



Donald R. Ridings

January 25, 1923 - February 27, 2013

Donald R. Ridings, 90, of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away at 11:27 p.m. Wednesday, February 27, 2013, at the Heartland Regional Hospital in Marion, Illinois.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 4, 2013, at Pettett Funeral Home with Rick Sutton officiating and entombment at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park with military services conducted by the American Legion Post # 127, V.F.W. Post # 7190 and 2605, and the Jackson County D.A.V. Chapter # 69. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday until 11 a.m. at the funeral home, where Masonic Services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Donald was born on January 25, 1923, in Herrin, Illinois, to McKinley Ridings and Katheryn (Benedict) Ridings.

He served during WW II in the U.S. Army, obtaining the rank of Corporal with five Bronze Stars. He landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day.

Mr. Ridings was an automobile upholster from 1952 to until his retirement in 1985.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, the Masonic Lodge, the

American Legion Post # 127, and the V.F.W. Post # 7190, all in Murphysboro.

Donald married Bessie Mae (Gettings) on November 22, 1942, in Jackson, Missouri, and she preceded him in death on May 19, 2002.

He is survived by seven children and their spouses, Robert and Mary Ridings, Thomas and Patsy Ridings, Terry and Judy Ridings, Constance "Connie" and Jerry Phelan, Richard Bruce and Veronica Ridings, Tim and Cindy Ridings, and Brian Keith and Jennifer Ridings;

twenty grandchildren, many great grandchildren and a few great great grandchildren;

and one brother Charles Ridings.

He was preceded in death by one sister Jane Rash and his parents.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Ridings*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *My Dad (Eugene Moore) was in WW II with Mr. Ridings. Dad speaks highly of Mr. Ridings and we are both sorry to hear of your loss.*

Don Moore

Don Moore - March 08, 2013 at 07:18 PM



“ *Dear Ridings Family: Bob, Tom, Terry, Bruce, Tim, Brian and Connie. I came around 10:00a.m. this morning (3/4/13) hoping to see you all and visit a bit. I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Just thinking about you all and remembering so many good memories about our childhood. Keeping you all and your entire family in my prayers. If any of you want to contact me by e-mail I would love to hear from you. jimron90@hotmail.com Rhonda*

Rhonda Woosley Bodkin - March 04, 2013 at 11:05 AM



“ *Hey Guys,
Sorry to here about your Pop. Hang in there.*

DANNY JONES & MARSHA - March 02, 2013 at 09:04 PM

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“ We were sorry to hear of your grandfather's passing, Jeremy. You, your parents and rest of family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Cary & Melinda Purcell - March 01, 2013 at 10:38 AM