

Donald G. Bradshaw

December 3, 1935 - May 15, 2015

Donald G. Bradshaw, age 79 years, a resident of rural Grantsburg, Illinois, passed away Friday afternoon, May 15, 2015, at 12:30 PM at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Donald was born December 3, 1935 in Raleigh, Illinois. He was the son of George and Ruth (Smith) Bradshaw.

On June 1, 1957, Donald was united in marriage to Reita Rice at the Dorrisville Baptist Church in Harrisburg. She survives.

Other survivors include: a daughter – Beckie (Don) Stone of Marion, 4 grandchildren – Andria (Zack) Nichols of Ozark, Mark Wright of Carbondale, Garrett (Hannah) Davis of Vienna, and Clinton Stone of Marion; 3 great grandchildren – Dayton, Collin, and Destiny Nichols; a brother – Delman (Velma) Bradshaw of Fairfield, a sister – Alice Quick of Eldorado and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by a son – Donald G. Bradshaw, Jr., a daughter – Dawna Bradshaw Davis, a granddaughter – Angela Wright and a brother-in-law - Bob Quick.

Don was a 1953 graduate of Eldorado High School. From 1955 through 1957,

he was stationed in Germany with the United States Army, prior to his honorable discharge. Don was a life-member of the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post 5222 in Vienna.

Don was employed as a claim's adjuster with Country Companies Insurance. Later, he worked for 20 years as a Food Service Instructor at the Vienna Correctional Center prior to his retirement in 1991.

Don was a life member of New Columbia Masonic Lodge # 336 A.F. & A.M. He was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Ainad Temple), and the former Shawnee Shrine Club. Don was also a life member of the National Rifle Association (N.R.A.).

Don and Reita worshiped at the New Liberty Church near Eddyville. Don was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was widely known for his BBQ skills. Together, Don and Reita enjoyed traveling, camping, and entertaining.

They served as the camp hosts at the Dixon Springs State Park for the past 5 years.

Funeral services was held Tuesday morning, May 19, 2015, at 11 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial, with military graveside rites, was in the Raleigh Masonic Cemetery. Musical selections included "In the Garden" and "Danny Boy". Pallbearers included Garrett, Mark, Clinton, Kenny, Brad and David.

Visitation was conducted Monday, May 18, 2015, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Masonic rites were accorded at 8 PM Monday under the auspices of New Columbia Masonic Lodge # 336 AF&AM.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 2001

South Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63131-3597.

Cemetery Details

Raleigh Masonic Cemetery

161 Masonic Cemetery Road
Raleigh, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

MAY 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald G. Bradshaw*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Rita, I was heartbroken to hear of (Uncle Don's) passing, I just found out! I have wonderful memories of my time in Texas. Sending my thoughts and prayers.*



Lorie Trovillion Hawkins - June 02, 2015 at 01:03 PM



“ *Matt, Jenny, Katie, And CJ Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Matt, Jenny, Katie, and CJ Prewitt - May 23, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *Rita and Family, I am very saddened to learn of Don's passing. I was out of town and did not learn of his death until today. Don was a very unique and special person of which I have many fond memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Larry Mizell - May 21, 2015 at 12:03 AM

CA

“ CARMEN lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



CARMEN - May 20, 2015 at 08:53 PM

CW

“ REITA, WE JUST HEARD ABOUT DONS DEATH .SO SORRY FOR YOUR GREAT LOSS.WE TREASURE THE MANY GOOD TIMES WE ALL HAD.CHERISH YOUR MEMORIES AND LEAN ON GOD.

CARMEN & GEORGE WELLS - May 20, 2015 at 08:53 PM

JF

“ "It is with a heavy heart to hear of Don's passing. We enjoyed many happy times at Bluebonnet in Texas." Jerry & Delores Frost

Jerry & Delores Frost - May 20, 2015 at 02:29 PM

MM

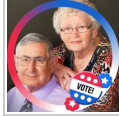
“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Mike & Helen MacDonald Our sympathy Rita & family.

Mike & Helen MacDonald - May 19, 2015 at 10:47 PM

LJ

“ Good Memories of time we visited at Blue bonnet Resort in Texas. Our sympathy to you Reita . Cliff and Lilah Johnson lot 273

Lilah Johnson - May 19, 2015 at 12:37 PM



Don was a wonderful neighbor at Blubonnet Resort in Mission, Texas. He will be missed. Our sympathy to Rita and family.
J.J. and Anni Garza

J.j. Garza - May 22, 2015 at 05:49 AM

YB

“ *Good memories of the time we shared in Bluebonnet RV Resort in Texas. Our condolences Reita. We are glad that we could visit with you on our way home this spring*
Harry and Yellie Bick

Yellie Vanderwerff Bick - May 19, 2015 at 10:11 AM

BW

“ *Don was quite a guy! We were privileged to know him through spending winter months in TX. His humor, insights, and friendly manner will be missed by all who knew him. Our sympathy goes out to Reita and family.*

Barb and Toby Watne - May 19, 2015 at 08:44 AM

LS

“ *Linda Simmons lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Linda Simmons - May 18, 2015 at 11:22 AM

DH

“ Dean And Kathy Harper lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Dean and Kathy Harper - May 18, 2015 at 09:18 AM

DM

“ David And Debbie Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



David and Debbie Miller - May 17, 2015 at 04:04 PM

DM

The box says to share a memory. I am not sure this site has enough room. There are so many memories of camping and boating at Kentucky Lake and Norfolk Lake and Crab Orchard Lake and the pranks we pulled on each other all the time. And the vacations out west to Colorado we spent together with our families have so many memories of our time together and the situations that happened along the way with bears and fireworks and the ghost towns and camping and yes, more pranks. We had a lot of fun times as we grew up visiting with the Bradshaws and I hope I am always able to remember them from time to time now that Don has passed. -from David Miller

David and Debbie Miller - May 17, 2015 at 04:19 PM

RH

“ Rickey And Sandra Harner lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Rickey and Sandra Harner - May 17, 2015 at 02:52 PM

TH

“ *Trina Hassinger lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Trina Hassinger - May 17, 2015 at 01:57 PM

BR

“ *Bill And Betty Ryan lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Bill and Betty Ryan - May 17, 2015 at 01:37 PM

PS

“ *Peggy Jean Smoot lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Peggy Jean Smoot - May 17, 2015 at 12:44 PM

PS

Reita, you have my sincere sympathy.

Peggy Jean Smoot - May 17, 2015 at 12:45 PM

CM

“ *RIP Great Uncle Donald. To my family....sending prayers and hugs. Love you all.*



CindyLee, Jeff, and Emilie Miller - May 17, 2015 at 08:52 AM



Theresa McKenzie

“ *Theresa McKenzie lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Theresa McKenzie - May 17, 2015 at 05:38 AM



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Theresa McKenzie - May 17, 2015 at 05:37 AM

TE

“ *Tammy Eudy lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Tammy Eudy - May 16, 2015 at 11:04 PM

RP

“ Ray & Imogene Phelps lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Ray & Imogene Phelps - May 16, 2015 at 11:03 PM

MM

“ Myrla And Doug Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



myrla and Doug miller - May 16, 2015 at 06:32 PM

HE

He will be miss by all but he will fly like an angle .👤👤👤👤

helen - May 16, 2015 at 09:44 PM

BR

“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Bobby Rentfro - May 16, 2015 at 05:43 PM

JR

“ James & Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



James & Diane Rainbolt - May 16, 2015 at 01:35 PM

JG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family! He will be missed.



Janice and Mark Gibbons - May 16, 2015 at 10:08 AM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Dallas and Charlene Harner - May 16, 2015 at 09:45 AM

LV

“ Larry & Kim Vaughn lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Larry & Kim Vaughn - May 16, 2015 at 08:46 AM

JF

“ Rita and family, so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by many. Thoughts and prayers for you all.



Richard and Joan Owen

Joan Faulkner - May 16, 2015 at 08:30 AM

TC

“ Tommy And Carol Cheek lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Tommy and Carol Cheek - May 16, 2015 at 08:19 AM

JD

“ Jeff Davis lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Jeff Davis - May 16, 2015 at 07:55 AM

JB

“ Jim & Pat Blankenship lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Jim & Pat Blankenship - May 16, 2015 at 07:21 AM



“ Jeff Quick lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Jeff Quick - May 16, 2015 at 07:04 AM

LG

“ LORA GODDARD lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



LORA GODDARD - May 16, 2015 at 06:32 AM

DP

“ Dave & Pat Prewitt lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Dave & Pat Prewitt - May 15, 2015 at 11:37 PM

JT

“ So sorry for your loss, both of my parents, as well as myself, thought very fondly of Don.



Joy Morris Trammell - May 15, 2015 at 10:46 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Dorothy Bacon - May 15, 2015 at 09:29 PM

MM

“ Mike McCormick lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Mike McCormick - May 15, 2015 at 08:54 PM

SR

“ Sheri Robinson lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Sheri Robinson - May 15, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ Pamela Kelley-Seets lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw



Pamela Kelley-Seets - May 15, 2015 at 07:26 PM

RB

“ *Rich And Karen Brumley lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Rich and Karen Brumley - May 15, 2015 at 06:33 PM

FK

“ *Floyd & Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Floyd & Linda Koehler - May 15, 2015 at 06:26 PM

JP

“ *J. Phelps lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



J. Phelps - May 15, 2015 at 05:25 PM

CK

“ *Carlos And Elly Kerley lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Carlos and Elly Kerley - May 15, 2015 at 05:14 PM

KG

“ *Kenny And Sue Goddard lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Kenny and sue Goddard - May 15, 2015 at 05:08 PM

PJ

“ *Penny Jordan lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Penny Jordan - May 15, 2015 at 04:37 PM

JT

“ *JACK TRAVELSTEAD lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



JACK TRAVELSTEAD - May 15, 2015 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ *Mary Lou Hynes lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Mary Lou Hynes - May 15, 2015 at 03:34 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Bradshaw*



Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney - May 15, 2015 at 03:12 PM