



## Donald Eugene Crane

June 10, 1939 - March 12, 2025

Donald Eugene Crane, born on June 10, 1939, went to be with his wife, Linda, on March 12, 2025. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Linda Crane on November 10, 2023. They were introduced by Linda's brother, Michael, and were married in six weeks, having spent almost 57 years together. Since her passing he has only wanted to be with her again and surely passed away from a broken heart.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Ruth Crane, brother, Ray "Sonny Man" Crane Jr., sisters, Rosie Mae Leone, Birdie Lee Cross, Shirley Callahan, and Virginia "Ginny" Taylor.

Don is survived by his two daughters, Pam (Lee) Koenig of St. Louis, MO, and Sheary (Tom) Meyer of Nashville, TN. Four grandchildren, Stan and Rylee Koenig, Aiden and Addison Meyer. He will be missed greatly by his granddogs, Stella, Willow, Yadi and Nash, who are always excited to see PaPa.

Don retired from Canteen Vending. He loved to hunt and fish, bowled on numerous teams over the years, was a king on the horseshoe pits, loved camping with his family and spent much time working his Search Word puzzles. He closely followed the NCAA Basketball Tournaments and just commented that he didn't have his bracket to work yet. No matter where Don went, he always saw someone he knew.

Don and Linda enjoyed spending time with their good friends, Terry and Betty Burns, Bill and Nancy Tierney, Ed and Rosalie Huebner the "Home Before

Dark Gang.”

Visitation will be from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, March 16, 2025 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 17, 2025. Burial will be at Oak Grove Cemetery in Jerseyville. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Grove Cemetery

Jerseyville  
Jerseyville, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 16. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

# Tribute Wall

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“ Pam and family, please accept our sincere sympathy on your Dad's passing. Don put up a good fight and now he's with sweet Linda. I always enjoyed seeing your Dad. He had the best smile and was so friendly and kind. RIP Don

Sincerely,  
Susie Pruetzel

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**Susie Pruetzel** - March 15, 2025 at 11:25 PM

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“ Gary, Charlotte Mabry and Holly Jewell purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Donald Eugene Crane.



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**Gary, Charlotte Mabry and Holly Jewell** - March 15, 2025 at 12:01 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Crane.



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March 14, 2025 at 12:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Crane.*



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March 14, 2025 at 08:31 AM



“ *We will miss Don and his laughter when we all got together. We all could sit and talk about our aches and pains in a funny way. Don loved telling us about his girls and his grandchildren. Old fishing stories and hunting trips were often discussed with those mishaps on those trips.*

*We have had many years of laughter and sadness, concern for each other.*

*Don, join Linda in heaven and get those angel wings quickly. Linda has been waiting for you.*

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**rosalie huebener** - March 13, 2025 at 05:32 PM