



Donald "Don" O. Meece

September 21, 1942 - February 22, 2021

Donald (Don) O. Meece of Crown Point, IN gained his wings on February 22, 2021 at the age of 78 in the comfort of his own home. He was surrounded by loved ones. Don was born on September 21, 1942 in Gary, IN, the son of late Osby and Goldie (McIlrath) Meece.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers James Albert Meece and Ronald Wayne Stout.

Don was survived by his wife, Shirley (nee Shebat), whom he was married to for 56 years. His daughter Valerie (Kenny) Westell and son Stephan (Tina) Meece. He had 7 grandchildren that he loved with all his heart: Casslyn, Collin, Caleigh, Carissa Westell, Kaiden, Kaleb, and Autumn Meece. His brothers Rick (Rhonda) Meece and Jack (Donna) Meece. As well as several nieces and nephews. He was a graduate of Emerson HS, class of 60.

Don was a proud veteran of the United States Army National Guard where he served six years. His passion for archery allowed him to be owner of Tru-Fletch Archery Supply in Merrillville during the 1960's. He worked for Inland Steel for 31 years, where he began as a machinist and was a computer analyst at the time of his retirement in 1993. During his tenure at Inland Steel he was a committee chairperson for ISMA he was also the chairman for the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), Chapter 112. Following his retirement he worked for Kraft Pizza Co. until 2003. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling, archery, and old cars, socializing with family and friends. He was very talented at woodworking, was a devoted "Grampie" to his grandkids,

never missed a good meal, and was an avid collector of all things.

Don enjoyed being a proud member of many clubs, in addition to SME Chapter 112, ISMA, he served as the Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus Council 4620, Gary Sportsman Club, Silver Bell Club, Winamac Old Auto Club, American Legion Post 207, and the Indian Guides where he served as Chief. He was a long standing member of St. Matthias Church in Crown Point where he enjoyed ushering. He will be loved and missed by all of his friends and family.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, February 28, 2021 from 12:30 -6:30 pm at Burns Funeral Home on Broadway in Crown Point. A Silver Bell Club service will take place at 2:30 p.m. Prayers at Burns on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 9 am prior to the Funeral at 10 am a St. Matthias Church in Crown Point. Rev. James Wozniak officiating. Interment at Maplewood Historic Cemetery in Crown Point. www.burnsfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 28. 12:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point
10101 Broadway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 769-0044
info@burnsfuneral.com
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Prayer

MAR 1. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

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funeral

MAR 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
101 W. Burrell Drive
Crown Point, IN 46307

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Shirley & Family; Ron and I were so sorry to hear of Don's passing! Ron enjoyed playing baseball with Don & the K.O.C. Team! Don was always smiling & fun to be around! May he Rest in Peace!
Sincerely Ron & Eileen Szymborski

Ron & Eileen Szymborski - March 02, 2021 at 05:00 PM

VW

Thank you. I will let mom know.

Valerie Westell - March 07, 2021 at 10:46 PM

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“ What I will always remember most is; no matter what time of day I might stop by, your dad always had a hood open & was tinkering with one of his old classic cars. :) Always put a smile on a my face. He will be sadly missed and I pray your family will find peace during this difficult time. Chuck & Kimberly O'Connor

Kimberly OConnor - March 01, 2021 at 12:29 PM

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“ The O'Malley family purchased the Angel Wind Chime - Silver for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.



The O'Malley family - February 27, 2021 at 12:59 PM



“ *Serenity Prayer 30" Sonnet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



February 25, 2021 at 10:37 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



February 25, 2021 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



February 25, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Don I will miss you. All those years we were a tag team baby sitting our grandchildren. I watched in the mornings and then you took over the last shift. You loved them so much. I am thankful that you are no longer in pain. Take care my friend we will see each other again.*
Mary Ann Ernst

Mary Ann Ernst - February 25, 2021 at 01:31 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



February 24, 2021 at 11:04 PM



“ *FedEx Express Human Resources purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



FedEx Express Human Resources - February 24, 2021 at 03:39 PM



“ *Your friends, Ed and Annette Stanutz purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Donald "Don" O. Meece.*



Your friends, Ed and Annette Stanutz - February 24, 2021 at 09:14 AM