



## Donald James Mueller

September 22, 1941 - April 16, 2009

Donald James Mueller, age 67, of Hebron, formerly of Gary and Merrillville, passed away in Crown Point, on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

Don was a graduate of Holy Angels Grade School and Horace Mann High School in Gary, IN, Class of 1959. He went on to work at Illinois Bell/Ameritech from where he retired in 2001 after 41 years. Don was a devoted Catholic who was formerly a parishioner of St. Peter & Paul in Merrillville and most recently a parishioner of St. Helen in Hebron. He was a 3rd Degree Brother of the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Ryder Council #4047, as well as a brother Elk with the Hobart Elks Lodge #1152. Don served as Union Steward for I.B.E.W. Local 21.

Along with the passion to serve his family, Don shared his knowledge and love for baseball with many through tireless devotion at Gary Post 17, American Legion Post 430, Merrillville and Hobart Little Leagues and Andean High School.

He was preceded in death by his father William and mother Margaret Mueller; sister Janet Krok, brother and sister Gerald and Jeanette Mueller.

He is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Kathleen (Comerford) Mueller; son Bill, wife Lisa and their children Patrick and Molly Mueller; son Donnie,

wife Dina and their son Russell Mueller; daughter Lynne, husband Dean Engelman and their children Maggie, Jack and Jared; daughter Susie, husband Donald Patnode and their children Connor and Emma. Don is also survived by his sister Janet's husband Ron Krok and his family; as well as brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Bill and Mary Beth Comerford, Jim and Cleo Comerford, Irene Comerford and John Solar and special friends Dave and Tina Wiltfang and family.

Funeral services Monday April 20, 2009, 9:00 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, In to St. Helens Catholic Church in Hebron for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Derrick F. Dudash officiating. Interment will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Kouts. Friends and relatives may visit with the family at the Burns Funeral Home on Sunday from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Rosary services with Msgr. Ryder Council 4047 will be offered on Sunday at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made in Don's name to St. Anthony Hospice Center and the S.H.A.R.E. Foundation.

# Tribute Wall



“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of a great man and coach. I'm very sorry I wasn't able to attend the services, but my heart was there with you. I am just one of the multitude of people who got to share a little piece of Don's life and I certainly will never forget him. I was so happy that I had the opportunity to see him at church when I was home at Christmas time. You must be so proud to know just how many lives he actually touched and comforted to know that a piece of him lives on in each and everyone of us. God Bless##imported-begin##Dan Owens##imported-end##

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April 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Kathleen,

*Don has been in our prayers for months, and we will continue to pray for him and your entire family.*

*We will always remember him as a kind, gentle human being.*

*Please accept our deepest sympathy . . .*

*Mike and Bonnie Paulsin##imported-begin##Mike Paulsini##imported-end##*

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April 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Susie my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time, with deepest sympathy, Colleen##imported-begin##Colleen Martin-Keith##imported-end##

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April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Bill and Lisa and family: Our very deepest symphathies on the passing of your father.##imported-begin##Michael J. Wojciechowski Family##imported-end##

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April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Lynne and family... Our hearts go out to your family during this difficult time. Know you are in our thoughts and prayers. We Love you all. The Smiths##imported-begin##Beth & Glenn Smith and Family##imported-end##

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April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dearest Kathleen - while it has been so many years since our \"neighboring\" days my prayers are with you as you face the days ahead. Know that our Lord will keep His hands of comfort around you and your family -- and may Don find peace and comfort in his eternal life - God's Blessings - Margaret##imported-begin##Margaret (Finney) Larson##imported-end##

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April 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Kathleen and family. George and I were so sorry to hear that Don passed away. Our hearts and our prayers are with you in these weeks ahead. Our family tree start out with many leaves but as we know throughout our lives these leaves fall off one at a time and fall upon God's golden tree of eternal life and although he will be missed he has achieved what we all thrive to have and that is our eternal life with God. God Bless you and your family.##imported-begin##George and Peggy Weber##imported-end##

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April 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM