



Donald L. Gunter Sr

July 10, 1933 - December 15, 2013

Donald L. Gunter Sr., age 80 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, December 15, 2013, at Alhambra Care Center in Alhambra, IL.

He was born July 10, 1933, in Cape Girardeau, MO, the son of Harry O. and Della (nee Boyce) Gunter.

On June 09, 1957, he married Bonnie L. Stuby who passed away on March 21, 2006.

He was a member of Family Bible Church. He was also a member of ICWUC International Union; 3rd Degree Mason; and a Shriner.

Donald was born in Cape Girardeau, MO and moved to Carmi, IL where he graduated High School. He then entered the US Navy during the Korean War. After the war he attended SIUC and studied Zoology. He and his wife and family moved to East St. Louis and he was employed with American Zink. He later worked for Ethyl Corporation and retired after 27 years. He moved to Highland in 1970. In retirement he and his wife visited St. Petersburg, FL annually. Donald loved his family, loved to travel, and liked playing golf, and was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Fan.

Survivors include :

Son - Donald L. (Alisa) Gunter Jr., Highland, IL
Son - Stan B. (Margaret) Gunter, Springfield, IL
Daughter - Sonya D. (Wesley) Norris-Robinson, Arnold, MO
Daughter - Regina L. (Robert) Jackowski, Highland, IL
Grandchild - Donny (Jill) Gunter III
Grandchild - Lindsay Gunter
Grandchild - Michael Gunter
Grandchild - David Gunter
Grandchild - Jacob Gunter
Grandchild - Allison Norris
Grandchild - Kayla Norris
Grandchild - Joseph Norris
Grandchild - Nicholas Norris
Grandchild - R.J. Jackowski
Grandchild - Josh Jackowski
Great Grandchild - Landon Gunter
Great Grandchild - Luke Gunter
Great Grandchild - Rylie Gunter
Brother - Billy G. (Nancy) Gunter, Tampa, FL
Sister - Marjorie Saxe, ., CA
Sister In-law - Teresa Gunter, St. Louis, MO

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Harry O. Gunter

Mother - Della Gunter nee Boyce

Wife - Bonnie L. Gunter, nee Stuby, died 3/21/2006

Brother - Charles O. Gunter

Brother - Paul Gunter

Brother - Earl Gunter

Brother - Lewis E. Gunter

Sister - Dora Estes

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

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM, on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM on Thursday, December 19, 2013, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Pastor Bill Dempsey officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL with Full Military Honors provided by Highland VFW and American Legion Posts.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alhambra Care Center or Highland High School Football Program.

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Sonya, so sorry to hear this news. Thinking of you. Lisa (Kiraly) Boeckmann*

Lisa Boeckmann - January 07, 2014 at 10:36 AM

KR

“ *Donnie, Stan, Sonya and Gina,*

I am so very sorry to hear this. I just found out today and I am beyond heartbroken. Please know, I would have been there for you all.

Uncle Donnie was absolutely amazing...he was so funny and kind. It is amazing knowing the life he had as a child...so hard and sad, yet Uncle Donnie was the kindest, funniest and sweetest family man you could meet. He cherished Aunt Bonnie and loved and supported all of you, regardless...the world was a better place with him in it. I loved him so very much and I keep hearing him tell me how he wanted to take me on vacation...boy, do I wish I would have taken him up on it to add that memory to my treasure box! I will always remember that twinkling in his eye...always a mischievous grin that warmed my heart and brought a smile to my face. A bright candle has been extinguished in this world, but Heaven is beaming with him as an Angel! I imagine him being so happy to see Aunt Bonnie, Uncle Punk, my mom and dad, as well, as his family. While I know we are so heavy with sadness, we can feel encouraged we have yet another angel looking over us and waiting until the day we see each other again!

*Prayers, Hugs and Love,
Kim Reeder*

Kim Reeder - December 27, 2013 at 12:15 PM



RS

“ Stan, Don, Sonya, and Regina, Your dad will be missed; he was a great friend and an outstanding person. We played in many golf tournaments. I love him and your mother like a mother and father. Even though you will miss him dearly the great thing is that he is back together again with the woman he loved! love you all Rick Switzer

Rick switzer - December 21, 2013 at 04:08 PM

CR

Donald was a good shipmate and friend in the 50s in California. I am saddened to hear of his passing.

CAPT James H Harrell,MSC, USN, Retired, - May 17, 2020 at 05:50 PM

MG

“ Mel and I will always cherish the memories of travel times with Uncle Don and Aunt Bonnie. They were always so much fun to be with and cared about each other so much. He was always doing sweet things for Aunt Bonnie. We also shared the love of Cardinal Nation. He was a great fan. He will be missed for sure but what a treasure we all got to share. Memories cannot be taken away.

Mel and Charlotte Gunter - December 18, 2013 at 01:53 PM

SK

“ Don, Alisa, Stan, Sonya, Regina, and family, Jerry and I have many fond memories of your dad. He was a good man with a big heart. We are so sorry to hear of his passing. Please accept our sincere condolences. Jerry and Stephanie Kapp

Stephanie Kapp - December 18, 2013 at 09:46 AM

KM

“ *Keith Miller purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald L. Gunter Sr.*



Keith Miller - December 17, 2013 at 04:35 PM