson

November 21, 1939 - April 29, 2021

Donald "Don" P. Henderson, 81, of Monrovia, was released of all his earthly ailments at 3:30 p.m. on April 29, 2021, with his loving family surrounding his bedside. He was born in Lafayette, Indiana on November 21, 1939 to the late Olin J. and Ruth M. (Fleetwood) Henderson.

A proud 1958 graduate from Ben Davis High School, Don grew up around Bridgeport. During high school, he worked as a lifeguard for Westlake, where he met his first wife and mother of his children. The two were married and settled into life together, moving out of the city to raise the kids in the countryside beauty of Morgan County. Don secured stable employment at Endsley Crane, later establishing himself as a skilled and master craftsman for Westfall Cabinets for twenty years, before opening his own company DP Henderson and Sons Cabinets.

A quiet, gentle loving father, he thoroughly enjoyed getting on his children's level, wrestling with them on the floor. A calm disciplinarian, they knew they had disappointed him just by the look in his eye, giving the incentive to do and be better. Don and his first wife, Karen, split amicably in 1982, knowing they had raised their family, and wanting more from life.

In 1993, Don met his soul mate and the love of his life, Irene, while working at Miller's Merry Manor; he was a maintenance man, and she a QMA. She passed her number to him through a mutual friend, and the rest is history. They spent twenty-six blissful years together, blending their loving families.

A member of the Eagles and the Fairfield Friends Church, Don spent his free time building model cars, going on hunting and fishing trips, along with designing and building everything from toys to furniture. Taught by his sister Dorothy to dance during high school, he could cut a rug like no one else, often clearing the dance floor at parties. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Along with his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brothers David and O.J. Henderson; and grandchildren, Nick Rice and Elizabeth Faulkenberg.

Don leaves behind his devoted wife Irene (Arrington) Henderson of Monrovia; children, Don Henderson of Mooresville, John A. Henderson (wife, Debbie) of Camby, Lori Faulkenberg (husband, Eric) of Monrovia, Billy Rice (wife, Sonya) of Paragon, Cindy Rice (husband, Mark), and Eddie Rice (wife, Emily) all of Indianapolis; former wife, Karen Wukitsch (husband, Mike) of Camby; sister, Dorothy Poole of Jeffersonville; along with ten grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Friends and family are invited to gather from noon until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 4 at Light Memorial and Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. A Celebration of

Life Service will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m., Jack Elliott will officiate, and burial will follow in Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Don's memory to the American Cancer Society by calling 800-227-2345, online at donate3.cancer.org, or envelopes will be provided at the funeral home. To share a favorite story, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in Don's memory, search @MonroviaFuneralHome or please visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt Pleasant Cemetery, Hall

5409 W. Hurt Road
Monrovia, IN 46157

Previous Events

Friends & Family Gathering

MAY 4. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life Service

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Burial following services

MAY 4 (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ One of the best friends I met while working at Millers. I just found out today from a post on fb. Much love to Irene and her family. RIP Ann Marie

Ann Marie - May 07, 2021 at 05:56 PM

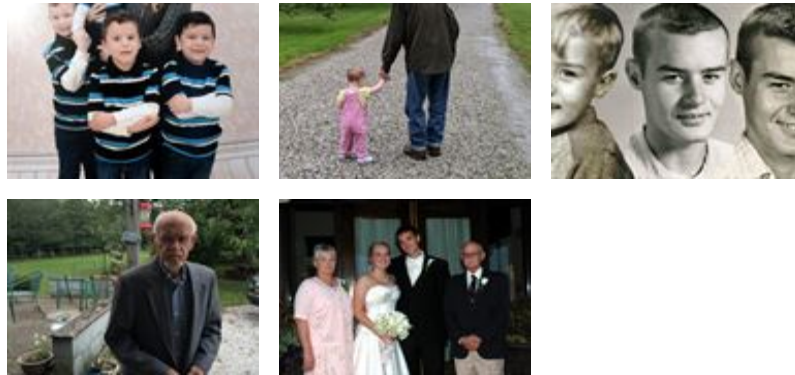


“ RIP good friend. Met Don when we 6yr old went thru school together and shared a lot of memories, all good. He was a real pal growing up, I remember a bunch of us stole his spare tire off his model A . He really got peed off at us , it was his baby. Again old buddy Rest In Peace! Larry

Larry Dean Watkins - May 03, 2021 at 02:46 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - May 03, 2021 at 02:17 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P. Henderson.*



May 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P. Henderson.*



May 03, 2021 at 12:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P. Henderson.*



May 03, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Debi Spoon Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" P. Henderson*



Debi Spoon Anderson - May 03, 2021 at 08:25 AM

DA

Irene, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Debi Spoon Anderson - May 03, 2021 at 08:26 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P. Henderson.*



May 02, 2021 at 09:35 AM

SF

“ *Don was one of our Ben Davis Grade School pals. He was a kind man and we enjoyed visiting at our '58 class gatherings. He will be missed.*

Sandy Fink - May 01, 2021 at 09:59 PM

DB


“ *Share a memory of Uncle Don...where do I begin? I'll never forget him shaving after I used his razor for the first time or his soft voice, or the love he gave to me. Uncle Don, you are in a much better place now but you will be missed so very much. I love you, love Neicer. Denise Syphers Beach*

Denise Syphets Beach - April 30, 2021 at 08:32 PM

DB

“ *Much love to the precious family. So sorry I can't join you on Don's special day. He leaves some great memories for us all. Aunt Donna and Jim*

Donna Baker - April 30, 2021 at 06:27 PM

 Donna
Troxler-
Fredrick

“ So sorry to hear about Don. Thinking of you all.
Donna (Troxler) Fredrick

Donna Troxler-Fredrick - April 30, 2021 at 06:05 PM

RC

“ Thinking of you and yours...

Roxann Carter - April 30, 2021 at 02:36 PM

DE

RIP Don, will see you on the other side! Another Don from the Class of '58 Ben Davis. Peace be with the family !
Don F. Estle

Don F. Estle - May 02, 2021 at 11:13 AM