



Donald Hayes

Alton | Friday, April 15 2016

Donald Edward “Dody” Hayes, 79, passed away at 12:40 pm Friday April 15, 2016 at Eunice Smith Home in Alton, with his loving family by his side.

He was born on July 2, 1936 in Alton, IL, the son of Edward & Mary Helen (Doyle) Hayes.

Don married Donna J. Pierce on June 1, 1958 in Springfield, IL. They were married for 54 years, together they enjoyed the love of their beautiful family and traveling. Donna preceded him in death on September 12, 2012.



He was a member of College Avenue Presbyterian Church in Alton, attended Western Military Academy and graduated from Alton High School in 1955. He started working at the Alton Telegraph in 1951 as a part-time stringer photographer. He also worked for the Illinois State Police from 1957 to 1960, as a Communications Clerk where he met the love of his life, Donna, who also worked for the Illinois State Police. He left the State Police to become a full time photographer at the Alton Telegraph until 1977 when he retired. After retirement he spent 12 years working for the Alton Police Department in fleet maintenance. He also worked part-time for Argosy Casino Security for 4 years. From 1978 to 1979, Don served as a 7th ward Alderman for the City of Alton, and was also a Commissioner for the Alton Exposition for 20 years. Don was a life-member of the Illinois Police Association and a longtime associate member of the Southern Illinois Police Chief’s Association which was one of his great passions.

Don is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel & Lisa R. Hayes of Godfrey, David & Julie Hayes of Alton, Doug & Barb Hayes of Godfrey, Darrin & Lisa G. Hayes of Godfrey; one daughter and son-in-law, Debbie & Mark Macias of Godfrey; thirteen

grandchildren, Brian (Tara) Hayes, Scott Hayes, Courtney (William) Kinkel, Joni (Brandon) Whitfield, Lauren (Ryan) Hoefert, Hillary Macias, Jordan Hayes, Brittany Hayes, Kaitlyn Hayes, Rachel Hayes, Brandon Hayes, Emily Macias, Natalie Macias; five great-grandchildren, Blakely Kinkel, Cameron and Rilynn Hayes, Jackson Hoefert and Caiden Nicholson.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jon D. Hayes and a granddaughter, Stephanie Hayes.

In celebration of Don's life, visitation will be from 4 to 8 pm, Monday April 18, 2016 Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home, 2521 Edwards Street, Alton, IL 62002.

Funeral Services will be held at 10 am Tuesday April 19, 2016 at Elias, Kallal and Schaaf Funeral Home in Alton with Pastor Mark Scandrett.

Burial will follow at Upper Alton Cemetery

Memorials may be made to the Alton Policemen's Benevolent & Protective Association.

Online condolences and guest book can be found at www.eliaskallalandschaaf.com