



## Donald E. Jourdan

December 15, 1931 - February 19, 2025

We share the peaceful passing of Donald Edward Jourdan. Donald was born on December 15, 1931, at his Tekoppel home on the Westside of Evansville to Edward and Edna (Reicken) Jourdan. Don joined his wife in heaven on February 19, 2025, after a brief hospitalization at Deaconess Midtown.

Don lived his entire life on the Westside of Evansville. He had just celebrated his 93rd birthday. He and his wife, of 70 years, Mary Rita (nee) Taylor were married on April 15, 1953, at St. Paul's UCC and were lifelong members of the congregation until its closing. He became a member of Zion-Lippe Church in Posey County after Mary Rita's death in 2023. Don built their home in 1956 within walking distance to her parent's home. Don graduated from F.J. Reitz High School in 1951. After graduation he became a Sheet Metal tradesman and retired from J.E. Shekell, Inc. He was a lifetime member of Sheet Metal Workers Local 20. He also served in the US Naval Reserves during the Korean War alongside his best friend and brother-in-law Charles Zeller.

Beside his love for his home and yard, he loved all sports, especially Reitz High School football, the USI and U of E basketball teams and Kansas City Chiefs. Don knew no strangers and drove his little red truck everywhere. It was usually parked in front of the Panera Bread or Donut Bank on the westside. He valued his conversations and coffee with his morning friends, especially KiKi at Panera Bread.

Donald is survived by two daughters, Donna (Curt) Voges and Carolyn Finke; and his four grandchildren, Alex and Caroline Finke and Grace and Rob (Kelli) Voges. Additionally, he was loved by his sister Mrs. Charles Zeller and his nieces and nephews of the Zeller family.

The family would like to thank the dedicated care givers, doctors, nurses at Deaconess Hospital for the care they showed Don during his brief stay. Our family is especially grateful for the kindness and compassion of Stephanie Elms Moore.

Donations in Don's memory can be made to the Zion-Lippe Church, 9000 Copperline Rd E, Mt. Vernon, IN 47620

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. His interment will be in the Zachary Taylor National Cemetery in Louisville, Kentucky.

Condolences may be made online at [www.pierrefuneralhome.com](http://www.pierrefuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Zachary Taylor National Cemetery

Louisville, KY

# Events

Details are pending.

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Donna my deepest sympathies on the loss of your Dad. He always had a smile for me on Sunday mornings at church and I was so happy to see him at our new St. Paul's location a few months ago, as I had missed seeing him. He and your mother are enjoying their reunion. Karen Rayoum Daniel

Karen Rayoum Daniel - February 24, 2025 at 04:16 PM

KM

“ To the girls,  
I'm sorry to hear about Dad, such a nice man. Would stop in and visit sometimes when he was takin in the mail or cleaning up the lawn mower. Always kept the place up. As you know, I meet your family through some really nice people and always enjoyed the get togethers.  
Our prayers are with you and your family.

Kenny Mesker - February 22, 2025 at 12:18 PM

TC

“ To the entire family we are so very sorry for your loss. Growing up at St. Paul's and marrying there as well, we knew Don and Mary Rita very well. Don's humor and kindness will not be forgotten. Prayers for the entire family.

Tom & Lisa Conkling - February 22, 2025 at 09:48 AM

RB

Enjoyed seeing your dad when he joined us at Zion..always came in with a smile, got his coffee, a couple donuts and always a hug and how are you....will miss him...and his little red truck..

Rosie Bogard - February 22, 2025 at 05:25 PM

CP

“ I sat next to Mary Rita and Don at church. What a treat. Mary Rita had a beautiful voice and Don always had a Werthers to share. I know it was sweet reunion in heaven.

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**CONNIE PARKER** - February 22, 2025 at 08:57 AM

LS

“ I am an occupational therapist that worked with Mary Rita and then worked with Don after he had his pacemaker put in. He was in rehab during the fall festival and was so upset that it would be the first fall festival he would miss. I told him if he could decide on one thing that he wanted from there (he had a long list) that I would go and get it for him on my day off. He told me to choose between corn fritters or dumplings, but I ended up getting him both, and from the booths he knew the numbers of. The smile on his face when I brought those to him was worth every penny and something I will never forget. Don was a true gem and I am sure he is so happy to be reunited with Mary Rita.

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**Lauren Schmitt** - February 21, 2025 at 09:23 PM

KD

*To his girls*

*I'm so so sorry for your loss. Don will forever be my best friend as he called me. I was his secret Santa this year to see his face light up with joy to see so many Christmas gifts on one table just for him he didn't know what to say. I loved that man with all I had I assisted him daily with whatever he needed from fresh coffee to warming his oatmeal it making sure his sandwich was made fresh. I looked forward to him coming in daily he was my ray of sunshine and I was his we made each other smile as we swap stories daily on what was happening I have been a caregiver for the last 30 years and I told Don I said now Don when you ready for me to take care of you you let me know. I knew he had Stephanie as well but when she wasn't there I offered to come assist him he was just the other love of my life and I always wanted to make sure he was okay. Love u friend Kiki*

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**Kiki Davis** - February 24, 2025 at 07:50 AM



*Thank you for taking time to write such fond memories of our Dad. He spoke of you often and YOU were his favorite breakfast companion! Thank you for all you did for him.  
Donna & Carolyn*

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**Carolyn Jourdan** - February 24, 2025 at 08:41 PM

DS

“ *To his daughters,*

*I am so sorry and so sad to hear of the passing of your Dad. I knew your Mom from Mead Johnson and your Dad from Clabber League. They were an awesome couple and talked about you two a lot. I wish I could have one more Clabber Game with Don. Praying for comfort for all his family and friends.  
Donna Schmitt*

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**Donna Schmitt** - February 21, 2025 at 03:56 PM

KN

“ So sorry for your loss. I know Don and Mary Rita from the Aces games. Wonderful people. They were meant to always be together.

Karla Nelligan - February 21, 2025 at 09:46 AM

SE

“ My condolences to the family. Don was a great friend to my dad (Vernon Taylor Saam). I always wanted to get them together one last time before Mary Rita left the Earth but time ran out on us. I know they're all up in heaven now having the best reunion. I'm so very sorry for your loss. Jesus has him now. Love, Sheila Saam Evans



Sheila Saam Evans - February 20, 2025 at 05:36 PM

KC

“ Carolyn and Donna I am sorry to hear about your Daddy. I remember the visits to your house or at my Mom and Dad's it was ions ago. I would hear how your Dad was doing through my Dad Vernon (spike) Saam up until he passed in May. I know he is now with your Mom celebrating!  
Kimberly Saam Cardwell and family

kimberly cardwell - February 20, 2025 at 05:04 PM

CB

Our sincere condolences to you, Donna and Carolyn. We had quite a number of mornings with your dad at Panera's. We loved his conversations and wit. He was so looking forward to driving his new red vehicle for us to see, but because of the bad weather, it didn't happen. He didn't want to get it dirty. His smile was captivating, and he will definitely be missed by us and all his coffee drinking friends. Love, Charlie and Carol Bone

Carol and Charlie Bone - February 21, 2025 at 06:20 PM