



Donald Butler

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Donald Lee Butler was born on October 21, 1929 to the parents of Floyd McNeal Butler b. 1892 d. 1972 and Della Jane Hanshaw b. 1893 d. 1960 in Light, Greene County Arkansas.

He was preceded in death by first his mother on October 21, 1960. For that reason he refused to celebrate his birth date for many decades. His father followed her in death on 16 Jul 1972. All brothers and sisters except one preceded him also. His brother Lowen R. Butler, b. 1912 d. 1984, his brother Alvy b. 1916 d. 1978. His brother Leland b. 1921 d. 1977. His oldest sister, Jennie Mayetta b. 1926 d. 2010. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Terry Lowen, Jr. He is survived by his youngest sister, Mrs. Bonnie Bell Elkins and his second wife, Mrs. Betty Louise Butler (nee Floyd).

Donald Lee Butler was joined in Holy Matrimony on December 16, 1950 to Susan Ruth Hart in Lawrence County, Arkansas. They shortly moved to Detroit to try his luck in the auto industry. With the news of their first child coming, they returned to Arkansas to try sharecropping 40 acres of cotton. He quickly learned there was no money to support a family in the cottony white gold.

They then moved with their first bundle of Joy, Linda Janeen to St. Louis, Missouri to restart his life long career in the auto industry where he was hired by General Motors and retired thirty years later. During this 30 years, God blessed their lives with Ruby Donetta, Dancil Ray, Terry Lowen, Winona Sue, and Ava Joann.

He served for many decades as the Head Deacon of Faith Chapel General Church located just a block from where he raised his children. Upon his retirement he transferred to the now defunct Christian Association of General Baptists where he was granted Honorary Deacon Status.

After Susan Ruth's passing he then joined together in Holy Matrimony with Betty Louise Floyd a member of that same church where he attended as a non-member with his deceased wife, Susan Ruth. His last church membership was held by the Church of the Nazarene of Jerseyville, Illinois where he joined with his second wife Betty Louise Floyd.

Donald Lee, passed this past Friday on September 14, 2018 at Jerseyville Nursing and Rehab. Leaving behind these children and their families. Mrs. Linda Janeen Strubberg (Wayne) presented our father with 3 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Mrs. Ruby Donetta Cox (Brian) gave him 3 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. By her second marriage he received 1 step grandchild and 4 step-great grandchildren. Mr. Dancil Ray Butler (Sandy, Betti) by his first marriage gave him 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. By his second marriage he presented his father with his last granddaughter. Mr. Terry Lowen Butler (Betty, Sharon, Jonna Kay) honored his father and mother with 2 grandsons, a granddaughter and his first bloodline great-grandson, Eli Joseph Butler and a great-granddaughter. Mrs. Winona Sue Butler presented her father with 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Ava Joann Crutchfield presented her parents with 1 grandson.

Visitation will be held 10am-12 noon on Monday, September 17, 2018 at Alexander and Gubser Funeral Home. A funeral service will follow beginning at Noon on Monday, September 17, 2018 at the funeral home. Burial will be held at Kane Cemetery. Memorials may be made to The Jerseyville Church of the Nazarene.

And so reads the obituary of Donald Lee Butler.

Alexander & Gubser Funeral Home in Charge of Arrangements.