



Don L. Tschannen Sr.

September 25, 1935 - January 13, 2017

Don L. Tschannen, Sr., age 81 of Daytona Beach, FL, formerly of Highland, IL, died Friday, January 13, 2017, at Highland Health Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, September 25, 1935, in Highland, IL, the son of Floyd J. and Ruth M. (nee Hambley) Tschannen.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1957, at St. Francis Church, Aviston, IL, he married Caroline M. Tschannen, nee Lager, who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church-Highland, IL; Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree Assembly #0231-Highland, IL; Past President and served as the First President of the St. Paul School Board.

Born and raised in Highland, IL. He graduated from Greenville college, Greenville, IL. He served with the National Guard. He and his wife lived in Jeffersonville, IN, while living there he worked for Alton Box Board Co as a sales service manager. They moved back to Highland and he began working for his father at Tschannen's Ben Franklin on the square, Highland, IL. In 1969 he purchased the company from his mother. In 1983 he and his son Don formed a partnership, owning and operating Jan's Hallmark stores. He retired in 1995 and continued working part time as a consultant for Jan's Hallmark. Don was proud of his community; an active member of the Highland Chamber

of Commerce and in the early years of the St. Paul Kirchenfest committees. He and his wife became residents of Daytona Beach, FL. He was a proud father, grandfather and great grandfather; loved watching his grandchildren compete in sports. It wasn't unusual for Don's favorite color to fluctuate. His grandchildren's sport team colors were important to him, and to show his support to all of them, he would wear and sport their colors. He looked forward to their annual Fish Creek, WI, vacation with extended family and friends. He was an avid golfer and novice fisherman.

Survivors include:

Wife - Caroline M. Tschannen nee Lager, Daytona Beach, FL

Son - Don L. (Rose) Tschannen Jr., Highland, IL

Daughter - Donna M. (Mark) Teahan, Leawood, KS

Son - Dean T. (Tami) Tschannen, Wadsworth, OH

Grandchild - Eric (Amy) Tschannen

Grandchild - Tyler Tschannen

Grandchild - Austin Tschannen

Grandchild - Natalie (Joe) Gates

Grandchild - Kyle Teahan

Grandchild - Conner Teahan

Grandchild - Christopher Teahan

Grandchild - Marcus Teahan

Grandchild - SPC Brent Tschannen US Army (Honor Guard)

Grandchild - Brad Tschannen

Grandchild - Cassidy Carter

Grandchild - Mary Tschannen

Grandchild - Kamron Carter

Grandchild - Clare Tschannen

Grandchild - Don Tschannen

Great Grandchild - Riley Tschannen

Great Grandchild - Lucas Gates

Great Grandchild - Layla Gates
Great Grandchild - Jude Gates
Great Grandchild - Logan Gates
Great Grandchild - Dane Gates
Great Grandchild - Taylor Teahan
Sister - Gail (Bob) Earles, Garden , MI
Brother - Keith (Kay) Tschannen, Long Boat Key, FL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Floyd John Tschannen died 11/19/1963
Mother - Ruth M. Tschannen nee Hambley died 7/15/1992
Brother - Neal Tschannen.

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL and from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 19, 2017, at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation or HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation.

Previous Events

Evening Visitation

JAN **18**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
1501 9th Street
P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
(618) 654-2133
info@spengel-boulanger.com

Morning Visitation

JAN **19**. 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Every Christmas Eve, I went to the Tschannen house for over 35 years. Our family had many great traditions, and Don was key to keeping this one going. The ham, black olives, and grown up table are wonderful times we shared.
Loving memories.... Marcia Tuffli*

Marcia Tuffli - March 29, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *Caroline and family, I am so sorry for the loss of Don. I have fond memories of working for him at the Ben Franklin store and made some life long friends from that time. It is never easy to say goodbye to a loved one but your memories will make each day a little easier. Until we meet again Don Rest In Peace.
Voss*

joan Vosholler - January 22, 2017 at 10:53 PM



“ *Carolyn and family, you have my sympathy in the loss of Don. My thoughts went back to all those tennis tournaments when we were all so young. I have such great memories of Don. Carolyn my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Mary Hellige*

Mary Hellige - January 19, 2017 at 02:27 PM

FJ

“ From Larry, Kathy, Bernard and Jan Judy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..



From Larry, Kathy, Bernard and Jan Judy - January 18, 2017
at 02:09 PM

SA

“ to Caroline and family, i also lost a good friend and buddy, we had some good time at the elks didn't we caroline...alot of good memories with the gang at the golf course and he will be missed by all of us. my deepest sympathy goes out to all of you,,, love your friend shirley acerbi

shirley acerbi - January 18, 2017 at 01:28 PM

SV

“ So sad to learn of Don's passing. Glad he was able to read my story. God bless you all Susan Vanvoorhees.

Susan Vanvoorhees - January 18, 2017 at 11:25 AM

ST

“ I was sorry to hear of Don's passing. I only had the chance to meet him and Caroline briefly back in 2002 when Don was such a HUGE help to me in setting up the Tschannen Family Reunion in Highland. Both Don and Caroline welcomed me into their home and we shared great family history information which tied us all together. God Bless Caroline and the kids.
With Many Regards,
Steve Tschannen
Warner Robins Georgia

Steve Tschannen - January 18, 2017 at 09:36 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..*



January 17, 2017 at 04:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..*



January 17, 2017 at 07:38 AM



“ *Saying goodbye to someone we love is heartbreaking. May you find comfort in all the special memories shared with Don. My thoughts and prayers are with you ... Hugs from Saint Louis.*



Heather (Tschannen) Cooper - January 17, 2017 at 07:18 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to the Tschannen Family. Playing 2 on 2 basketball early Sunday morning at the Wienheimer gym with Don, my dad and Don Jr. Sure was a good memory.*

Sincerely, Dan and Mary Rose Hogan

Dan Hogan - January 17, 2017 at 06:27 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..*



January 16, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *I have so many great memories of Don from our family reunions. He was one of my favorites and always made me laugh. I swear he is my dad's twin. I will miss him dearly. Hugs to all of you. Love, Jen Tschannen Murawski (John's daughter)*

Jennifer Murawski - January 16, 2017 at 09:54 PM



“ *I vividly remember Don giving a talk (speech) to the Classes of 1965, '66 '67 and '68 in the multi- purpose room. He talked of winning! It was a very good uplifting speech, as an alumni. Topics were about the importance of a Catholic high school education. He spoke of how our private school education was also better scholastically. I exactly remember Tom Hill (a junior at the time) giving a rebuttal question or two. " How can this be, the teachers at the public school are paid a much larger salary, would they not get the best teachers?" ...there was a great uneasiness in the room.... I remember his speech like it were yesterday, it was that memorable. God bless you DON! I will sing in the choir for your funeral out of great respect for you. JR Potthast*

J R potthast - January 16, 2017 at 05:52 PM

JK

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. I have so many great memories with your family. Prayers for you as you walk through this season.
Love, Jacqueline Hogan Kneller

Jacqueline Hogan kneller - January 16, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..



January 16, 2017 at 02:56 PM



“ We will miss Don, we all had a great time together.. He was a man with a big heart. Peace be with him and the family. Love ya Tom & Peg

Peggy Parker - January 16, 2017 at 12:54 PM

SR

“ I have many fond memories of shopping at Ben Franklin when I was a kid in the 60's/70's. I remember Mr. Tschannen well, he always took a moment to say Hi to my parents and I when we were shopping (every Friday!) My sympathies to the family members.

Sandra Roberson - January 16, 2017 at 11:59 AM



“ Always had fun around Don. He will be remembered and missed. Al Bloemker

Allan Bloemker - January 16, 2017 at 10:29 AM

ST

“ Bill and I were sorry to hear about Don. We always enjoyed the fun times thru the years. MEMORIES will always be happy ones. Bill and Sue Tuffli



sue tuffli - January 16, 2017 at 10:08 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..



January 16, 2017 at 09:16 AM

BS

“ Carolyn, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of Don. I have many great memories working at the store and spending time with the both of you. My thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. With my sincere sympathy, Bonnie



Bonnie Schluender - January 15, 2017 at 10:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L. Tschannen Sr..



January 15, 2017 at 10:14 PM

AA

“ In honor of Don Sr. I propose a scavenger hunt complete with a treasure map in Fish Creek this year! I will miss him!

Ashley Ahl - January 15, 2017 at 08:39 PM

PS

“ I have a lot of great memories of working at the Ben Franklin store in the early 80's. Don was a great boss. Young Dean used to shoot rubber bands at all of the teenage workers and leave candy wrappers everywhere, but it was still a fantastic job. Thank you Mr. Tschannen and rest in peace.

Paula Talleur Styve - January 15, 2017 at 06:52 PM

RK

“ So sorry for your loss. we to have lost good friend. Many good times over the years. Ralph and Donna

Ralph and Donna Korte - January 15, 2017 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ Junealda Giger Barney lit a candle in memory of Don L. Tschannen Sr.



junealda giger barney - January 15, 2017 at 05:27 PM

GW

Sorry to hear of Don's death. Prayers are for the family.

Ginny Werner - January 16, 2017 at 12:02 PM

EB

*Sorry to hear this sad news, Caroline. Prayers for you and your family.
Dennis & Elaine Behrmann*

Elaine Behrmann - January 16, 2017 at 02:48 PM