



Donald Eugene Odle

August 30, 1937 - August 17, 2015

Donald E. Odle, 77, lifelong resident of West Frankfort, IL, passed away peacefully with his family by his side at 3:32 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 2015, in Good Samaritan Regional Health Care Center, of Mt. Vernon, IL.

He was born on Monday, August 30, 1937, in West Frankfort, to Carl Eugene and Madeline Louise (Walton) Odle.

He was a graduate of the West Frankfort High School Class of 1955.

In his youth, he enjoyed the outdoors, hunting and fishing, and scouring the area for arrowheads.

He had an avid interest in history, particularly local history, and enjoyed learning how things worked.

He began his working career with his father who owned and operated Odle Furnace of West Frankfort. Later he ran Don Odle Heating and Air Conditioning, serving West Frankfort and the surrounding area until he retired in 2000.

Don was a longtime member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church of Thompsonville, IL. Don enjoyed talking and visiting and could often be found at local restaurants, solving the world's problems, with his friends. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his daughter, Nancy J. Odle of Herrin, IL; longtime sweetheart, Sharon Leonard of Carbondale, IL; grandson, Steve Borgra and his wife, Audrey and two great grandchildren, Kaelyn and Pierce Borgra all of Bloomington, IL; sister-in-law, Terri Odle of Wisconsin; other extended family and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Donnie and Bill Odle; brother, Rick Odle and sister, Jane Harrington.

A memorial service was at 6:00 p.m. led by Pastor John Lomacang.

The obituary and comments of memory was presented by Don's sister-in-law, Terri Odle. There was also a time of sharing of memories by many of those attending.

The prelude bluegrass musical selection "In the Sweet Bye and Bye" and postlude bluegrass musical selection "I'll Fly Away" was presented by Jim Rotramel on the banjo, Terry Conner on the guitar and singing vocal, Glenda Shew on the upright bass and Jack Blades on the Mandolin.

Other special congregational hymns presented during the service acappella were "What a Friend We Have In Jesus" and "The Old Rugged Cross".

Interment took place near his sons on Wednesday morning in Tower Heights Cemetery in West Frankfort.

Memorial contributions were made to the "Seventh-Day Adventist Church" of Thompsonville, IL, or the donor's organization of choice. Memorial contribution envelopes were available at the funeral home or were mailed in care of Stone Funeral Home, 1201 East Poplar St., West Frankfort, IL 62896.

Those wishing additional information may contact the funeral home by calling 618-932-2161.

Cemetery

Tower Heights Cemetery

West Frankfort, IL, 62896

Events

AUG Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM

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AUG Memorial Service 06:00PM

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Comments



“ Melody (Harrington) Angle and Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Eugene Odle.



Melody (Harrington) Angle and Family - August 25, 2015 at 12:01 PM



“ Perri Odle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Eugene Odle.



Perri Odle - August 25, 2015 at 10:11 AM



“ Dear Nancy and Sharon, I am sorry for your loss. Don was blessed with a precious soul and I will miss running into him at Dixie Cream in the mornings. Don had the ability to always say something to make me smile. I know he is up in heaven sharing stories with his family and friends.

Sylvia Davidson - August 22, 2015 at 07:50 AM



“ I spent large parts of many summers with Don's parents. Rick, Don's brother, was about my age but the whole house took on a new dimension when Don stopped in. He was 11-12 years older than me and, when I think of West Frankfort, I always picture Don's crooked smile, his larger than life personality, and his colorful stories. He, to me, was a "good ole boy" in every good sense of that phrase. He enriched my young life and made it better.

Timothy R Philippart - August 21, 2015 at 05:06 PM



“ Steven Harrington & Thomas Geer purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald Eugene Odle.



Steven Harrington - August 21, 2015 at 03:45 PM



“ I loved this man and Sharon Dearly!! Always in my heart!!

Nicole Gaynor - August 20, 2015 at 10:12 AM



“ I will always remember Don's smile and positive attitude. Even when he must have been hurting or sad, he still had a smile to share. A few times while out shopping, I'd stop to get a bite to eat and there he'd be sitting alone ... so I'd join him. The simple sharing was just as much enjoyed as was the meal. I will miss him, but will look for him at the Tree of Life in heaven and once again enjoy sharing a meal and some time together visiting.

Phyllis Andrew, Thompsonville, IL

Phyllis Andrew - August 19, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ Loved this man dearly. I have many great memories of him through the years. He will be missed.

marian smith - August 20, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ Stone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Odle



Stone Funeral Home - August 18, 2015 at 08:28 AM