



Donovan Robards

March 18, 1940 - August 21, 2008

Donovan Robards -- Bradley Visitation for Donovan "Don" L. Robards, 68, of Bradley, will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday. The Rev. Lance Hurley will officiate. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery, Bourbonnais. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley or for lung cancer research. He died Thursday (Aug. 21, 2008) at his home. Mr. Robards worked at Panozzo Furniture in Northfield Square mall, formerly worked as groundskeeper at the Kankakee River State Park and was retired from Manteno State Hospital. He was born March 18, 1940, in Manteno, the son of Dale and Helen Ashmore Robards. He was a member of the Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Bradley Moose Lodge and Kankakee Elks. He was a graduate of Bradley-Bourbonnais Community High School and attended Murray College, where he played basketball. He coached basketball for 10 years at St. Joseph Grade School. He enjoyed golf, his children and grandchildren. Surviving are his wife, the former Ruth Beach, whom he married Aug. 21, 1960, in Kankakee; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kevin and Beth Robards of Bradley, Don and Carrie Robards of St. John, Ind.; one daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Rick Dunbar of Manteno; seven grandchildren, Emily Dunbar, Brad Dunbar, Ally, Jessica and Luke Robards, Rachael and Amanda Robards; and several nieces and nephews, including Brett Lindgren of Chebanse and Bryan Lindgren of Martinton. His parents and one sister, Pat Lindgren, are deceased.

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“ *Donnie will be missed. ĩ½Used to see him at the Mall. ĩ½He was a very pleasant person whenever we saw him. ĩ½You and your family have our sympathy.##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##*

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“ *NULL##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##*

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“ *My deepest sympathies to the entire Robards' family. ĩ½You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I consider myself truly blessed to have been able to call Don my friend. ĩ½The world will never be the same and he will be TRULY missed.##imported-begin##Susan Horrell##imported-end##*

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“ Im so sorry to hear about Big Don's passing. I thought the world of him and your whole family. Growing up was made much funner being over at your house. I thought of it as my second family and you all always treated me as such. I learned alot about friendship and family from being at your house during ĩ½summer vacations. My fathers birthday was on the same day as Don's passing. It was a hard day for my mother and I to cope with. She was very, very sad to hear about your loss. I know that the closeness of your family will help with the loss of such a wonderful person. I remember Big Don joking with me every time I saw him growing up and teasing me in a kind way just as he did with his own kids. It meant alot to me. I will never forget him. I will never forget about any of you. The Tison family is praying for all of you. LOVE YOU GUYS!
GARY###imported-begin###Gary and Lori Tison###imported-end##

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I wish his family my deepest condolences. ĩ½Don was a great friend and buddy.###imported-begin###Edwaerd "Skip" Moersch###imported-end##

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“ I am sorry for tour loss###imported-begin###D'Arcy Ballinger###imported-end##

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“ I remember Don playing playing baseball at LeVasseur Park in the 1950's. Don was a tireless volunteer for Charities and worthy political candidates. My Condolences to his family. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Steve Randazzo##imported-end##

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“ Kevin, Beth, Jessica, Ally and Lucas,

We are so sorry to hear about your dads passing. Just know he is in a much better place now, feeling no pain. I have prayed to my dad asking him to show him around heaven!! I know how much this hurts and if we can do anything please let us know. Jeanie, Steve, Hannah and Alli##imported-begin##Jeanie & Steve##imported-end##

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“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss, I can completely relate to it. Just remember...only the good die young. Love and mis ya, Denise##imported-begin##Denise(Dunbar) Varner##imported-end##

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“ noon hour at bradley central grade school my class mats and I use to watch Don, Harold, Rosie, bobby, mike, mel play baseball. we would all root for our favorite player which was Don. I will miss him.##imported-begin##joseph lawrence##imported-end##

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“ Ruth, i½ am so sorry to hear about Don's recent death. i½ know he has been fighting his illness for a while. i½i½ am now in Georgia and am sorry I can not attend his services. i½ have you Kevin and Donnie in my prayers.

Shirley###imported-begin##Shirley###imported-end##

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“ You have my deepest sympathy.A friend from long ago

 Al Smith###imported-begin##Allen smith###imported-end##

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“ Don told it like it was and always left us smiling. All through a short time in Jaycees and a long time in Democrats, we enjoyed you both.

Our love and sincere condolences.###imported-begin##Bob and Toby Olszewski###imported-end##

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“ RUTH AND FAMILY,

WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW SORRY I WAS

TO HEAR ABOUT DON'S PASSING.YOU AND THE KIDS ARE IN MY THOUGHTS.TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS.

LINDA DUFF

###imported-begin##LINDA DUFF###imported-end##

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“ Ruth and Family,

We were saddened when we heard the news of Don's death. I noticed that he died at home and that you wanted any donations be made to Hospice. We had occasion to use them when my mom died in March, and our family felt that they were angels of mercy. I hope your experience was as favorable. You are definitely in our prayers.

God bless you all.
##imported-begin##Tony and Shirley Swain##imported-end##

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“ I forgot to say that I graduated with Don and will miss seeing him at the reunion. Again, we're sorry for your loss.
##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathy goes to you all right now. Kevin, your dad was a fixture at BBCHS main gym on bball nights for so many years. That is the image I shall always have of him in my mind. He was a wonderful man and I am so sorry for your tremendous loss.
##imported-begin##Beth Kirkman##imported-end##

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“ I knew Don from working at Ruby Tuesday, he was one of a kind. He would come over in the mornings and get his lemonade or a glass of ice. He had the best jokes ever, he will be greatly missed by all of us at Ruby's. He was a great man and had a sense of humor that no one can replace.
##imported-begin##Teri Hinshaw##imported-end##

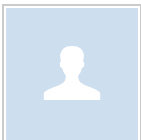
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“ Don & my brothers Jim, Jerry & Jack Roberts hung out together in their younger days. Don's personality was so, every one around him was a friend. Even annoying little sisters.

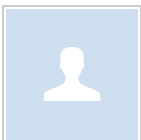
I will keep you all in my prayers.

I'm so sorry for your loss.

We are all on this journey called life, Not all of us leave such warm memories as Don's. I haven't seen him in 30 years or so. He will meet up with Jim & Jack again, in Heaven.

##imported-begin##Susie (Roberts) Glen##imported-end##

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“ Kevin & Family,

My family and I would like to pass along our deepest sympathies in the loss of your father, grandfather, and husband. ĩ½Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. ĩ½

Sincerely,

Justin Zajc & family.##imported-begin##Justin Zajc##imported-end##

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