



Don R. Bickline

May 22, 1930 - January 24, 2014

Don Rae Bickline, age 83 of Highland, IL, died Friday, January 24, 2014, at his residence.

He was born on Thursday, May 22, 1930, in Highland, IL, the son of George H. and Mildred Adele "Mil" (nee Lampe) Bickline.

On Saturday, September 22, 1956, he married Ruth E. Bickline (nee Espenschied) who survives.

He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ, VFW Post 5694-Highland, and the Postal Carriers Union 155. He was a former member of the Labors Local 687 of Marine and the Highland-Pierron Fire Department (26 years).

Don was born in Highland, IL, and reared in the Marine/Highland area, attending Marine School and graduating from Highland High School in 1948. He worked in the oil fields in the Marine area, later entered the US Air Force, and served from 1951 to 1955 with duty in Korea during the Korean War. After his military service, he worked for Shell Oil Co, Wood River, IL; Granite City Army Depot; and then for the US Postal Service as a postal carrier in Collinsville, retiring after 31 years in July of 1988. He and his wife had a dried flower business for 10 years and made retro aprons together for the last 5

years. He enjoyed NASCAR Racing and St. Louis Cardinal Baseball.

Survivors include:

Wife - Ruth E. Bickline, nee Espenschied, Highland, IL

Son - Michael R. (Kim) Bickline, Highland, IL

Son - Brian L. (Susan) Bickline, Highland, IL

Daughter - Barbara A. (Jeff) Kimberlin, Rochester, IL

Sister - Beverly Maxine (Clifford) Homeier, Livingston, IL

Grandchild - Paul M. (significant other-Audra Gall) Bickline, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Jacob R. Bickline, Highland, IL

Grandchild - Julie C. Bickline, Mesa, AZ

Grandchild - Troy C. Kimberlin, Honolulu, HI

Grandchild - Victor R. Kimberlin, Ottawa, IL

Grandchild - Zachary B. (fiancee-Ciara Miller) Bickline, Mount Carmel, IL

He was preceded in death by:

Father - George H. Bickline died 11/18/1969

Mother - Mildred A. "Mil" Bickline, nee Lampe died 8/30/2005

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, January 27, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Christopher W. Hill, Senior Pastor, Highland, IL officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evangelical United Church of Christ or the Highland-Pierron Fire Department.

Cemetery Details

Highland City Cemetery

12301 Koepfli Lane
Highland, IL 62249

Tribute Wall



“ *Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of Don R. Bickline.*



January 27, 2014 at 02:17 PM



“ *So many awesome memories. As one of my many parents growing up in Highland, Don and Ruth are loved and cherished and were at the top of the list. I am so sorry for your loss. I will miss his smile and his caring and fun loving personality. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. Kathy and I send our condolences, love and prayers to the Bickline Family...*

So sorry Bick

Wayne and Kathy Hundsdorfer

Indialantic Florida

Wayne and KATHy Hundsdorfer - January 27, 2014 at 11:32 AM



“ *Our condolences to Ruth and Family. We always looked forward to seeing you and Don on the craft fair circuit. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Roy and Jane Reeb, Poppy House Soaps

jane reeb - January 26, 2014 at 12:52 PM

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“ Sorry For Your Loss. Please accept this electronic message in lieu of a Sympathy Card. Local National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) volunteers provide help in reporting the death of any federal civilian retiree or a retiree’s spouse to proper authorities. They will explain the process as needed and if requested, can report the death to the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) for you. The NARFE Service Center is located in building 50, Scott AFB. You may visit the Service Center on Tuesdays, 10AM to 2PM or call 618-256-9350. You may leave a voice mail message at other times and we will return your call the following Tuesday. You may also call either of our Service Officers, Gene Wiggins at 618 566-7980 or Dean Hemmer at 618 233-3819, for immediate assistance if required.

Gene Wiggins NARFE Chap 1019 - January 26, 2014 at 11:28 AM

JS

“ Dear Ruth and family, We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our prayers. I am sorry we can not be in Highland for you. We have moved to Wisconsin and are unable to return at this time.
Love to you, Jeff and JoAnn Sherman

JoAnn Sherman - January 25, 2014 at 04:27 PM

JW

“ Dear Ruth and family, We were so sorry to read of Don's passing. We have such great memories of him at craft fairs with the flowers and aprons. We still have flowers hanging from your gardens. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this time of sorrow.
Joyce and Bill Webb, New Baden, Il.



Joyce and Bill Webb - January 25, 2014 at 06:53 AM

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“ WE ARE SO SORRY TO HEAR OF DON LEAVING US HERE ON EARTH...HE WAS SUCH A FUN GUY AND WE HAD SO MANY GOOD TIMES WITH HIM AND RUTH... VISITING,PLAYING CARDS AND ALL. HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY, BUT NOW HE IS AT PEACE AND OUT OF PAIN.
DALE & RITA RINDERER

DALE & RITA RINDERER - January 24, 2014 at 08:38 PM

DT

“ Ruth and family, we are so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Blessings to you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Dale & Donna Torrence
Foley, Alabama*

Dale & Donna Torrence - January 24, 2014 at 05:35 PM

PL

“ Ruth and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all on the loss of Don. He was such a wonderful funny person who loved his family and life. Since we moved to Nashville TN we won't be able to be with you all but will be thinking of you. God Bless to the family.

Pam & Aimee Lecerf

Pam Lecerf - January 24, 2014 at 03:25 PM