



Donald Eugene Unterfer

September 16, 1946 - December 16, 2018

Donald Eugene Unterfer, age 72, passed away at 3:11 p.m. Sunday, December 16, 2018, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri.

Donald was born on September 16, 1946, in Carbondale, Illinois, to Lorenz G. M. and Geneva (Hill) Unterfer.

He was a musician and during the 1960's and 1970's he performed at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, Tennessee, with Carl and Pearl Butler, Willie Nelson, and many other musicians. He had taught himself to play the steel guitar.

He accepted Christ and was Spirit-filled in May of this year.

His wife Patricia (Hasty) Unterfer passed away on October 11, 2013.

Donald is survived by three children Dawn Unterfer, Kelley Unterfer, and Jennifer Unterfer-Perez, all of Murphysboro;

seven grandchildren; four great grandchildren;

one sister Wanda Lucille Carroll, Bradford, Illinois;

and his special musical friend Lee Brothers.

He was preceded in death by one brother Larry Unterfer and his parents.

Funeral services will be held at 12 noon Thursday, December 20, 2018, at Pettett Funeral Home with burial at Oakland Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10 am to 12 noon on Thursday at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Unterfer*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I've known Donnie all my life. He and my dad, Lee Brothers, have been friends for longer than I've been alive. The last time I spent any time with him, he carted dad down to Nashville for a recording session.*

My earliest memory of him was of him wearing a furry Russian winter hat, of which I have always referred to it as a "Donnie Unterfer hat."

*I miss you, brother.
Jeffrey Lee Brothers*

Jeffrey Lee Brothers - August 26, 2019 at 05:14 PM

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“ I met Donnie in Marion,Indiana in the mid 1970s. I sang in various bands with him. Donnie was always a joy to be around. Besides always having a joke and fun to be around, the man was an incredible musician. He was a fantastic steel guitar player and he was one of the best you'd ever hear on lead guitar. He was VERY well known in the Midwest and in Nashville. His talent was very respected. His musical tastes allowed him to play all genres and he played them well!

I recently learned of his passing. My condolences to all his family and friends in Illinois. He called Illinois home, but I gotta say that singers,musicians and many friends in Indiana...considered him " Our Donnie".

Rest in peace my friend.

As always,

Sharlet

Sharlet South - April 04, 2019 at 08:42 PM

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“ Im sorry for your loss . Don was a wonderful person I got know playing music . I was glad to call him my friend . He will be greatly missed by my family and I . Until next time with love the Jones family

Billy Jones - December 19, 2018 at 04:51 PM