



Donald James Bryant

May 11, 1933 - November 26, 2024

Dateline: Chautauqua

Donald James Bryant, 91, died at 10:53am Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at Cedarhurst of Godfrey. Born May 11, 1933 in St. Louis, MO, he was the son of Allen C. and Katherine (Meyer) Bryant. Don served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. On June 28, 1958, he married the love of his life, Lynette Schleicher, in Belleville, IL. She preceded him in death. A prominent local realtor, he retired as owner/operator of Don Bryant's Gallery of Homes then moved to Sarasota, FL where he was a marketer, developer, salesman and motivational speaker. Don was known and loved for his zest for life, his sense of humor, his determination and work ethic, and his fierce love and devotion to his family. He was a local, semi-famous, award winning keeper and racer of homing pigeons. Over the years, Don was active in his communities, volunteering, pitching softball, and serving on several local boards. His love for his Chautauqua community was especially strong. Surviving are two daughters, Donna Wilson (Gary), Sally Crick Voorhees, one son, Chuck Bryant (Jill) and four grandchildren, Katlyn, Connor, Mattilyn and Austin. Along with his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Larry Bryant. Visitation will be from 1pm until the time of the memorial service at 3pm, Sunday, December 1, 2024 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be private at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorials may be made to: Piasa Chautauqua Endowment Fund (PCEF) in honor of Donald J. Bryant. To make a donation, please contact Greg Bray at Smith Moore & Company at 314-446-1660.

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery

St. Louis, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 1:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
<https://www.gentfuneralhome.com/>

Memorial Service

DEC 1. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ All of the Mottaz family send our condolences to the family. We’ve known them since they were children. Lots of family fun in the neighborhood. Don and Lynn were great friends. Judi and Steve Mottaz.

Judith Mottaz - December 01, 2024 at 01:15 PM

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“ I have such fond memories of Don and Lynn and the fun times we shared in Chautauqua at special events involving our mutual grandchildren. Don was always so kind, gregarious and upbeat, and so very proud of his family. I pray that they find comfort and peace in their many cherished memories of him.



Pam Ring - November 30, 2024 at 04:25 PM