



Donald Gene Whitford

July 22, 1936 - June 21, 2025

Donald Gene Whitford, passed away on June 21, 2025, in Mattoon, IL, at the age of 88. Born on July 22, 1936, to Arthur Glen and Nellie Esther Whitford, he lived a life characterized by kindness, generosity, and love.

Donald dedicated many years of his life to meticulous bookkeeping for Meadow Gold and later worked at Wilb Walker's and County Market. His attention to detail and dedication to his work were well-known and appreciated. His career was marked by a strong work ethic and integrity.

He attended the First Christian Church in Mattoon, IL.

Don's love for life was evident in his simple pleasures. He enjoyed walking and finding joy in the beauty of nature and the outdoors.

Above all, Don cherished his family. He is survived by his loving wife of many years, Linda Sue Rawlings, his son, Christopher Gates, and daughter-in-law Hilary of Troy, OH, and his treasured grandchild, Reagan Gates. Don's relationship with Linda was a testament to enduring love and partnership. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, mutual respect, and unwavering support.

Those who were fortunate enough to know Don will remember him as the epitome of kindness, generosity, and love. He was a man who gave freely of

himself and made a lasting impact on the lives he touched. Don's legacy is one of compassion and service, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

As we say goodbye to Don, we celebrate a life well-lived and honor a man who was truly a blessing to his family and community. His memory will continue to inspire and guide us, and his spirit will forever be a beacon of the values he so deeply embodied.

A private graveside service was held at Dodge Grove Cemetery in Mattoon, IL. Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938 was in charge of services.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuer alhome 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

Tribute Wall

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“ *So sorry to hear about Donnie passing, he was a joy to work with and was truly an asset to mattoon* ”

Mark elliott - September 10, 2025 at 08:55 AM