



Donald "Don" Garbe, Sr.

November 23, 1936 - June 26, 2018

Donald D. "Don" Garbe Sr, age 81, formerly of St Wendelin's Parrish, Fostoria Ohio, passed away in his Manassas, Virginia home on Tuesday 26 June 2018. He was preceded in death this year by his beloved wife of 57 years, Jean Garbe and their beloved pet dog Mitze. He is survived by his daughter Laura Major of Syracuse NY; his son Donald (Jeneen) Garbe Jr, of Ottawa KS; his son David (Urai) Garbe of Manassas VA; his daughter Lisa (Ronald) Yoder of Toledo OH, including eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many extended family members.

Don was born on a farm in rural Belgium, Holy Cross, Wisconsin. After his high school graduation in 1955, he joined the U.S. Air Force and served for 20 years including a yearlong tour in Vietnam (66-67). Upon his retirement from the Air Force in 1977; he transitioned back to the birth state of his bride; Ohio and continued to excel in his career as a medical records coder for Fostoria's Edgewood Manner and Good Shepherd Homes; ultimately culminating his career at Blanchard Valley Hospital in Findlay, Ohio. After his 'final' retirement he enjoyed travelling, being with family, gambling, and shopping.

He was predeceased by his wife, his father Paul, his mother Katie, and brothers Fredrick and Paul. Don will be interned in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. As a life member of both the VFW and DAV, in lieu of flowers or gifts, the family requests you gift a veteran's program of your choice.

Tribute Wall

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“ *It's hard to share a memory of Don without it including Jean! One of the coolest couple I've ever known. Don was a hard worker, dedicated and supportive husband and his commanding presence was always pleasant. I am so sorry for your loss. Losing both parents so quick is not an easy thing but knowing they are together must be comforting. My deepest sympathies.*

Helen Bateson - June 30, 2018 at 08:36 AM