



## Donald J. Hakey Sr.

September 9, 1941 - April 25, 2024

Age 82, of Greenup, IL passed away Thursday, April 25, 2024 in Coal City, IL surrounded by his loving family. Born on September 9, 1941 in Braceville Township to the late William and Mildred (nee Muenkel) Hakey. On July 14, 1962 in Greenup he married Betty Rose Snack and together they made their life and raised their family in Braceville. A roofer for Hakey Roofing for 48 years, they later retired to Greenup. He was a very dedicated Christian who enjoyed working in his yard, woodworking and being a handyman. More than anything Don was a family man who loved his family including all of his grandkids.

Surviving are his daughters, Kimberly Hakey of Morris, IL, Debbie Bunting of Coal City, Laurie Hibler of Coal City and Sandra (Cal) Davis of Crown Point, IN; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jean Shear of Coal City, Linda (Tom) Connor of WI and Lorraine Farcus of Graymont, IL; brothers, Doug (Linda) Hakey of OK and Jerry (Sue) Hakey of Essex, IL; and several nieces and nephews including a very special niece, Theresa Maskel of Morris, IL who was like another daughter to him.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 53 years, Betty Hakey (6-1-2016); son, Donald J. Hakey, Jr.; son-in-law, David Bunting; sister, Marilyn (Jim) Baade; and brother, William Hakey.

Cremation rites will be accorded and private graveside services will be held at Braceville-Gardner Cemetery in Braceville at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to Uplifted Care Hospice.



# Cemetery Details

## **Braceville-Gardner Cemetery**

7295 W. Braceville Road  
Braceville, IL

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ He was a nice man. They were a nice family. His son Donny was one of the kindest people I ever met.



Meri Wiseman-Cunning - November 15, 2024 at 07:27 PM

DM

“ Sorry for your loss.

Dean & Minnie McKinney - May 12, 2024 at 12:41 PM

MS

“ we are saddened to hear of Dons passing-I remember him and the family from many years ago-he worked with my dad (Joe Michalowski ) on many jobs-my dad would tell us how big of a guy he was he could grab a bundle of shingles and toss them on the roof faster than a machine could do it-they used to come visit our home as a young family and my sister and I would pass on our outgrown clothes to their girls and i remember how excited we all were to do it!! fond memories for sure-our thoughts are with you all.  
Mary Jo (Michalowski) Shain

Mary Jo Shain - May 09, 2024 at 11:56 AM

NJ

“ I knew Don from Clara's country Inn , don was one of the nicest guys I ever met Rest in Piece Don - Sympathy to your family & many friends - Nick Koba Jr. & family

Nick Koba, Jr - May 03, 2024 at 07:14 PM

LM

“ *My Deepest Heartfelt Sympathy to Debbie,  
Laurie and ALL of The Hakey Family*💔



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**Linda Mandat** - April 29, 2024 at 08:38 PM

LS

“ *Don and Betty were a beautiful couple, so in love and dedicated to each other and their family. Hugs and prayers to their beautiful family and friends.*

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**Linda Schott** - April 29, 2024 at 10:21 AM

KF

“ *Great guy, loving couple, prayers and hugs!*

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**Karen Flowers** - April 27, 2024 at 07:10 PM

SP

“ *One very tough guy but one who would give the shirt off his back to someone in need. Betty and Don are finally together again where they always wanted to be..together. RIP Don. Hugs to all of the family.*

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**sharon Pickles** - April 26, 2024 at 08:31 PM

KF

“ *They were the sweetest couple, both such nice people they will be missed forever!!*

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**Karen Flowers** - April 26, 2024 at 07:21 PM

PW

“ Uncle Don and Aunt Betty loved me no matter how crazy I was as a person. They will forever be remembered and loved by me ❤️❤️ My greatest memory is when they watched all us Willis kids when Momma and Daddy drove busses to New York. I love you Uncle Don 🙏 Rest easy now

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**Punky Willis** - April 26, 2024 at 04:26 PM

RZ

Donnie was one of the kindest men I ever spent time with , especially to the love of his life Bettie. He was so loving to her in her final months. I know he is hugging her with the biggest smile on both there faces.

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**rick zilm** - April 27, 2024 at 09:13 PM

KG

“ I live many miles from Aunt Betty & Uncle Donnie but when I came to Illinois and we had a get together they always made me feel like I lived across the street. My Love to the Family ❤️

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**Karen Grab** - April 26, 2024 at 01:43 PM