



Donal Dean Curless

August 11, 1941 - August 23, 2016

Donal Dean Curless, 75, of Jacksonville, formerly of Havana, passed away at 8:06 p.m. on Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield. He was born August 11, 1941 in Bluff City, IL at the home of his parents, Harley and Ina (Farwell) Curless, who preceded him in death. On April 15, 1972, he married Marilyn Matthews, who survives. Together they cherished their children, Ryan, Matthew and Nicholas.

He was also preceded in death by brothers-in-law, Raymond Lawson and Burrell Lane, nephew, Brad Lane, niece, Kateena Lawson-Hicks and sister-in-law, Barbara Matthews McBride. Surviving are sons: Ryan (Anne) Curless of Plainfield, IL, Matthew Curless of Denver, CO and Nicholas Curless of Havana and three grandchildren, Liam, Erin and Finnegan. Also surviving are sisters: Donna Lane of Springfield, Wilma Lawson of Jacksonville and brother Jack (Margaret) Curless, of Havana.

A sports enthusiast, Donal was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Illini. An avid golfer, he loved the competition of 18 holes and the camaraderie of the 19th. While in the US Navy, he served as part of Beach Masters and participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis Blockade. Donal retired from the State of Illinois, Secretary of State Office.

A man of great integrity who was devoted to his family, he will be greatly

missed.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 27, 2016 at Hurley Funeral Home in Havana at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour prior to the services. Burial will follow the services at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Havana. Wayne Curless will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Foundation or 1st Baptist Church in Havana. Online memorial messages may be left for the family at www.hurleyfh.com.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Havana
217 North Plum Street
P.O. Box #648
Havana, IL 62644
(309) 543-2244
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

Funeral

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donal Dean Curless*

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ *Marilyn,*

I am so sorry for your loss. I am praying for you and your family.

*Sincerely,
Shellie McEvers*

Shellie McEvers - August 30, 2016 at 01:21 PM



“ *Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Donal Dean Curless.*



August 27, 2016 at 04:47 PM



“ *The Brendemuehl's, Michael, Eileen, Casadi, Carson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Donal Dean Curless.*



The Brendemuehl's, Michael, Eileen, Casadi, Carson - August 26, 2016 at 01:06 PM

JB

“ I always enjoyed playing golf and spending time with Donal. He was one of a kind. He will be missed. My deepest sympathy to all his family. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. May God bless.

Jason Barnes

Jason Barnes - August 26, 2016 at 11:04 AM

TR

“ Nick,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time. I hope all the fond memories you have of your dad will provide some comfort to you during this time.

Teresa Russell

Teresa Russell - August 25, 2016 at 08:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donal Dean Curlless.



August 25, 2016 at 07:05 PM

SB

“ Nick,
So sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.
Thinking of you,
Shelly Boster

Shelly Boster - August 25, 2016 at 11:38 AM



My sincere condolences to the family. Carolyn Hulvey Lutzke

Carolyn Hulvey Lutzke - August 25, 2016 at 08:46 PM

TG

“ *Tim Griffin lit a candle in memory of Donal Dean Curlless*



tim griffin - August 25, 2016 at 08:07 AM



“ *Robert Specketer lit a candle in memory of Donal Dean Curlless*



Robert Specketer - August 25, 2016 at 02:59 AM

FS

“ *From your friends and coworkers at Trimble Support purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donal Dean Curlless.*



From your friends and coworkers at Trimble Support -
August 24, 2016 at 05:22 PM