



## Donavon "Don" Eugene Deeder

May 10, 1950 - October 25, 2024

Dateline: Godfrey, IL

Donavon "Don" Eugene Deeder, 74 passed away at 9:21 p.m. Friday, October 25, 2024 at Alton Memorial Hospital. He was born May 10, 1950 in Jacksonville, IL the son of the late Donavon and Ruth Evelyn (Cummins) Deeder. He retired after forty plus years as a machinist. In those forty years he worked for Laclede Steel, Owens IL and Western. Don was an Eagle Scout and an avid duck and goose hunter and fisherman and was a member of Franklin Lodge No. 25 A.F. & A.M. On March 1, 1969 in Wood River, he married Jeanette Ruebling and she survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Tracy Ducey (John) of Godfrey, Denise Schleeper (Chris) of Alton, one son, Zack Deeder (Kristen) of Alton, five grandchildren, Olivia, Donavon and Madeleine Ducey, Summer Schleeper and Austin Olson, two sisters, Brenda Oehler of Godfrey and Cynthia Holt (Larry) of Brighton, one brother-in-law, Bill Inman (Lisa) of Brighton, IL and their daughter, Hannah Ganz (Jared) of Carlinville, IL. Besides his parents Don was preceded in death by one grandson, Maximus Christopher Schleeper, one brother, Mark Deeder and one brother-in-law, Dean Oehler. Visitation will be Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. Burial will be at Rose Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto. Reverend Andre' Dobson will officiate. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to the Ronald McDonald House. Additional information and online guest book may

be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home  
2409 State Street  
Alton, IL 62002

## Funeral

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jeanette & family, I am so sorry for your loss. I used to work with you at Mercantile Bank. Prayers for all of you!* ❤️🙏❤️

Janet Weber - October 28, 2024 at 02:17 PM

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“ *Jessica and Jared Edens purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donavon "Don" Eugene Deeder.*



Jessica and Jared Edens - October 27, 2024 at 03:33 PM

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“ *I was so blessed to have neighbors like Don and Jeanette. I will always cherish the memories of Don and I meeting at the fence line separating our properties and having our little "talks". His stories were always entertaining and informative. He was a very wise and good man. Not a single day will go by where I will not miss my friend!!!*

david seymour - October 27, 2024 at 11:24 AM