



## Donald "Donnie" Ray Young

August 17, 1939 - August 9, 2024

Donald "Donnie" Ray Young, age 84 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Friday, August 9, 2024, at Odd Fellow Rebekah Home in Mattoon, IL.

A visitation in his honor will be held from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 15, 2024, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938.

Donnie was born on August 17, 1939, to the late Wilber and Eula (Moore) Young in Platteville, WI. Eula later married Ralph Kramer, who Donnie referred to as "Pop". He is survived by his three children: Jeff Young and wife Dagmar of Milford, KS., John Young and wife Kathy of Lemont, IL., and Jennifer Herrington and husband Coey of Charleston, IL; eight grandchildren: Daniel Korp and wife Carrie of Milford, KS., Sascha Korp and wife Mikaela of Wiesau, Germany., Lucas Young of Frisco, TX., Joshua Young of Chicago, IL., Lauren Terrazas and husband Jake of Scottsdale, AZ., Caleb Young of Scottsdale, AZ., Dane and Shelby Herrington of Charleston, IL., seven great-grandchildren: Madison Korp, Lorelei Korp, Carson Young, Collin Young, Camden Young, Jayden Thomas Korp and Louis Korp. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and stepfather.

In 1957, Donnie graduated from Roodhouse High School in Roodhouse, IL. He went on to further his education at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, where he earned his Bachelor and Master of Education. In 1964 he began his teaching career at Mattoon High School and taught P.E. and Health his first year and then Drivers Education until he retired in 1994. He also taught

motorcycle safety classes at EIU and took a year off to teach police defensive techniques. He was a former member of the Mattoon Eagle's Club and the Mattoon Moose Lodge of Mattoon, IL.

Donnie loved to play golf and ride his Harley. He was a die-hard Green Bay Packers and St. Louis Cardinals fan. He loved spending time with his family and friends. He made it a point to go to his favorite bar, Spanky's, daily to see his friends, share stories and laugh.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Please visit [www.mitchell-jerdan.com](http://www.mitchell-jerdan.com) or [www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome) to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **15**. 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

BB

“ *Mr. Young was my Driver's Ed teacher and I babysat for his young children a couple of times. He was a very nice man.* ”

Belinda Sharp Beuerlein - September 25, 2024 at 12:57 AM

MF

“ *Mac Murray Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald "Donnie" Ray Young.* ”



Mac Murray Family - August 13, 2024 at 06:58 PM

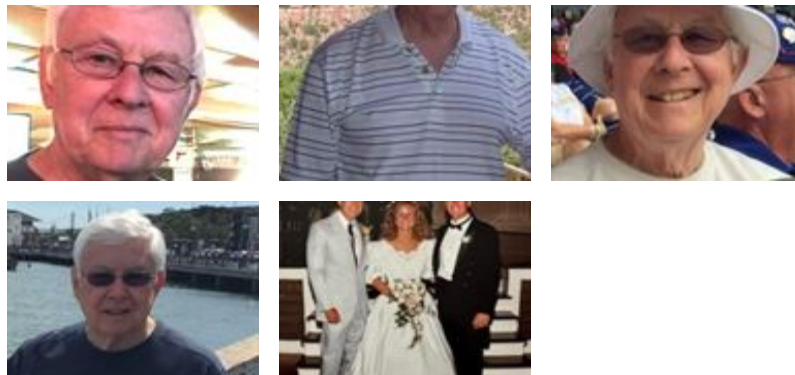
MF

“ *Mac Murray Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Donnie" Ray Young.* ”

Mac Murray Family - August 13, 2024 at 06:58 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - August 13, 2024 at 06:03 PM

VG

“ We had so many laughs every time he came in the salon for a haircut. I always looked forward to seeing him. RIP Donnie

vicki gibson - August 13, 2024 at 05:38 PM

CW

“ He was my drivers ed teacher and friend of my dads .RIP Mr Young

cyndi lampe wier - August 13, 2024 at 11:50 AM

BS

“ Brenda Starwalt lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Ray Young



Brenda Starwalt - August 13, 2024 at 09:56 AM

RC

“ Many many memories of motorcycle trips with Donnie and Boomer Wiman and Tom Kidd & wife Jan. So much fun and comradely among these illustrious educators. God rest his soul. Sincerely, Becky & Maurice craig

Rebecca craig - August 13, 2024 at 09:44 AM

JC

“ Donnie had the greatest sense of humor and was never afraid to use it. Farewell, my friend.

John P Cox - August 13, 2024 at 08:11 AM

WB

“ *Mr. Young was my Drivers Ed teacher. A very nice man. Rest in peace.* ”



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**Wanda Baker** - August 13, 2024 at 12:01 AM

KC

“ *Kathi Sewell Cobble lit a candle in memory of Donald "Donnie" Ray Young* ”



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**kathi sewell cobble** - August 12, 2024 at 10:05 PM

MR

“ *I wish to extend my sincere condolences to the Donnie Young family. May precious memories sustain you always.* ”

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**Mel Roustio** - August 12, 2024 at 09:20 PM

PS

“ *Donnie taught driver's ed across the hall from me at MHS for many years. He always shared a smile and a greeting...a very pleasant "neighbor." RIP.* ”

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**Pam Sundheim** - August 12, 2024 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ Stacy Sewell lit a candle in memory of Donald  
"Donnie" Ray Young



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**Stacy Sewell** - August 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM