



Donald L. "Donn" Willeford

July 3, 1948 - August 31, 2018

Donald L Willeford, age 70 of Highland, IL, died Friday, August 31, 2018, at, Pocahontas, IL.

He was born on Saturday, July 03, 1948, in Highland, IL, the son of Robert and Lucille (nee Pfister) Willeford.

He was a member of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Greenville, IL; Moose Lodge #2479 Highland, IL.

Donn was born and raised at Highland, IL. He was a 1966 graduate of Highland High School. He attended SIU-E for two years. He worked at Widmer Floral in his youth. He lived in Indiana, Louisville, KY, Clearwater, FL, and Centralia, IL. In Centralia, he began working in the child care services. He worked for Hudelson Home and later for Hoyleton Youth & Family Services, Hoyleton, IL. He lived in Highland while working for Hoyleton Youth & Family Services, as a Training Coordinator. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and riding bikes. His love was spending time with friends, family and especially his grandchildren.

Survivors include:

Mother - Lucille R. "Lou" Willeford (nee Pfister), Highland, IL

Daughter - Jennifer L. Kampwerth, Breese, IL

Grandchild - London G. Kampwerth, Breese, IL
Grandchild - Lincoln J. Kampwerth, Breese, IL
Sister - Bambi L. (significant other-Karl Kenter) Tebbe, Troy, IL
Nephew - Justin M. (Becca) Tebbe, Chicago, IL
Niece - Lindsay R. (Craig) VanDyke, Worden, IL
Great Niece - Adalynn R. Meinhardt
Significant Other - Carolee M. "Carrie" Babcock, Highland, IL.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Robert D. Willeford - Died 5/13/2005.

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

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 06, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 06, 2018, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, Brother Willie Huffine, Elder, of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Greenville, IL, officiating.

Private interment will be Friday, September 07, 2018, at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hoyleton Children's Home, Hoyleton, IL.

Tribute Wall

AP

“ I am so shocked to learn about Donn's passing. What a great guy. Donn was a former student and employee of mine several years ago--I was thinking about him today and thought I'd reach out to see how he was doing. No doubt he's laughing and shaking his head at me right now.

It was a great honor and pleasure knowing Donn--my condolences to his family.

Angela Palmier

Angela Palmier - January 28, 2022 at 06:00 PM

MK

“ I met Donn when he taught Massage Therapy in Belleville. IL years ago. I will never forget what he taught me or the fun we had learning. He was an awesome teacher who will be greatly missed. Fly high my friend, fly high till we meet again.

With much love and respect,

Mary Kapp

Mary Kapp - September 07, 2018 at 12:45 PM

CF

“ Carissa Fowler lit a candle in memory of Donald L. "Donn" Willeford



Carissa Fowler - September 06, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ Garden Accent - *"Those we have held..."* was purchased for the family of Donald L. "Donn" Willeford.



September 06, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ Loved your Dad Jen. He taught me how to paint.

Bob Willen - September 05, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ Tina Kampwerth, Adam Kampwerth & Avoyinna Kampwerth purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Donald L. "Donn" Willeford.



Tina Kampwerth, Adam Kampwerth & Avoyinna Kampwerth -
September 04, 2018 at 02:47 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald L. "Donn" Willeford.



September 04, 2018 at 01:31 PM

SB

“ Jenny-I worked with Donn for a long time at Hoyleton. About 2007 I started managing the CILA that HYFS opened in Highland. Donn did a lot of training for our staff and did a lot of "carrier" favors for me between Highland and Hoyleton before a medical thing forced me to resign in 2011. No, we didn't regularly hang out socially, but we did have a drink or two (?) after work occasionally, and partnered up for several golf tournaments. We were pretty good (in our own minds). I thought that your dad was truly a good guy. I'm sorry for your loss. I do know that he thought the world of you, and like all good grandpas I think he did a pretty good job at spoiling those two boys. My wife, Audrey, also sends her condolences. We will pray that God will comfort you and your family in this time of sorrow and grief. Continue to have happy thoughts as you remember the good times that you and your boys shared with this really good man.

Steven Buescher

Steven Buescher - September 04, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ I am so sad to hear this news. Don was a great person I've known for over 12 years. He was the best trainer ever. He didn't treat his position as a job but changing people lives. I always enjoyed the stories he would tell. Even though I never met Jennifer, London or Lincoln I know you all from the stories we would share. He so loved them boys. I just wanted the family to know just how many people he touched. Don you or loved and will surely be missed.

*From your Dear Friend,
Romanic Wright (Foster Parent)
Hoyleton Youth and Family*

Romanic Wright - September 03, 2018 at 12:23 PM

MM

“ I had the honor and privilege of being a co-trainer with Donn over the last year at Hoyleton. He was so knowledgeable and humorous. He will definitely be missed. Without a doubt he sure loved his daughter and grandkids.

Mindy Miller - September 02, 2018 at 02:55 PM

VB

“ Donn and I were co-workers for over ten years and I consider myself blessed to also call him my friend. We passed jokes back and forth to each through emails. He tried to teach me good ones since all of mine came off the back of laffy taffy candy. When you work together with someone this long they change from co-worker to friend. Donn and I talked of many things. His biggest smile always came when he talked about his mom, his sister, and biggest of all when he talked about Jenny and the boys. Love beamed from him and I honestly felt like they were people I knew even though I never met because they were so much of what he found joy in. I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with all who love him. He was one of the best and will be missed.

Valerie Bundy - September 02, 2018 at 02:21 PM