

Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski

April 16, 1950 - December 26, 2017

Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski, 67, of Kankakee, passed away on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. He was born on April 16, 1950, in Kankakee, to Eugene and Barbara Kertzman Glenzinski. Don married Susan M. McCullough on August 7, 1971 at Immaculate Conception in Kankakee.

Don graduated in 1968 from Bishop McNamara High School. He attended Kankakee Community College. Don served in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War.

Don was a retired carpenter. He retired from Kankakee School District 111 after 22 years of service.

He was a lifelong member of St. Patrick Church. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and the 558 Carpenters Local. Don was a 22 year heart transplant survivor. He enjoyed attending his grandchildren's functions. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends at Tiny Tap and relaxing by his koi pond.

Don is survived by his wife, Susan, of Kankakee; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Jennifer and Bill Draper, of Kankakee and Gena and Matt Gregoire, of Kankakee; six grandchildren, Brittany, Cassidy, Emmagene, and Nathan

Draper, and Kaylen and Evasue Poppy Gregoire; four brothers and six sisters-in-law, John and JoAnn Glenzinski, of Santa Fe, NM, Dennis Glenzinski and Marian Wilkinson, of Bradley, Robert and Jamie Glenzinski, of East Peoria, Kevin and Angela Shea, of Kankakee, Tam Glenzinski, of Wheaton, and Patty Glenzinski, of Kankakee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Ronald, Kenneth, and Leonard.

Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Friday, December 29, 2017 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 30, 2017 at St. Patrick Church in Kankakee. Rev. John Peeters will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or to the wishes of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

DEC **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
428 S. Indiana
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-6716

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dear cousin Donnie's family we are so sorry to hear about the loss of Donnie. Even though it has been many years since I have seen him, I still remember the laughter he brought to the household and our lives. We will miss him. You are in our prayers. Love Dave and Gina Glenzinski

Dave Glenzinski - January 28, 2018 at 10:12 PM

SS

“ Although we haven't stayed in touch, I will remember my cousin, Don as a big brother. He sure did like to tease me and when I got older I did get to appreciate his sense of humor. My prayers are with all of you through this difficult time. May you find joy and peace in all of the memories you made and the life you shared with Don.

Shelly Glenzinski - Colorado Springs - January 17, 2018 at 03:38 PM

TM

“ Very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with Don's family.
Mary and Tom Maass

Tom and Mary Maass - December 29, 2017 at 07:35 PM

RL

“ Jen, So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Praying for you and your family at this time.

Terry and Ruth Linskey



Ruth Linskey - December 29, 2017 at 06:34 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was truly one of a kind. I will always cherish the memories of Christmas breakfast on Hickory Street after midnight mass. What a great family. Don was always fun to be around.

Chris LaRocque

Chris LaRocque - December 29, 2017 at 09:12 AM

FJ

So sorry for your loss Jen. My memory of him is helping out Darien when his car stalled and making sure he got started by taking him to get it going. He was a kind person and a stand up guy.

Felicia Jones - December 29, 2017 at 09:38 PM

AM

“ *Andy & Deb Micetich lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski*



Andy & Deb Micetich - December 28, 2017 at 10:35 PM

DW

“ *Dave West lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski*



Dave West - December 28, 2017 at 09:17 PM

TD

“ *What a great guy. Always a pleasure to pull up a stool next to him at Tiny Tap. My condolences to the family. Don will be missed.*

Tom Dandelles - December 28, 2017 at 06:14 PM

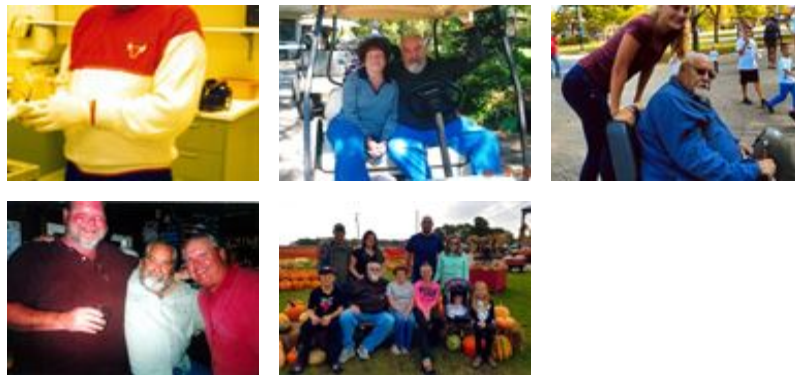
MM

“ *Don was a wonderful man I have known most of my life. My condolences to the family . What happy place heaven must be right now. God bless you all*

Mary Rivard Martin - December 28, 2017 at 04:53 PM



“ *75 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 28, 2017 at 04:22 PM

AA

“ *My prayers and condolences are with you*



angelica avalos - December 28, 2017 at 11:56 AM

CM

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Sue and the family.
Thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema



cathie miedema - December 28, 2017 at 11:02 AM



“ *Tina Guenette Grise lit a candle in memory of
Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski*



Tina Guenette Grise - December 28, 2017 at 10:23 AM

PD

“ *Polly Davis lit a candle in memory of Donald
R. "Don" Glenzinski*



Polly Davis - December 28, 2017 at 10:20 AM

MP

“ *Martha Phillipsq lit a candle in memory of
Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski*



Martha Phillipsq - December 28, 2017 at 10:16 AM

JF

“ Don and I were classmates and teammates at McNamara. On the football field, Don was an intense competitor with an amazing pain tolerance, focus and drive. Off the field, it was impossible to find a person who was more compassionate, empathetic and a better friend. He treated friends like family and nobody loved their family more than Don. While we saw each other infrequently after high school, when we would meet it was always like we had been apart for only a short time. I can still hear his laugh, and even now it makes me smile.

Pax,
Jim Frogge, BMHS '68

Jim Frogge - December 28, 2017 at 10:11 AM

RM

“ Our prayers and sympathy go to Sue, the girls and so many others who have lost a great friend this week. You had great friends because you were a great friend , and we will miss you, your stories and your laughter, but you will live on in our memories and in our hearts. Godspeed Donny - may peace be yours now.

Rose & Gary Mitchell - December 28, 2017 at 09:25 AM

PH

“ Pam & Bob Holeman lit a candle in memory of Donald R. "Don" Glenzinski



Pam & Bob Holeman - December 28, 2017 at 08:37 AM

PZ

“ Our of sincere condolences to all of you. Don was a good Husband, Father, Grandfather and Friend to all. This is how we will remember him always.

Paul, Cheryl and Jeff Ziemer

Paul Ziemer - December 27, 2017 at 11:35 PM

BO

Don was the best husband, father, grandfather and friend I was blessed to know him and Sue and the girls. I started knowing them after Gena was born. She came to my daycare as an infant. Don always said I made a little hillbilly out of her. 😊 May you Rest in Peace my friend. Love and prayers to Sue and the girls and family.

Barbara Orr-Clarke - December 28, 2017 at 10:18 AM

DW

Don, you don't have to drink all the beer in heaven in just a few days..... You were a true friend and a great human being. You, Sue and the girls use to say prayers nightly for me...It's my turn my friend.....

Dave West - December 28, 2017 at 09:13 PM

SO

So sorry for your loss, Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Steve and Cindy Odom

Stephen Odom - December 31, 2017 at 11:18 AM