



## Donald K. Ornellas

October 5, 1942 - November 27, 2022

Donald K. Ornellas, 80, of Godfrey, Illinois left this earth to be with his heavenly father on November 27, 2022.

He graduated Civic Memorial HS, Bethalto, IL in 1960, received a B.S. in Education from SIU Carbondale in 1964, an M.S. from SIUE in 1966, and later completed his Doctorate in School Administration.

He worked in Education for 20 years in Illinois serving as a teacher, Elementary School Principal and administrator. He later worked 20 years for the Illinois Department of Corrections, and part-time with the Illinois State Police. After retirement, he taught Criminal Justice as a part-time Professor at SIUE.

He is survived by his special companion, Judy Boss of Godfrey; his children, Julie McAfoos of Godfrey, Megan Ornellas of Indianapolis, Brett Ornellas, and a granddaughter, Keely Ornellas.

Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. until time of memorial service at 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2022 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002  
(618) 466-5544  
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## Memorial Service

DEC 2. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald K. Ornellas*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Donald K. Ornellas*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *So very sorry to hear of the passing of Don. We were friends and had many fun times together. Sending my deepest sympathy to his friends and family .*  
*Gail Behme*

**Gail** - January 15, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ *Mr. Ornellas was my 6th grade teacher in Hartford, Illinois in 1964-65, which must have been his first teaching job. When I reflect upon those teachers who stood out, he's one of them. My sincerest condolences.*  
*Susan McBride Moore*

**Susan McBride Moore** - December 04, 2022 at 10:15 AM

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“ I am a 1st cousin on his mother’s side. We had many good memories growing up. And as teenagers we hung out together often, because he and my brother Roger were the same age. As we grew up and married time and distance separated us. Wish I could attend.  
Condolences to his children. May God comfort you during this sad time.  
Patricia (Hunt) Albright.

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**Patricia Hunt Albright** - November 30, 2022 at 04:47 PM

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“ Donny was my 1st cousin, but we grew up more like brothers sharing so many adventures they can't be all recalled. Some of our most valued times were spent on our grandparents farm by Haganan, Illinois where we fished the creek and ponds and hunted the fields. His first love wasn't a girl. It was a shiny, black '50 Chevy coupe that he polished so much he rubbed the paint down to the primer. His voice that seemed to come from a deep hole will live in the collected memories of all who knew and loved him. Unique doesn't quite describe Donny, but it comes close. Fred Richardson

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**Fred Richardson** - November 30, 2022 at 01:07 PM