



Donald B. Rinderer

September 13, 1932 - October 10, 2020

It is with deep sorrow that the family of Donald Billy Rinderer of Highland, IL announces his peaceful passing with his wife and family by his side. Mr Rinderer left his temporary earthly home too forever be with his Lord on October 10, 2020 at the age of 88 years old. He was born on September 13, 1932 in Highland, IL to his loving parents Wilbert H. and Laura M. Rinderer.

Don grew up on the family farm south of Highland, attended Lee Country School and Highland High School class of 1950. He assisted his father on the farm until his induction into the United States Army Air Corporation during the Korean War. He served from 1954 until 1956 and the Reserves from 1956 until 1962. He served in the air division of the Army as a small plane and helicopter mechanic. He received The National Defense Service metal and The Good Conduct metal.

After separating from the US Army in 1956 as a Specialist 4 Technician, Don returned home and continued to farm with his father. He set up his own grain farm entity until his retirement in 1998. Don also had milk cows and raised cattle in his earlier years. He was part owner of The Rinderer Brothers Excavating with his brother Dean for over 45 years. Don also developed Forest Haven Estates Subdivision.

He served 8 years on the Board of Directors of the Trenton AG CoOp and

belonged to the Madison County Farm Bureau.

Don was honored along with 22 other veterans by The Greater St. Louis Honor Flight Org. (who provide veterans with honor and closure) to accompany a flight to Washington DC to visit our National War Monuments built in honor of their service. The Veterans departed on May 6, 2017 at 6 am and returned at 8:30 pm to a phenomenal massive surprise reception. This was further made possible by his cousin Boyd Rinderer who served as his Guardian during the occasion. Boyd being a 22 year Naval veteran himself.

Don was a Life Time Member of the American Legion Post 439 of Highland, IL. He served as Commander from 2012 - 2014 and was a member of the Military Funeral Honor Guard for several years assisting in providing full Military Honors for deceased members of the military.

On June 10, 2019 The Central Illinois Quilt of Valor Foundation presented Don with The Quilt of Valor for his service in the US Army to protect and defend the United States of America.

Don was an active and supportive member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ of Highland. He was confirmed on April 10, 1946. He served on the Consistory Board, Property Board, Membership Board (convener), Men's Fellowship Group, Communion and Usher Committee. He loved to participate in the church Chicken Dinners.

He served on the Faith Countryside Board of Directors from 2006 thru 2012 as a member, Vice-President and President during those years. Don was a Platinum contributor.

He was a Life Time member of The Moose Lodge 2479; a Lifetime Member of the Woodmen of the World Highland Camp #105; he also belonged to The

Helvetia Sharpshooters Society.

Don was a member of the Ainad Temple, A.A.O.M.S. (Shriners)-E.St. Louis and a Life Time member of the Ancient Free & Accepted Masons Marine Lodge #355.

He loved to dance, hunt, fish, snowmobile riding and gardening. He particularly enjoyed traveling with his seed corn family to many International destinations. Don traveled several places Stateside as well. The highlight of his expeditions was hunting Bear in Canada, Elk in New Mexico, Mule Deer in Montana and just deer hunting wherever he could. He thoroughly enjoyed being around and having fun with his many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Wilbert H. Rinderer (6-28-1979) and Laura M. nee Nagel Rinderer (5-11-1958); 3 Siblings: Keith L. Rinderer (8-31-1965); Twin sister Marilyn L. "Rinderer" Menz (3-21-2015), and Dean W. Rinderer (2-13-2018).

Don is survived by his wife and companion of 40 years, Soundra L. Green nee Gerlitz Rinderer, as well as his daughter, step sons and their families: Yevon D. (Elmer) Eilers of Highland, IL (Daughter of former wife Delores M. "Daiber" Rinderer). Step Sons: James R. Green (Dani Littleton) of Festus, Mo; Mark E. Green of Granite City, IL; David M. (Jody) Green of Fairview Heights, IL and Todd J. (Joie) Green of Troy, IL.

12 Grandchildren: Nikki (Christopher) Tanner; Madison, Chase, Colby and Faith Green; Nathan, and Amanda (fiancé Cole Guether) Green; Camden Jakel; Hallie and Sydney Green; Rian and Brooke Ward. 4 Great-Grand Children: Blake; Devon; Isaac Tanner and Braylon Reagan.

Sister-In-Laws: Delores Rinderer and Patricia "Trish" Gerlitz (Husband Bill Adams).

Nephews: Brian (Federica) Menz; Craig Menz; Roger (Debbie) Rinderer and Dave (Brenda) Parks.

Nieces: Nancy Rinderer; Jan (Joe)Tebbe and Michelle Menz.

God Children: Russell (Marsha) Rinderer and Jan (Joe) Tebbe.

Close and Special Friends: Bernie (Linda) Poettker; Alfred "Jess" Jansen; Tootie Reding, Kate (John) Broadhurst and Kenny (Mary) Kapp.

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

Please join us in celebration of Don's Life - Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, October 16, 2020, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

COVID-19 restrictions will be followed, masks required and social distancing.

Private Funeral Service will be on Saturday, October 17, 2020, at Evangelical United Church of Christ in Highland, IL, with Rev. Nancy L. Gamache, Pastor, St. Jacob United Church of Christ, St. Jacob, IL, officiating.

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

Memorial Donations may be made to Evangelical United Church of Christ, American Legion Post #439, or Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Rinderer*



Rita Rinderer - October 16, 2020 at 05:48 PM

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Rita Rinderer - October 16, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald B. Rinderer.*



October 14, 2020 at 07:43 PM

BK

“ *Thinking of you and your family. May God bless and comfort you.*

Bonnie Kloss - October 13, 2020 at 12:26 AM

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“ June Barney lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Rinderer



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“ Rita Rinderer lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Rinderer



Rita Rinderer - October 11, 2020 at 06:21 PM

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*Sorry for your loss
God's blessings on all of you*

Rita Rinderer - October 13, 2020 at 12:12 PM

JS

“ Jo-Ann M Steiner lit a candle in memory of Donald B. Rinderer



Jo-Ann M Steiner - October 11, 2020 at 03:30 PM

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“ My sympathy to you, Soundra, and to all the family.
Terry Frey

Terry Frey - October 11, 2020 at 02:19 PM