



## Donald R Catlin

January 18, 1940 - August 27, 2021

Donald R. Catlin, age 81, of Hobart, passed away peacefully, with his family by his side, on August 27, 2021. He was born on January 18, 1940, in Harrisburg, IL., to his parents- Hurley and Iva Catlin. Donald enjoyed playing basketball in his early years. He joined the Navy in 1959 and during the early 1990's, also served in the Navy Seabees Reserves. He had the privilege of performing repair work on the USS Arizona Memorial in Hawaii. Donald loved his country and was a proud patriot who served his country well. He worked many jobs, including, but not limited to, the City of Lake Station, as an EMT, a Fireman, as well as a Chaplain for 25 plus years. He also worked at US Steel, retiring in July of 2001. After his retirement, Donald enjoyed family outings. He was an avid bowler and he loved to dance to his favorite country music-"They Call me the Fireman" by George Strait. He would say "I can stomp that one out" and would also sing to Mel Tillis-"Stomp Them Grapes" and "Sawmill" (or as he liked to call it-Steel Mill). Donald loved the Lord, was a Deacon and led the school bus ministry for Lighthouse Temple Church for many years. He spent his leisure time enjoying Soduku word search games and watching sports and TV classics, with his favorite being The Andy Griffith Show. He is, was, and always will be loved and missed immensely, and the memories of his life will be treasured forever.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; the love of his life, wife-Virginia V Catlin, who he married in 1961 and preceded him in death in 2005. He is survived by his three children- Donald R. (Robin) Catlin II, of Hobart, William "Bill" N (Krystal) Catlin, of Lake Station, Jennifer (Ronald) Mardis of Michigan City, IN; grandchildren-Donald R. Catlin III, Nicole (John) Lane, Priscilla (Steven) Budkis, Crystal Anderson, Ashley Velez, Zachary J. Catlin, Ashlea Catlin, Addison Catlin, Courtney Catlin, Collin (Mercedes) Catlin; many great grandchildren; brother-Carl (late Donna) Catlin of Springfield, IL; half brother-Bob (Janet) Catlin of Louisville, KY; half sister-Joyce (Roger) Cooper of Springfield, IL.

Visitation for Donald will be Wednesday, September 1, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 p.m., at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 West Hoff Road, Elwood, IL. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

Elwood, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
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## Funeral Service

SEP 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

LG

“ My memories of Uncle Don was when your family would come for vacation. He always covered his eggs in pepper ... lots and lots of pepper. Your Mom, Aunt Virginia, loved to go to the trotter track; we would usually go a few times. The rest of the time we just spent time together. Life was simple and we always had fun. Your parents were special people and I have no doubt they have left each of you with memories you'll cherish forever. My deepest sympathies to each of you.  
Libby Gunnett

Libby Gunnett - August 31, 2021 at 08:14 PM

TK

“ Deepest sympathy to all of Don's family I spent many an hour bowling with and against Don thru the years. He will be surely missed.

Terry G Kegebein - August 31, 2021 at 10:53 AM

RC

“ Dearest Father-in-law “Dad” I light this candle for you as I reflect on all our incredible memories through the years. We laughed, cried, sang, danced, and most importantly we loved in our home together. I will miss you immensely Dad. I know your in Heaven and reunited with Mom surrounded by all the angels and our Savior our precious Lord Jesus Christ. Amen 🙏 We will see you again.



Robin Catlin - August 31, 2021 at 10:16 AM

AC

“ I have so many memories I could take up this whole page. But I'm going to put my favorite one. I remember when we would go to the Moose Lodge and dance together. Being only 5 years old that made me feel so important. I would stand on your shoes and you would lead the way! Maw-maw always put me in those frilly dresses just for nights like that. And Fer-fer would do my hair. I remember you always put pickle juice on your grilled cheese sandwiches and would use baby oil to slick your hair back only to put that perfect bump in the front. (I always was so amazed by how you made it do that) You used your shoe horn to get your shoes on. And your love for penny loafers! I wanted to be just like my paw-paw. You were such a good and loving man to Maw-maw. I hope I can find a man that's half the man that you were. I love you so much! This isn't goodbye. It's see you later.

Ashlea Catlin - August 31, 2021 at 08:41 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald R Catlin.*



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August 30, 2021 at 06:37 PM