



Donald R. Gaebe

July 27, 1931 - October 28, 2014

Donald R. Gaebe, 83, of Woodlawn died at 12:55 A.M. Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Friendship Manor Health Care Center in Nashville, Illinois.

He was born July 27, 1931, in Farmington, MO, son of Emil Carl and Emma Louetta (Laney) Gaebe. He married Sherry L. Trail on March 17, 1956, at Woodlawn Christian Church in Woodlawn, Illinois.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Gaebe is survived by one daughter, Jill Martoccio of Mt. Vernon; one son, Rick Gaebe and wife, Mary Beth, of Okawville; one granddaughter, Holly Martoccio; one grandson, Carl Gaebe; two great-grandsons, Spencer Scanlan and Sylvio Martoccio; one sister, Beverly Bushong, of Paducah, KY; and several nieces and nephews.

His parents and one sister, Henrietta Ferguson preceded him in death.

After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, Mr. Gaebe returned home to finish his bachelor's degree at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and took an accounting job for Ziegler Heating in Centralia. In 1965, he began work as an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. He worked in IRS offices in East St. Louis, Centralia, and Mt. Vernon before retiring after 30 years of service. In his retirement years, he served several years as the sexton of Oddfellow's Cemetery in Woodlawn. Mr. Gaebe possessed an avid interest in sports, especially baseball. After graduating from Woodlawn High School, he played three seasons for the Mt. Vernon Kings, a semi-pro class "D" minor league baseball team. Mr. Gaebe loved to fish, especially trout fishing at Montauk State Park in Salem, MO. He also loved spending time in his backyard, tending to his garden, fruit trees, and bird houses. He was a devoted husband and father, always putting the needs of others ahead of his own. Mr. Gaebe was baptized into Christ in 1961 by Verneil Garren at the Hickory Street Christian Church. He was a member of the Woodlawn Christian Church.

Cemetery



Odd Fellows Cemetery in Woodlawn, Illinois
United States

Events

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Funeral Service

1:00 PM

Hughey Funeral Home 1314 Main Street, P.O. Box 721, Mt Vernon, IL 62864, United States Minister Jonathan Schnautz will officiate.

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Visitation

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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Tribute Wall

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Lucille Brinkmann

Dear Sherry & family, our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We certainly have many fond memories of Don during the 15 years that we lived in Centrail, IL, and the fact that we could keep in touch all these years, which have been many years. With Sincere Sympathy, Bert & Lucille Brinkmann Colorado Springs CO



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was lit in memory of Donald R. Gaebe

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