



## Gary Don Jellison

September 8, 1942 - June 20, 2024

Gary Don Jellison, 81, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Deaconess Hospital Gateway Campus.

Don was born September 8, 1942 in Cannelton, Indiana to the late Raymond W. and Ann Catherine (Storm) Jellison. Don worked as a general contractor and never stopped working. He built homes, nursing homes, Circle K service stations and banks in several cities in North Carolina and throughout Indiana. He served his country as a veteran of the United States Navy.

Surviving Don are his wife of 63 years, Judi (Kress) Jellison; three daughters and their husbands, Lorri and Joe Fritch, Elizabeth and Nate Scherry and Gwen and Brad Sermersheim; grandchildren, Kellan (Christina) Scherry, Konner (Chelsea) Scherry, Olivia Fritch, Tanner (Megan) Fritch, Owen Fritch, Hunter Sermersheim, Hanna Sermersheim and Lily Sermersheim; great grandchildren, Mason Jones, Camden Scherry, Sloane Fritch and two more on the way.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother, Raymond Jellison.

Funeral services for Don will be held at 4:00 PM on Sunday, June 23, 2024 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Doug Heiman officiating.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 PM until service time on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blue Grass Church, 14200 Petersburg Road, Evansville, IN 47725.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **23**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home  
2601 West Franklin Street  
Evansville, IN 47712  
(812) 423-6471  
info@pierrefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.pierrefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gary Don Jellison*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 23, 2024 at 08:38 PM



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Don Jellison*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 23, 2024 at 05:17 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I ran into Nate today at the golf course and he told me. I would have been there if I had known. He fixed my cellar when the flood waters caved it in but my best memories were the early morning times at Cambridge. We were always right behind you and it was golf as it should be played. I am so glad I had some time on this earth that I got to spend with you guys. He was a special person and will be dearly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Rick Johnson*

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**Rick Johnson** - July 30, 2024 at 05:59 PM

KH

“ I live in Owensboro now, and just happened to be going through Evansville obituaries and saw this one of Don. My heart is sad to learn of his passing. He was a ray of sunshine to everyone that he met and was a wonderful father to his daughter Liz, that I had the privilege of working with for several years by the family, cherish his legacy



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**Karen Hinman** - July 02, 2024 at 01:44 PM

EL

*Thank you so much karen*

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**elizabeth** - July 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM

MA

“ When we moved into our new home in the Cambridge Golf community in 2022, the first person we met was Judi Jellison. She welcomed us with a homemade dessert, as I think she did for almost everyone who moved into the neighborhood.

Judi was all around Cambridge, often on her 3 wheeled bicycle, which was surely one of the ways she stayed so fit and maybe the exercise helped her maintain such a sharp mind. Judi did not talk about herself much, but a lot about Don. We learned that Don was not as mobile as Judi because of a previous surgery he had. Judi was very proud of all Don's accomplishment, especially in the construction world, including building their beautiful home in Cambridge.

Don was very social, and although he didn't get around as well as Judi, she told us to stop by their house anytime that Don had the garage door open because it meant he was waiting for visitors. The door was open a lot, and many of us accepted the invitation. Since living in Evansville we have moved out of town to help babysit our 3 young grandkids. We will never have better neighbors or friends than Don and Judy Jellison and their family members that we were lucky enough to know.

Our love and sympathy to Judi and all her family and friends who are grieving the loss of Don.

Margaret and Ron Angermeier

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**Margaret Angermeier** - June 29, 2024 at 10:58 PM

EL

*Thank you for these kind words*

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**elizabeth** - July 14, 2024 at 08:42 PM

RW

“ JudyJellison , Russ and I are very sorry to hear of Don's passing. We just today got the message. He was good man and very hard worker. We worked with him on numerous occasions. Give our respects to your family. Russ and Linda Winkler Santa Claus, IN

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**Russ Winkler** - June 24, 2024 at 03:17 PM

EL

*Thank you*

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**elizabeth** - July 14, 2024 at 08:43 PM

DS

“ The “man of steel” has left all family and friends for a better place. I will miss our weekly talks and times that have been spent together over so many years. We have golfed, worked, baseball games, bar hopped and spent so much time enjoying life as friends. You will never find a guy as great as Don. Prayers to Judi and all whose life he has touched. Your friend, Dean

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**Dean Stein** - June 23, 2024 at 10:24 PM

EL

*And what a great friend you were to him Dean. Thank you so much*

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**elizabeth** - July 14, 2024 at 08:43 PM

RS

“ Today, I am saddened by the loss of a very dear friend. A man who was not just a friend, but a beacon of strength, dedication, and unwavering love. Don Jellison was a remarkable individual who touched the lives of all who knew him. His passing has left a void in our hearts that can never be filled, but his memory will forever be cherished and honored.

*Don was a man of exceptional intelligence and an unparalleled work ethic. Despite facing immense physical pain, he never allowed it to dampen his spirit or hinder his commitment to his responsibilities. He faced each challenge with unwavering determination, inspiring all those around him with his resilience and fortitude. Don's work ethic was a shining example to us all, showing us that true strength comes from within.*

*Beyond his work and perseverance, Don was a man who cherished his family above all else. His love for his wife Judy, his daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren knew no bounds. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, always putting their needs above his own and showering them with love and support.*

*To many of us, Don was more than just a friend; he was a pillar of reliability and support. In times of need, he was a steady presence, offering a helping hand or a listening ear without hesitation. His friendship was a rare treasure, bringing comfort and solace to those lucky enough to call him a friend.*

*As we say our goodbyes to Don, we take comfort in the belief that he is now in a place free from pain and suffering, surrounded by the love and light of the Lord. Though we will miss him dearly, we find solace in the thought that he is waiting for us in heaven, ready to welcome us with open arms.*

*Don, your memory will live on in our hearts forever. Your legacy of hard work, perseverance, and unwavering love for your family and friends will continue to inspire us each day. Rest in peace, dear*

*friend, knowing that you are loved, cherished, and deeply missed. Until we meet again in paradise, may God bless and keep you always.*

*With love and respect,*

*Rick & Monica Smith*

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**rick smith** - June 23, 2024 at 05:04 PM

EL

*Thank you so much Rick. I read your beautiful letter at the funeral service and felt honored to read your words aloud. I will forever treasure it.*

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**elizabeth** - July 14, 2024 at 08:45 PM



“ 44 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Pierre Funeral Home** - June 23, 2024 at 01:09 PM

SC

“ *I remember Don from grade school. And from living in Santa Claus. Hello Judi. Wonderful memories. Prayers to the family.*

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**sandra Collignon** - June 22, 2024 at 12:02 PM

EL

*Thank you Sandra*

elizabeth - July 14, 2024 at 08:47 PM

SY

“ *Don was a guy that would ask you how you are every time he saw you. He would offer to help in any way he could. He was a very meticulous about his work and very knowledgeable about his craft. Great man. My Condolences to Judy and the rest of family. God's peace be with you all.*

Sam Yeakle - June 22, 2024 at 11:39 AM

EL

*Thank you so much Sam for the kind words*

elizabeth - July 14, 2024 at 08:46 PM

TL

“ *Ted & Amy, Mark & Amy, and Kurt & Lynn planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gary Don Jellison.*

Ted & Amy, Mark & Amy, and Kurt & Lynn - June 21, 2024 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Don Jellison.*



June 21, 2024 at 01:54 PM



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**rick smith** - June 21, 2024 at 01:34 PM