



Donald James Brown Jr.

May 30, 1928 - January 20, 2015

Donald James Brown, Jr.

Age 86, of Mazon, IL, passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Heritage Health in Dwight, IL. Donald was born May 30, 1928 in Hoopeston, IL to the late Donald and Ellen (nee Erickson) Brown, Sr. Donald was a graduate of Streator High School with the class of 1947. He attended Illinois State University in Bloomington, IL and the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, IL, in the field of Agriculture, until he was drafted to serve his country with the United States Army, Love Company, 31st Infantry during the Korean War from 1952-1954. He was the recipient of two bronze medals from the battle of Pork Chop Hill and Old Baldy. Upon his honorable discharge from the army, Donald joined the insurance and investment fields, working for Country Companies for 39 years. He retired in 1993. Donald had a great interest in the civic affairs of his community. He had served on the Village Board of Mazon, was a member and Master Mason of Masonic Lodge #826 in Mazon for 62 years and was a member of the Gardner Lions Club. He was also a member of the Mazon American Legion, Post #352 and was also a member of their color guard of which he was a flag bearer for their annual Memorial Day service. He was a spiritual man, a member of the Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ in Mazon and had been a church choir member all of his life. Donald interests were many. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting. He also enjoyed golf, his most favorite outing of the year being the Annual Father's Day outing with his three sons. Donald was a man

of many talents including gardening and playing harmonica. He thoroughly enjoyed feeding the birds in his leisure. Donald and his wife, Pauline traveled extensively and he collected canes from all over the world during their travels. He was loved by all and will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Pauline (nee West), whom he married April 21, 1951 in Bloomington, IL; three sons, Dennis Brown of Mazon, Thomas (Molly) Brown of Hudson, IL, and Douglas (Stacey) Brown of Shorewood, IL; three grandchildren, Mary Margaret Brown, Anne Brown, and William Brown; and one sister, Delores (late Kenneth) Durree of St. Paul, MN.

Funeral services will be at the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd., Braidwood Chapel, Friday, January 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Tyler Carrell will officiate.

Interment with military honors will follow at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL.

The visitation will be Thursday, January 22, from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Park Street Congregational United Church of Christ or to the donors choice.

For more information and to visit his online guestbook, please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

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Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Service

JAN **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Thank you for letting the Ward family into your life. We had wonderful time with you and your family. Memories will always bring me to the beach and the canoe. My sympathy goes out to your loved ones. Mary Jane Ward Webb

Mary Ward Webb - January 24, 2015 at 01:23 PM

RP

“ To Pauline and family
You have our deepest sympathy and we regret not being home for the service. We had so much fun with Don over the years, and he was the best insurance agent we have ever had. He will be missed greatly by all.
Rob and Sharon Pickles

Rob Pickles - January 23, 2015 at 05:08 PM

KK

“ So sorry on the passing of Don I spent a lot of time at your house growing up

kerry kociss - January 23, 2015 at 03:44 PM

MS

“ All the Brown Family is in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time for all of you Melinda & Joe Stevenson

Melinda Stevenson - January 22, 2015 at 12:32 PM

DS

“ Mrs. Brown, Dennis, Tom, Doug and families, our sympathy on Don's/your father's passing. Dave and Gayle Scanavino

Dave Scanavino - January 22, 2015 at 09:39 AM

SS

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of Don. We couldn't have had better neighbors for the short time we lived in Gardner. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

God Bless,
Bob and Sue Suddick

Sue Suddick - January 21, 2015 at 09:12 PM

DJ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Don was a wonderful person! I will always have great memories of his kindness.

Debbie Johnson

Debra Johnson - January 21, 2015 at 08:21 AM

RR

“ Uncle Don you will be missed - your sense of humor and your camera and hot lights at family gatherings in grandma West's house - will do my best to carry on with ornery legacy.

Rick Ritter

rick ritter - January 20, 2015 at 06:11 PM