



Donald Mau

March 19, 1929 - March 23, 2019

Donald Mau (age 90), a lifelong resident of the Bonfield area died on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Miller Health Care Center in Kankakee. Visitation will be on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, Kankakee and on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 from 10 a.m. at the Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church until the 11 a.m. funeral service. Burial will be in the Bonfield Cemetery.

He was born March 19, 1929, the son of Edward and Bernice Kirchner Mau. Edward died in 1930 and Bernice later was married to George Marth. Donald is also preceded in death by his mother Bernice and step father George, brothers Dale and Duane, and half-brother Owen Marth. Donald's wife, the former Dolores Jean Osenga whom he married August 26, 1950 in Bradley is also deceased.

He worked at Home Appliance and Heating Company for 43 years as a plumber and heating and air conditioning installer. He served in the US Army 176th Field Artillery Division from January 8, 1951 to October 9, 1952 during the Korean War. He also served on the Herscher School Board for 20 years and was a lifelong member of the Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church. He was an avid collector of tools, gasoline engines, old toys, antique tractors, native American Indian artifacts and countless other items. He was active for years in the Old Tyme Farm Show in Bourbonnais and displayed his

collection of restored David Bradley farm tractors and equipment there annually. He was a hard working craftsman, handyman, repairman, artist, friend, and family man.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Terry Meyer of Bonfield, and Debby and Van Bitner of Mason City, IL; one son and daughter-in-law Randy and Judy Mau of Bonfield; seven grandchildren, Aaron Meyer (Amy), Aimee Simbeck (Doug), Laura Sackett (David), Carra Mau-Bridges (Jesse), Jacob Mau, Reid Bitner (Joyee), and Claire Bitner (Ryan); and sixteen great-grandchildren; five sisters-in-law, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to Kankakee Valley Hospice or the Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL 60913

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church
348 E. Smith
Bonfield, IL

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church
348 E. Smith
Bonfield, IL

Tribute Wall



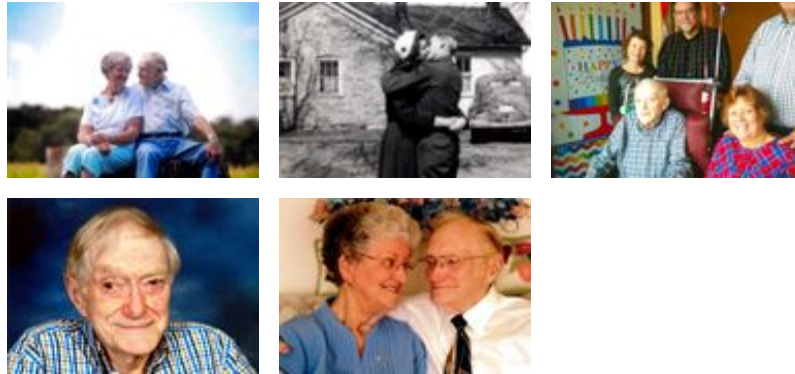
“ *We send our condolences.* ”



Debbie (Howell) Guerra & Trudy Howell - May 04, 2019 at 03:49 AM



“ *62 files added to the album Life Tributes* ”



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - April 01, 2019 at 11:48 AM



“ I was just thinking of Mr Don the other day. Wondering how he was doing. So sad to hear of his passing. I always looked forward to our times together, reading to him, whatever we could find he enjoyed. I was so glad that I got to finish the series we started, and i had found the rest of the series at the library. He sure enjoyed our time too. He remembered the books and the characters every visit. He told me how he made those little nuts and bolts characters too. They are something to look at. Unbelievable art work. Mr Don you will be missed. My condolences to the family. Thank you for letting be a part of his life. Rest easy Mr Don.

Tina VanVleck - March 31, 2019 at 02:20 AM



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Tina VanVleck - March 31, 2019 at 02:17 AM



“ I use to clean for don at Westwood a few years ago enjoy our weekly talks he was a beautiful barn drawer jackie

jackie withaft - March 29, 2019 at 03:19 PM



Thank you Jackie. You were so good to Dad....thanks so much for that!

Linda L Meyer - March 30, 2019 at 01:54 AM

JP

“ Don was without a doubt one of the nicest persons I've ever meet. Always smiling friendly to all, and an example that we all should emulate. May his family be comforted, and may he rest in peace.

Jim Puswaskis - March 27, 2019 at 05:56 PM

LM

Jim... thank you so much for those kind words about our Dad. He was a great example for us kids growing up. He taught us so much about life and work and respecting others, and faith and so much more. We'll miss him dearly. Thank you for thinking of us and our need for comfort at this time. Linda (Mau) Meyer

Linda L Meyer - March 30, 2019 at 02:12 AM

HM

“ I will forever cherish our daily talks when I was working. We spent alot of time talking about family, neighbors, arrowhead hunting, and life while he was growing up. I loved hearing every bit of his history, the bits that made the man I had the privilege of caring for. They say not to get "attached" to the residents we care for, but it just happens sometimes. Rest easy my friend. ❤️ much love to his amazing family.
Heather

Heather McAndrews - March 26, 2019 at 07:18 PM



Thank you Heather. You are his friend💜 and ours too. Thank you for caring for him.

Randall Mau - March 28, 2019 at 11:56 PM

LM

Heather....you were always so sweet to Dad. You always took time to visit with him and show him some love! We are so grateful that he had you to care for him. You went over and above when it came to help him with all his tasks on a daily basis. Like Randy stated ... you were his FRIEND, and you were also a blessing to us, his kids. We love you for your kindness and compassion for him in his time of need. Love.... Linda (his oldest). God bless you Heather

Linda L Meyer - March 30, 2019 at 02:06 AM

CC

“ *So sorry to hear of Donald's passing. He sounded like a great dad and all-around great person. It's so hard losing parents. We'll be praying for peace for Randy and Judy and the whole family and a glorious reunion one day in heaven!*

*Sincerely,
Charlie and Diane Cooke*

Charlie and Diane Cooke - March 26, 2019 at 04:01 PM