



William Wayne Given

October 21, 1924 - October 19, 2014

Wayne Given, age 89 of Carbondale, passed away Sunday, October 19, 2014 at his residence.

He was born October 21, 1924 to Harry and Nancy (Higginson) Given in Crossville.

He married Virginia Bryant on February 3, 1943. She preceded him on June 4, 2006. Together they shared 63 years.

Wayne proudly served his country in the Army Air Corp as a Staff Sgt. during WW II in Okinawa.

He worked for the Carmi Township Hospital from 1950 to 1958. He then worked for the Carbondale Clinic as administrator from 1958 to 1987. He was a member of the Lion's Club, receiving a lifetime achievement award and was a past Lion's Club president. He loved to play golf, read and work on crossword puzzles. He was an avid Saluki fan and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

He is survived by his 3 sons, Michael Given of Nacogdoches, TX; Kerry Given of Carbondale; and Todd Given of Troy, MO; a sister, Rebecca Wilson of Afton, VA; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife, a son, Patrick Given, a brother, Richard Given and a sister, Dorothy Williams.

Per his wishes he will be cremated with no services.

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

Tribute Wall



“ *William Wayne Given*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Todd, Kerry and Mike, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I knew his birthday was on the 21st and I sent him an email but it "bounced back". I planned to call him the day I got a Facebook message he died. I was so sad I hadn't got to say good bye. Your Dad was the kindest and most caring person I know. He loved your Mother and you boys so much. I started to work for him in 1967 and don't remember him ever saying an unkind word. I would pop bubble gum to aggravate him and he would sing Misty to aggravate me! He had a wonderful singing voice. He said in "another life" he would have liked to be a professional singer and I think he could have been.*

Your Dad was always a Gentleman who was fair and truly cared for others.

You should be very, very proud and know you are suffering a profound loss.

*Sincerely,
Jackie O'Connor Pollard*

Jackie O'Connor Pollard - October 27, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family of Wayne. Love, Terryl Given*

Terryl Given - October 24, 2014 at 03:55 PM

HP

“ The first person my wife and i met when we visited carbondale was Wayne, He was waiting for us as we got off the plane at the Carbondale Airport. I joined the Clinic for only a short time but was always very fond of Wayne and left with nothing but respect and good feelings toward him. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. My sincere condolences to all his family.

Hal Pearlman

Hal Pearlman - October 22, 2014 at 05:49 PM

JG

“ Wayne will be missed by many. A wonderful cousin he was and always treated everyone with kindness and respect. RIP cousin. Mike, Kerry and Todd, you are all in my thoughts and prayers.
Jeff Given

Jeff Given - October 21, 2014 at 11:10 PM

JD

“ Wayne was always a consummate gentleman Lion to me--caring, with a store of twinkly humor. I will miss him and treasure the time I was in his presence. My sincere condolences to his survivors.
Lion Judy Decker

Judy Deckedr - October 21, 2014 at 01:43 PM

FP

“ Dear Kerry & Family,

I am so sorry for your loss, your Dad was one of the sweetest and kindest gentlemen in Carbondale. You know I met your Mom & Dad, before I ever met you, waiting on them at Hickory Log. What a wonderful couple they were, always making me laugh and glad they were some of my favorite customers. I'm glad I still got to see Dad, in his later years. My heart breaks for you, but knowing that Mom & Dad are together again, I hope gives you some comfort. Talk to you soon. Love Fern & John & family



Fern Palmer - October 21, 2014 at 12:23 PM

KV

“ Mike, Kerry, Todd. My prayers are with all of you at this time. It was a pleasure to help take care of your dad. He had a soft heart that I know will be missed by many.

Kim Venable

Kim Venable - October 21, 2014 at 08:21 AM