



Donald W. Peel

May 24, 1931 - July 21, 2017

Donald W. Peel, 86 of Belleville and formerly of Carbondale, passed away at 9:55 PM on Friday, July 21, 2017 in Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

He was born May 24, 1931 to Herbert and Grace Peel in Alton.

Don served in the Air Force military band and later attended SIU Carbondale receiving a master's degree in instrumental music. There he met his wife of 59 years both serving as music teachers at Carmi for 30 years.

He served on IGSMA (Illinois Grade School Music Association), IL State Board Education, State Board of IEA and Evansville, IN Philharmonic. Don was also a mason for over 50 years.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Carol (Davis) Peel; a daughter, Leah and son, Gary; grandchildren, Nathan and Zachary Peel; siblings, Galen and Gerald Peel; other relatives and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Bobby and Herbert Peel and sisters, Maxine Witham and MaryJo Ferreira.

Funeral Services for Donald W. Peel will be Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 11:30 am at Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Don

Pruitt officiating and masonic rites accorded. Entombment will follow at the Pleasant Grove Memorial Park Mausoleum with full military honors.

Visitation will be from 10:00 until the hour of service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hungry for Music, a charity organization that provides musical instruments for children in need.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald W. Peel*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Don introduced untold numbers of us to music appreciation in the Carmi school system. That appreciation continues for life. That I was assigned to be a French Horn player was Don's doing and he guided me for more than 12 years of performing. Car pooling to rehearsal in Evansville weekly revealed many warm personal stories. Often he would point out in a piece where he had to change disks when all music was recorded at 78 RPM. I hope that there are people like Don in today's school systems and that they are serving youth to his high standard.*

*Brian Behler
Sparks, NV*

Brian Behler - July 26, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ *My condolences,
Colleen Hillyard Taylor*

Colleen Hillyard Taylor - July 24, 2017 at 10:18 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald W. Peel.*



July 24, 2017 at 12:41 PM

LB

“ I am sorry to hear about Don's passing. My sympathy is extended to Carol, Leah and Gary and the rest of the family. May God keep you and give you peace.

Larry Busch

Larry Busch - July 23, 2017 at 09:36 PM

RH

We were sorry to hear of your loss. Roger's Mother, Ann Hortin, was a close friend of the Peels. Sympathy and prayers.

Roger Hortin - July 23, 2017 at 10:14 PM

AB

Carol, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. I pray for peace and comfort in this sad time.

Alice Bryant - July 24, 2017 at 08:23 AM

HD

So sorry about mr.peal's passing.i was a student of his in Washington grade school.a very mild mannered man who loved his students and now I find he is a hero of the United States air force.you will not be forgotten in carmi ill.

Henry duvall - July 24, 2017 at 02:45 PM

MS

Gary and family, I am so sorry to hear about Don. He was a great guy! Wishing you peace and comfort. Mike Staley

Mike Staley - July 25, 2017 at 04:29 PM

KF

Carol and family, What a wonderful teacher. I have such great memories of band in grade school and junior high. He taught a lot of us at Carmi. So sorry for your loss.

Kathy Beck Fridley - July 25, 2017 at 04:40 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with your family. I was in the band at Washington Middle School. Good memories of a fine teacher.
Lisa Cutchin Hite

Lisa Cutchin Hite - July 25, 2017 at 08:08 PM