



Donald W. McLaughlin

July 12, 1943 - July 4, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Donald W. McLaughlin

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Donald W. McLaughlin, age 81, of Murphysboro, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2025 at his home with his family by his side.

Don was born on July 12, 1943 to Murray and Gladys Belle (Kimmel) McLaughlin in Murphysboro, Illinois. He is survived by his wife, Susan Elliott, who he married on July 7, 1989.

Donald retired from GTE after 35 years. His passion was farming the family farm, beginning first with his dad. After retirement, Donald was a full-time farmer up until just a few weeks prior to his passing and enjoyed tending to the farm animals. In his younger years, he enjoyed hunting quail and turkey. He was a collector of antique tractors, especially the Allis-Chalmers variety. Donald enjoyed anything to do with farming and he loved being with his family,

especially his grandchildren. He attended Central Christian Church in Carbondale.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Steve (Alma) McLaughlin; one daughter, Stacy (Matt) Stanton; one step son, Sean (Tabitha) Wolfe; 10 grandchildren, Kellye (Marcus) Saad, Zachary (Emily) McLaughlin, Jessica Stanton, Emily (Tylon) Kerrens, Kelsey (Kyle) O'Brien, Mackenzie Stanton, Joe Wolfe, Corey (Alexis) Wolfe, AJ Wolfe, and Aaron Wolfe; 14 great-grandchildren; siblings, Jeanne Goforth, Gloria Canaley, Gary McLaughlin, Diana (Ken) Harris, John (Charlotte) McLaughlin, Craig (Mary Ann) McLaughlin, and Cheryl (Bill) Graff; along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and other relatives.

Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his sister, Judy (Clarence) Schorn; one brother, Dennis McLaughlin; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A Celebration of the Life of Donald W. McLaughlin will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 2:00 PM with Jared Lecrone and Rev. Jim Easton officiating at Central Christian Church, 2431 W. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62901. Visitation will be held prior to the services at the church from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM.

Interment will follow the service at Zion Cemetery in Murphysboro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Zion Cemetery

Murphysboro, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

Central Christian Church
2431 W. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Central Christian Church
2431 W. Main St.
Carbondale, IL 62901

Interment

JUL 7. 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM (cst)

Zion Cemetery
Murphysboro, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Sending my condolences to the McLaughlin family. Didn't know Him personally but know Charlotte and Gloria thru Murdale Baptist Church. Keep His legacy alive in your hearts, souls, and minds. He is in heaven as a faithful angel with Jesus and is still watching over you each day. Hugs and Prayers. Karen McNeely McMinn Carbondale IL



Karen McMinn - July 08, 2025 at 05:52 PM

FF

“ Don was a great guy, I have known Don and family for many years. We all grew up together on the Ava blacktop and shared lots of fun memories. My sincere condolence to Don's family and friends. You will be missed my friend.
Fran Herring Fisher

Fran Fisher - July 07, 2025 at 10:13 PM

CC

“ Central Christian Church purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Donald W. McLaughlin.



Central Christian Church - July 06, 2025 at 06:47 PM

LD

“ Laurie, Lindsay and Dorothy. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald W. McLaughlin.



Laurie, Lindsay and Dorothy. - July 06, 2025 at 12:49 PM

JC

“ Although I had not seen Don in many years, my memories of Don and his family go back to 1957! I always cherished the McLaughlin family and thought of Don as a surrogate older brother when my own brothers left for military service. I had no direct connection to the family until recent years when I encountered Jeanne again. Losing a treasured sibling is traumatic and I know he will be missed tremendously but remembered with great love. May God bless you all during this time of grief and transition. My love to all of his family!

Jeanette Morgan Crown - July 06, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Donald W. McLaughlin.



July 05, 2025 at 04:53 PM