



Rev. Donald R. Grammer

April 24, 1940 - September 8, 2012

Rev. Donald R. Grammer, 72 of Murphysboro, Illinois, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 3 p.m. Saturday, September 8, 2012, at his residence in Murphysboro.

Donald was born on April 24, 1940, in Pomona, Illinois, to Warren G. Grammer and Margaret Lorine (Rawson) Grammer.

Don retired as District Maintenance Engineer with the IL Dept. of Transportation at the Carbondale Office. He had received his Bachelor of Science in Engineer Technology in 1974.

Don served on the board for the Shawnee Crisis Pregnancy Center (now Pregnancy Matters) and was very instrumental in establishing the center in both Anna and Carbondale.

He volunteered at both St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro and Carbondale Memorial Hospital.

Rev. Grammer was ordained June 6, 1976, and served as Pastor of several area churches, including Alto Pass, Grand Tower, Fairview Christian, Concord at Rice, IL, and Herrin FBC. Since retiring as Pastor in 2010, he has been an active member and Men's Sunday School teacher at Elm Street Baptist

Church.

Don married Jeanette Crane on April 1, 1962, and they had three children together.

Don married Sandra "Sandy" (Wyatt) Stephenson on January 4, 1980, in Murphysboro, and she survives.

Other survivors include his father Warren G. Grammer of Carbondale;

three children Paul Ray (Linda) Grammer of Albuquerque, NM, Kevin (Rebecca) Grammer of Ava, IL, and Karen (James) Price of Carbondale, IL;

step children Joel Stephenson of Ava, IL and John (Robi) Stephenson of Ava, and Elizabeth Brown (deceased);

grandchildren Chelsea and Jacob Grammer. Danae, Olivia, Grant, Jared, Sophia, Jillian, and Valerie Price. Danielle and Cody Stephenson. Leah Gunn. Kyle Patterson, Jennifer Brown. Meredith Kwasniewski, Kaylee McGee, and Kinion Stephenson;

step grandchildren Kristin, Kory and Cassady Bunselmeyer;

great grandchildren Skyler Gunn and Elizabeth Dawn Edwards;

step sisters Deborah (Greg) Layne of Murphysboro, and Laurie Tuthill of Anna, and step brother Tony (Rina) Tuthill of Vergennes.

He was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Grammer and step mother Betty Tuthill Grammer.

Don was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and his family was his

greatest joy. Don was passionate about spreading the word of Jesus Christ to all those he met. Don dedicated his life to helping others and was very generous often opening his own home to others in need. Don will be dearly missed by all those who knew him.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at Elm Street Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Allen and Rev. Clifford Waller officiating and burial will be at Walker Hill Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pregnancy Matters, Inc. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Donald R. Grammer*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Hi Sandy, It's been a year since Don passed, and my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. I know what you are going through, I lost my wife to cancer almost 4 years ago.*

Phil Castellano - September 01, 2013 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sandy You have my deepest sympathy i th loss of Don. 859-689-2419*

Phil Castellano - September 13, 2012 at 04:36 PM



“ *Sandy & Family, we are sorry for your loss. Don had become one of spiritual friends. I will miss Him. He was a true Christian leader. He always seemed to know what to do and say next.*

Bill Baskin - September 11, 2012 at 11:13 AM



“ *Kevin, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Don was wonderful to work with and will be missed...*

Rick Brunette - September 10, 2012 at 11:33 AM

JH

“ I am so sorry to hear that Don passed away. We worked together many years at the Illinois DOT. He was a dedicated Christian minister and helped many people. My thoughts and prayers are with the Grammer family during this time of loss.

Sincerely,
Joe Hill
Rochester, IL

Joe Hill - September 10, 2012 at 11:22 AM

DB

“ Pastor Don was a wonderful man and Pastor. He visited my parents, Ray and Mary Belle Boren, often in their final years of life. My Mom was once flown to St Louis with a life threatening health problem, and Pastor Don was at her bedside the next day. That was the caring type of man he was. We lost our Dad and Don presided over his funeral at Herrin FBC in March. Our family felt blessed to have Don during our time of sadness.

Our daughter, Danielle, is a nurse at the Herrin ER, and she was there helping with him when his condition first began to worsen. We were grateful that she was able to help with him, however, for a very short period of time, after he had been with my parents in their final years.

May God give you great comfort during your time of great sadness.

From The family of Ray & Mary Belle Boren,
David, Amy, Josh, & Danielle Boren
Jerry Boren
Brenda Boren Preston

David Boren - September 10, 2012 at 10:49 AM

JD

“ You have our sympathy and love. We are in Fla. We count it a joy to have known Donnie.

Jim and Nina Daniel - September 10, 2012 at 10:42 AM

MR

“ Sandy and family: we are so sorry for your loss! We loved Pastor Don and have been so blessed by meeting you both. We will always have fond memories. It is so wonderful to know we will meet again with our Lord! We are on vacation and out of state and can't come for the services. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you all.

Marsha, Carey, Ashleigh & Josh Russell - September 10, 2012 at 08:34 AM

JF

“ To Aunt Sandy, Children, & grandchildren: May you find peace in the Lord at this time. Know that you were loved and Uncle Don loved the Lord. He will be greatly missed.

Joyce (Wyatt) Fields - September 09, 2012 at 08:15 AM