

Donald Louis Fitts

March 22, 1934 - July 28, 2017

Donald Louis Fitts, 83, of Mount Vernon, Illinois passed away at 11:55 A.M. July 28, 2017 at his residence in Mount Vernon, Illinois. He was born March 22, 1934 in Mount Vernon, Illinois to Louie and Opal (Threatt) Fitts. He first married Virginia Smith on April 4, 1953 and she preceded him in death on December 23, 1986. He later married Zella M. (Goffinett) Glatz on November 14, 1992 in Mount Vernon, Illinois and she survives.

Donald is survived by his wife, Zella M. Fitts of Mount Vernon, Illinois; five children, John Fitts and wife Michelle of Bourbonnais, Illinois, Tom Fitts and wife Lori of Bradley, Illinois, Jennifer Spangler and husband Allen of Manteno, Illinois, Scott Fitts of Bourbonnais, Illinois, and Beth Weiss and husband Tony of Dayton, Ohio; stepchildren, Joe Glatz of Mount Vernon, Illinois and Brenda Hapeman and husband Bruce of Woodlawn, Illinois; sister, Carolyn Sue Neel and husband Bernard of Irving, Texas; seventeen grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Virginia (Smith) Fitts; two sons, Richard "Dick" Fitts and infant son, Steven Fitts; and sister, Norma Jean Kelley.

Mr. Fitts served our country in the United States Air Force. He worked as a salesman for Golden Rule Insurance where he earned the position of top

salesman for three consecutive years. Donald later worked for the Police Department in Bradley, Illinois and the Kankakee Sheriff's Department. He was a member of Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Mount Vernon Elks Lodge #819, the Mount Vernon American Legion Post #141, the Knights of Columbus, and was one of the founding members of the YMCA.

Visitation: 3:00 to 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Illinois. A Rosary Service will be held before the visitation at 2:30 P.M. at the church. Funeral Service: 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Mount Vernon, Illinois with Father John Iffert officiating.

Visitation: 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, Illinois. Graveside Service: 10:00 A.M. Thursday, August 3, 2017 at Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee, Illinois. Interment: Mound Grove Cemetery in Kankakee, Illinois.

Memorials: Saint Mary Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Debt Reduction Fund.

Cemetery Details

Mound Grove Gardens Cemetery

1000 N. Greenwood
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 933-6726

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Graveside Service

AUG 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MD

“ *my prayers are with the family Morry Decker*

Maurie Decker - August 09, 2017 at 07:50 PM

LB

“ *Lawrence Burkhalter*

Another older times warhorse gone to his final reward after many years of service to his community and inspiration to those badge carriers he touched with a sense of duty.

lawrence Burkhalter - August 02, 2017 at 05:18 PM

ES

“ *Don was a fine man and a fine police officer. I was proud to have worked with him in various roles over our careers. He was always in control whatever the circumstances.*
My sympathies to the family.
Ed Smith
Former State's Attorney

Ed Smith - August 02, 2017 at 11:00 AM

TM

“ *To the entire Fitts family my prayers and thoughts are with you all .*



Tim mitchell - August 01, 2017 at 11:33 AM

MA

“ John, Scott, and Tom,

I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your dad, he was a good man. I appreciate the positive influence he was in my life, and on so many in the law enforcement community. I will continue to lift you and your family up in prayer during this difficult time.

Matt Adamson


Matthew W Adamson - August 01, 2017 at 08:06 AM

VD

“ My love thoughts and prayers for all of Don's family. God always takes the best. Virginia R Dominick.



Virginia R Dominick - July 31, 2017 at 01:27 PM

 Carol Goodrich

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. I was lucky enough to work with Don years ago at Bradley PD. He was a strong and kind man who will be missed.



Carol Goodrich - July 31, 2017 at 11:42 AM

LL

“ I'm sorry for your loss. He was a great man. It was a pleasure knowing him. He was one of "Bradleys" finest officers. Prayers for the family.



Laurie Lewis



Laurie Lewis - July 31, 2017 at 07:18 AM

CW

“ He was one of my favorite customers at Teresa's Cafe! Please accept my sincerest condolences. May he Rest in Peace.

Chris Waller



Chris Waller - July 31, 2017 at 01:57 AM

HO

“ Beth and family sending lots of prayers and love your way!! May God shower you with comfort during this time. We love you, The Poullards

hollie - July 30, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ Prayers and hugs for God's peace during this sad time. May HE hold you close, dry your tears and bring many memories that in turn bring smiles.



Mary Quiroz Thomson - July 30, 2017 at 04:07 PM

JM

“ Don was like a second father to me, cant say I would have had a career in Law Enforcement without the Fitts Family, So sorry for loss, God Bless..Joe and Anita Martino

Joe Martino - July 30, 2017 at 01:40 PM

CM

“ Rest in peace Don. Sympathy to Zella and the entire family. Thoughts & prayers.

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema



cathie miedema - July 30, 2017 at 09:31 AM