

Donald Page Sr

Godfrey | Saturday, September 24 2016

Donald Leroy Page, Sr. 87, passed at 3:26 pm Saturday, September 24, 2016 at home. Born November 23, 1928 in East Alton, IL he was the son of Arthur Leroy & Mary Myrtle (Matthews) Page. He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Colene (Hatfield) Page.

Don had a very active and eventful life. He belonged to the Cardinal Knothole Gang between ages 9-12 and attended 3 World Series games, one in 1942 (game 2) and two in 1944 (game 2 & 4 the All St Louis Series). He was a volunteer at the Godfrey Fire Dept. and was appointed honorary Captain (before they burnt the first fire dept. down). He was a member of Godfrey Young Men's Club, he raced stock cars, and was an Eagle Scout, Scout Leader (District Commissioner for IL) and recipient of the Silver Beaver Award. He was in the Naval Reserves, an avid hunter and very involved with the First United Methodist Church on Grace Street in Godfrey. Not only were he and Colene leaders for the Methodist Youth Fellowship, but they helped build the church building that still stands today.

Don retired from Shell Oil Company in 1979 after 31 years and purchased Raymond's Guns & Ammo on E. Broadway. He retired from the business in 2002.

Survivors include six children; Patricia Moore & husband Greg of Jensen Beach, FL; Donald Page, Jr of La Porte, IN; Judy Kylmala & husband Rick of Kilgore, TX; Teresa "Terri" Cloninger & husband Don of Godfrey; Janet Christopher & husband Tim of Madison, SD; and Karen Stannard & husband Edward of Godfrey; 16 grandchildren & 18 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Don's life will be held Thursday September 29, 2016 from 4-7pm at Godfrey United Methodist Church, 1100 Airport Rd, Godfrey, IL.

Donations can be made in honor of Donald Page to Barnes Jewish Hospital, Siteman Cancer Center https://siteman.wustl.edu/contribute/giving/siteman-development-office/ Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

Online guestbook and information may be found at <u>www.gentfuneralhome.com</u>