



## Donald Ray Gaither

April 13, 1934 - May 13, 2011

Donald R. Gaither, 77, died at 7:04 a.m. Friday, May 13, 2011 at his residence. Born April 13, 1934 in Mt. Erie, IL, he was the son of William John and Mary Jane (Walker) Gaither. Mr. Gaither served in the U.S. Army. He was a farmer his entire life and worked as a Journeyman Millwright for Procter & Gamble from 1969 until his retirement in 1985. On May 13, 1978 in Troy, IL, he married the former Laura L. Bell. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tanya and Marty Miller of Paris, IL, and Tina and Jason Lyle of Lawrenceville, IL, five grandchildren, Julie, Dustin, Josh, Amanda, Ashley, four great grandchildren, and one brother, Robert Gaither and his wife Faye of Taylorville, IL. Mr. Gaither loved animals, especially his dog Samantha. He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters including, Mary Alice Collins, Helen Gaither, William Gaither, Evelyn Morrell, and Jean Elkins. Visitation will be from \_4:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. A Mass of Christian burial will be at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Jerseyville. Father Patrick Gibbons will officiate. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery in Alton. Memorials may be made to the A.S.P.C.A. or the Humane Society of the United States.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Ray Gaither*

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January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Donald Ray Gaither*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Grandpa was a great man, with a big heart! We will miss you and will always love you! Julie*

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**Julie Miller** - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *He will be missed, he was the best uncle a kid could have. I loved him very much.*  
*Jeff*

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**Jeff Morell** - May 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are very sorry to read of your loss. Please accept our appology for not writing sooner. We do not read our paper very faithfully. Jerry really enjoyed his time with Don at P&G. Jerry said Don had to be the most patient man in the world. Don never gave up trying to teach him to weld. Don finally succeded and to this day everytime he welds something he always says Don was his teacher.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Jerry and Anita Hammer*

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**Jerry and Anita Hammer** - May 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *I am so sorry Uncle Donnie is gone. Laura, I will keep you in my prayers.*

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**Joan Roberts** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ *Our deepest sympathy and love. Wishing all better times ahead.*

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**Bob Williams** - May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM