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Donald E. Roethe, 74 of Decatur, passed away at 2:20 pm on Thursday, March 3, 2011 in his home surrounded by his loving family.

Services to celebrate Don's life will be held at 2 pm Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Chapel of Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home conducted by Chaplain Karla Thornton. Visitation will be held from 6 to 8 Sunday evening at the funeral home. Interment with military rites by the Macon County Honor Guard will be in Fairlawn Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to the family.

Don was born on June 22, 1936 in Kenney, the son of Dean and Cora (Owens) Cromwell. Don owned and operated Roethe Disposal for many years. He was an umpire and loved all sports. Don also worked as a funeral assistant for Graceland/Fairlawn Funeral Home for many years. He served his country in the Army during the Korean War. Don married Rose Mary Bateson on April 10, 1963 in Clinton.

Surviving are his wife Rose of over 47 years, children- Rick Roethe and companion Tammy Willhoite of Pontiac, Teresa Roethe and companion Mike Edge of Bloomington, Brenda Horve and husband Paul of Macon, Stacy Mezo and husband Pat of Dupo and Jason Roethe of Decatur, two sisters- Connie Smith and husband Richard of Clinton and Ruth Ann Harvey and husband Don of Clinton, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.



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TB

Terrie Baker posted:

I was so sad to hear about Uncle Donnie, he was so special to me. I am also very sorry I couldn't be there for you. I love you all. Terrie

March 6 at 7:40 PM

TE

Thelma Edge posted:

My prayers are with all of you.

March 6 at 5:22 PM

KT

Karla Thornton posted:

It has been such an honor to be a part of Don's life. He is such a wonderful man with a great sense of pride for his family. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. Rose, you are a wonderful woman and Don loved you so very much. I will miss him and his humor. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. It is a great privilege to become a part of his service and your family.

March 5 at 1:29 PM

JB

Julie Lynn Bateson posted:

Uncle Don, I never got to meet you, but I heard a lot about you. I know you will be greatly missed and that your family will always love you and keep you close in their hearts. May you rest in peace. Love, Your Niece; JuLiE To My Family in Illinois, I am deeply sorry for your great loss of a great man, I hope you all can find comfort in God's love and peace, knowing that Don is now in no pain and in perfect peace. I Love You All and wish I could be there at the Memorial Service. With Great Sympathy; JuLiE BaTeSoN

March 5 at 10:38 AM

SH

Shawn Horve posted:

don was a great guy i remember watching basketball with him and he always called me out when i played baseball but all and all he was fun to be around and a great guy i will miss u thanks for all the great times

March 5 at 8:29 AM



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RM

Rick And Ladonna Monkman posted:

Don was an all around great guy. We will never forget his sense of humor, his skills as an Umpire, his love for his family and friends. You will be missed my friend. May you rest in peace.

March 5 at 8:25 AM

MG

Macon County Honor Guard posted:

Thank you for allowing us to perform the Military Rites for your loved one. We consider it an honor to do so.

March 4 at 6:37 PM

MH

Mike Horve posted:

Don was a great friend, we went to alot of basketball game together and had alot of good times together, will miss your humor and jokes, see you again someday!

March 4 at 5:46 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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