



Donald L. Smith

April 19, 1934 - December 11, 2023

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Donald L. Smith, age 89 years, a resident of Herrin, Illinois, passed away Monday morning, December 11, 2023, at 7:21 A.M. at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Danville, Illinois.

Donald was born April 19, 1934 in Wolf Lake, Illinois. He was the son of E. Smith and Eva (Cox) Smith.

On November 5, 1952, Donald was united in marriage to Vernetta Mae Dunn at Jonesboro, Illinois. She preceded him in death on January 26, 2016.

Donald is survived by: his son – Jim (Judy) Smith of Champaign; 2 grandsons – James Smith and Sandy Smith; 3 great grandchildren – Wyatt, Daltin, and Cole; a sister – Margie Conner of Texas; and a sister-in-law – Gayla Jones of Marion.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents and his wife.

Donald was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He served from 1952 – 1956, during the Korean War, prior to his honorable discharge. Donald was a member of the American Legion.

Donald was employed as a railroad conductor by the Missouri Pacific Railroad – later Union Pacific Railroad, following their merger in 1982.

Donald enjoyed fishing. He is remembered for his strong work ethic and his love of lawn work and “piddling” in his garage. He was very skilled at fixing things and completing repair projects.

He was a member of the Southern Baptist Faith.

A Funeral Service honoring the life of Donald Smith will be held Thursday afternoon, December 14, 2023, at 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Phil Nelson will officiate. Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery, near Dongola. Military graveside rites will be accorded.

Visitation will be held Thursday, December 14, 2023, from 11 AM – 1 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516.

Cemetery Details

Friendship Cemetery

Friendship Church Road
Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **14**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 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

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

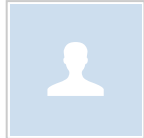
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Tribute Wall



“ Greg & Kathy Dawes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Smith.

Greg & Kathy Dawes - December 13, 2023 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald L. Smith.



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