



Donald D. Perry

May 31, 1933 - September 20, 2021

Donald D. Perry, age 88 of Mattoon, IL passed away Monday, September 20, 2021, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, IL.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2:00 PM. Saturday, October 2, 2021, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, located at 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL; Reverend Todd Krost will officiate. A committal service will take place in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Military Rites will be conducted by Mattoon VFW Post 4325. The visitation will be held the same day from noon until the time of service at the funeral home.

Donald was born on May 31, 1933, in Marion, IL to the late Hillary and Freda (Mansell) Perry. He married the love of his life, Jane L. Johnston on May 28, 1960, in Mount Vernon, IA. He is survived by his wife of over sixty-years, Jane L. Perry of Mattoon, IL; his son, Douglas D. Perry and wife Sarah of Bloomington, MN; three grandchildren, Gustavo, Julian, and Laila Perry, all of Bloomington, MN; and one sister, Nancy P. Emshousen and her husband Fred of Rotunda West, FL. He is preceded in death by his daughter, Julie L. Perry, and brother, Bill L. Perry.

Donald was proud of his education and continuously sought more and more knowledge throughout his life. He graduated from Roxana Community Highschool in 1951 and received a bachelor's degree in Engineering from

University of Illinois in Champaign, IL in 1956. With his passion for learning, he shared his wealth of experience with others as an instructor at Lakeland College in Mattoon, IL from 1972 until 1997, where he taught civil technology and electronics engineering technology. In 1976, he achieved a Master of Science in Education from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL and later received a Professional Engineer license from the State of Illinois in 1982.

In 1956, Donald honorably served our country in the United States Navy, actively serving for two years, achieving rank of Lieutenant (junior grade). From 1957 until 1972, he operated as an electrical engineer in research and development department for Hurlatron Inc. in Danville, IL.

Donald was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Mattoon, IL, Mattoon American Legion, and former member of Kaskaskia Yacht Club in Shelbyville, IL. He enjoyed sailing, playing tennis, and was an avid vegetable gardener. With immense skills, Donald built their first family home that he shared with his wife and children and continued to work on numerous renovation projects during the years.

After his retirement, Donald and Jane wintered at their home in San Carlos, Mexico. They savored the timeless memories made watching the ocean, fishing, and hunting. He treasured his family but especially his grandchildren. He will be missed greatly.

Memorials in his honor may be made to Lincolnland Hospice of Sarah Bush Lincoln, 1004 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938 or First United Methodist Church, 1601 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938

Please visit www.mitchelljerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfune to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the

family.

Cemetery Details

Dodge Grove Cemetery

917 North 22nd Street
Mattoon, IL 61938

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald D. Perry*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *58 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - September 30, 2021 at 10:37 AM



“ *The Dove's (Nicole, Mike & family) purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald D. Perry.*



The Dove's (Nicole, Mike & family) - September 30, 2021 at 09:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald D. Perry.*



September 28, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald D. Perry.*



September 27, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathy to you Jane and your family at this time. Cherish the wonderful memories you and Don have created. Thinking of you.
Roger and Barbara Haberer*

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“ *Jane I am so very sorry about Don's passing. I will lift you and all the family up in my prayers.*

Paula Gordon - September 23, 2021 at 01:32 PM