



Donald Henry Packard

July 26, 1927 - April 23, 2025

Donald Packard passed at the age of 97 on April 23, 2025. He was a proud Navy veteran and dedicated journeyman with Commonwealth Edison. He passed away peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, quiet strength, and a kind heart that touched all who knew him.

Don served his country honorably in the United States Navy, embodying the values of service and discipline that he carried with him throughout his life. After his time in the military, he committed himself to a long and steady career as a journeyman with Commonwealth Edison, where he was known for his reliability, craftsmanship, and deep sense of responsibility.

Beyond his professional and military accomplishments, Don was a man of great warmth and generosity. He had a good heart – steady and steadfast – and was always ready to lend a hand, share a laugh, or offer a word of wisdom.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Lee Packard and Audrey Rodgers Packard. He is lovingly remembered by his children Donna Montgomery and Charles (Linda) Packard; his grandson Jonathon and Jonathon's wife Julie; and his beloved great-grandchildren, Addison and Logan. Don also leaves behind extended family, John (Jan) and Robert (Carol) Rodgers, Leann (Jim) Hollywood and Carol (Fred) Schultz and grandchildren, to whom he was a caring and respected stepfather and friend.

Donald Packard will be missed dearly, but his memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. His legacy of integrity, kindness, and quiet

courage will not be forgotten.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial visitation will be held from 11: a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Graveside service with Military Honors will follow immediately at Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Kankakee.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

BH

“ Don was my dad’s best friend- Don was also a good friend of mine. We would talk about battleships and various other navy ships and we could talk for hours.
Rest in peace my friend, your watch is over.

Bill Horn - October 29, 2025 at 12:02 AM

PW

“ Dan was always a welcome customer at Joe’s Automotive. He came in with a smile, a cute joke and a pleasant personality.
Oh God bless him and keep him.



Pat Ward - July 06, 2025 at 10:42 AM

CB

“ You’re loved and missed, Grandpa. Give a big hug and kiss to Grandma and Aunt Carol. ❤️



Candi Brenneisen - July 04, 2025 at 12:34 AM

CM

“ *Rest in peace Don. Knew you thru my days at Public Service/ComEd. Always had a smile & a joke. You worked with Clarence back in the day, & we were married in 2010. You join him now with the angels.*



Cathie (Sederstrand-Bergan) Miedema

Catherine Miedema - July 03, 2025 at 10:47 PM

JR

“ I first met Don when he was dating my mom, Audrey. I didn't take to Don right away as I couldn't imagine anyone taking my own dad's place but as time went on I found him to be very kind and loving to my mother. He was also very patient with me, giving me space to get accustomed to him. I found out how much of a loving and caring person he was and how much love he showed towards me. I eventually realized how lucky I was, having the love of two Dads. After my own father passed away I considered and called him Dad. My wife Jan and I were blessed to have Don in our family's life. He did so much for us as well as our children. Don was the only grandpa they ever knew and he loved them like they were his very own. He and my mom went to all three girls sporting events from 1992 to 2001. They both would even come to watch me umpire girls softball games at BBYSL. Who does that unless they love someone enough to spend that much time traveling. Just like all the trips to Niagara Falls, the Football Hall of Fame and of course the USS Alabama. The girls still talk about how fun it was to watch grandpa telling complete strangers how he used to work the controls in Engine Room 1 of The Big A. All those people he talked to the day we were there, telling them what he did on board ship, I'm not sure who was more excited, Don or those onlookers. Jan and I loved Don immensely and we miss him terribly. I can only say I look forward to sometime in the future meeting up with my two dads and sharing a cold beer together! Job Well Done Sailor!

John and Jan Rodgers - July 03, 2025 at 09:21 PM