



# Donald Ray Bailey

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**D**onald Ray (Don) Bailey died on January 14, 2022 at the age of 89. Don was born in the 700 block of Fourth Street in Mt. Carmel Illinois on March 20, 1932, the son of Hallen (Bill) and Ethel Biddle Bailey. He attended Berry School and graduated from Mt. Carmel High School in 1950.

Don's life was forever changed when a beautiful brunette invited him to accompany her to the high school's 1950 Masque and Gavel banquet. The girl was Betty Joyce Leach and the date would eventually lead to a lifetime of happiness for Don and Betty in Virginia. They married on January 1, 1952.

Don had a thirty six year civilian career in Washington D.C. as a Budget Analyst and Financial Manager with both the Army and Air Force which included a two year stint in the Army from 1952 to 1954. He worked at the Pentagon for twenty five years during the Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. Exciting times which culminated with his retirement in March 1987. Betty worked as a secretary and librarian until the children came along.

Don and Betty had 60 wonderful years together until Betty passed away in 2011 after a twelve year battle with cancer. They had four children, Doug, Greg, Nancy and Debra. Don was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son Doug and grandson David. He leaves behind five grandchildren, Dan, Sam, Carrie, Mary and John and five great-grandchildren, Jaycie, David, Colson, Kinsley and Emmalynn. Also a brother, Harold (Bunk) Bailey and wife Phyllis, nieces, Georgia King and Shirley Graetz, all of Mt. Carmel, niece and nephew Billy and Jennifer Lucas in Virginia and a close cousin Betty Dillard in Evansville, Indiana.

Interment and memorial will be private.

An online guestbook and tribute wall are available at [www.foundandsons.com](http://www.foundandsons.com)

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



# Tribute Wall

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**John Bailey** shared 6 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Grandpa, I will sorely miss our visits together and long conversations about politics. I could talk to you about anything under the sun and I will sorely miss that and you. All you talked about the past 11 years was how much you missed Grandma, who I remember you affectionately calling "Boss", and now you're right next to her - that's all you wanted in this world. Until I see you again, friend. John



January 18 at 10:13 AM



**Marilou Barlett Hering** January 22 at 5:43 AM

Loved being around Ethel Bailey and Helen Brown, memories of Bunk and family floating down the Wabash. Didn't know Don, prayers for the Bailey family during this time.



**Nancy Ellen Snow Whitten** January 21 at 8:34 PM

I'll never forget when Don, Betty and the kids would come to Mt. Carmel to spend time with Ethel Baily, Don's mother. We lived across the street on the corner. We are the Snow kids. Nancy, Verlin, Rick, and a Lenes. It was always a fun time. I mostly knew Doug as we had a crush on each other when we were teen agers. We would send letter and tapes back and forth. I was so sorry to read of his passing. Prayers for your family as you have the service for Don. Sounds like they had a wonderful love story. Nancy Ellen Snow Whitten



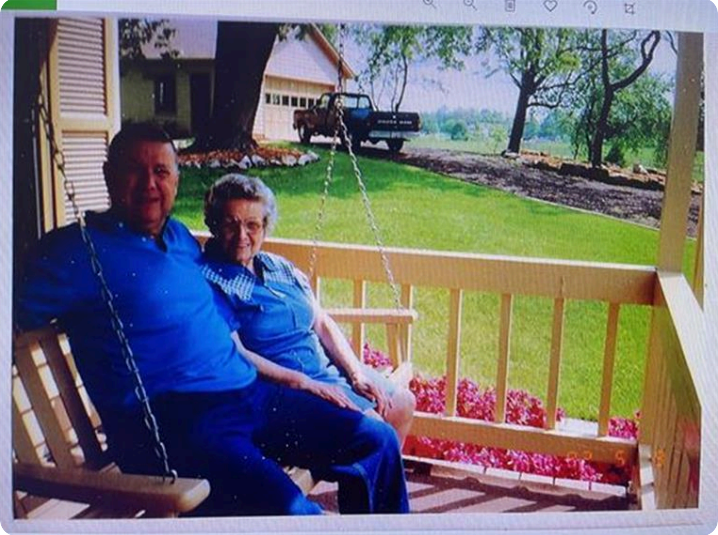
**Bunk And Phyllis** January 21 at 3:23 PM

Prayers for family 🙏 You will always be missed, loved and in our hearts..



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Grandpa & Great Grandma At Chesterfield



Grandpa & Dad Building Pole Barn At Chesterfield



Grandpa Painting Chesterfield



Grandma & Grandpa and Great Grandma At Oakton



# Media

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Me, Grandpa & Dad At Mountain View



Grandpa, Great Grandma & Uncle Bunk At Chesterfield



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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