



Donald "Don" Bright

September 19, 1928 - February 14, 2022

Donald "Don" Bright, 93 of Rushville, passed away on February 14, 2022 in Rushville. He was born on September 19, 1928 in Cisco, IL to the late Clifford and Della A. (Newton) Bright. Donald was a 1946 graduate of Arlington High School. He also attended the University of Cincinnati for two years. Don married Patricia (Johnson) Bright on October 24, 1987 and she survives. Donald served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was twenty-one years old working, and had his first car when he got the letter. The letter was from President Truman saying he was selected to serve in the Army. He left the Rushville Post Office to go to Illinois to receive immunization shots. Then they took a troop train to the state of Washington for basic training. Donald was then sent to San Francisco to Fort Presidio; while he was there he got the order to go to the Korean War. He was a Private E-1 (Lowest rank) in the 101 st Airborne Division. Don was in Korea for 8 months, but the ship ride to Korea took one month each way, so he was gone for a total of ten months. He was promoted to Sergeant First Class during his service. Don was in the Army for 2 years and then spent 5 years in the enlisted reserves. He received his honorable discharge in 1957. Donald received the Korean Service Medal, Two Bronze Stars and the United Nations Service Medal.

Donald was involved with auto racing. He has been a member of USAC (United States Auto Club) since it was organized in 1956. He began as a Pit Steward, Assistant Starter, Assistant Registrar, and Registrar. He traveled to

different races tracks all over the country including the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Donald retired from being a Vice President at Cash Valve in Decatur, IL. His hobbies are racing, puzzles, horseshoes and basketball. He was a member of the Rushville Eagles, Rushville Elks, American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, Veterans Administration, USAC, Clarksburg Firehouse and New Salem United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, Patricia, he is survived by his step-son, Mike (Jane) Hammonds of Lafayette; sister, Virginia Wesling of New Salem; 2 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Donald is preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held on Saturday February 19, 2022 at 1 PM in Moster Mortuary, with Pastor Jerran Jackson presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 11 AM until the time of service in the mortuary. Burial will be held in Fisher Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Service

FEB **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Don" Bright*



Moster Mortuary - February 19, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *Donald "Don" Bright*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Robert T. purchased the Wings of a Dove Tribute Blanket for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.*



Robert T. - February 19, 2022 at 11:02 AM

RT

“ I know that Don was my dad's best friend. Dad shared a lot of racing memories. I appreciated Don helping me get my start in manufacturing engineering. Don was a straight shooter which I appreciated very much. Patty I am sorry I could not make the service but if you need anything in the future fill free to call. I will be praying for you.

Bob Turner

Robert Turner - February 19, 2022 at 11:01 AM

BS

Thank you for sending the blanket. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated by the family of Don Bright(Patty). ❤️💕❤️

Brenda Slaton - March 10, 2022 at 07:52 PM

PD

“ *Paul Jeff Dana Lawrence Cindy Danielle purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.*



Paul Jeff Dana Lawrence Cindy Danielle - February 16, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.*



February 16, 2022 at 12:59 PM

SC

“ Steve Church purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.



Steve Church - February 15, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.



February 15, 2022 at 06:50 PM

DG

“ Dave & Karen Garau lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Bright



Dave & Karen Garau - February 15, 2022 at 05:05 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Bright.



February 15, 2022 at 12:29 PM