



## Donald Crafton

June 19, 1948 - June 8, 2025

Donald Crafton passed away peacefully on Sunday June 8th at his home in Osage Beach Missouri. His wife of 58 years, Janet Crafton (Koch), was by his side. Originally from Manito, Illinois, they moved to Osage Beach, Missouri in their retirement years.

Jan survives along with two children, Steve Crafton (Carolyn Crafton) of Geneseo, Illinois and Michelle Crafton (Scott Hofmann) of Marquette Heights, Illinois. Three grandchildren Jessica Bumbalough of Marquette Heights, Illinois, Elizabeth Gernant (Steven Gernant) of Andover, Illinois, Sophia Crafton of Coal Valley, Illinois and a step grandson Forrest Brewster (Mary Alice Brewster) of Indianapolis, Indiana. Five great grandchildren; Charli, Sully, Hollis, and Jase Bumbalough of Marquette Heights, Illinois and Zoe Brewster of Indianapolis, Indiana.

He began his career working at Caterpillar and taking night classes, eventually getting hired as a loan officer at CEFCU in Pekin, Illinois. Don helped CEFCU open many branches during his time at CEFCU, including locations in Lincoln, Illinois and Des Moines, Iowa. He became Vice President and retired after over thirty years of service.

Whether it be on the Illinois river during the early days or vacationing in the summer at the Lake of the Ozarks, Don enjoyed spending a great amount of

time on the water. As he taught family and friends how to swim, ski, or boat he made sure they developed a love and respect for the water. He always had a good time dove, rabbit, and goose hunting with his friends and family. After retirement he enjoyed taking his horse Sonny on trail rides at the Sand Ridge State Forest. He made a lot of good friends over the years and appreciated their smiles, conversation, and laughter throughout.

Don had a saying, "It's a sad day when you leave the Lake.". Sunday June 8th, a good man left the Lake.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Community United Methodist Church in Manito with Pastor Steve Oaks officiating, burial to follow at Meadow Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held the same day from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM also at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or the Manito Food Bank. Online condolences can be left at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com). Maas-Hurley Funeral Home in Manito is in charge of the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Meadow Lawn Cemetery

801 E. Meadow Lawn St.  
Manito, IL 61546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 14. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Manito Community Methodist Church - Manito  
109 S. Washington  
Manito, IL 61546  
(309) 968-6226

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Peggy and Gary Grossweiler go back a long way with Don and Jan. Peggy worked with Don at the Pekin mall CEFCU office. Don hunted and fished many times with Gary at Star Lake, Mn. Many laughs and stories still keep him with us. Rest well dear friend ❤️

Gary & Peggy Grossweiler - June 16, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Crafton.



June 13, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Crafton.

June 13, 2025 at 02:33 PM



“ Harold and Rosalind Dirks purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Crafton.



Harold and Rosalind Dirks - June 13, 2025 at 02:31 PM

HD

“ *Harold and Rosalind Dirks planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Crafton.*

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LH

“ *Larry and Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Crafton*



Larry and Mary Hundt - June 12, 2025 at 09:40 AM

HC

“ *Janet, Michelle and Steve. Herb and I are so sorry for your loss. Our times together were years ago but forever in our memories of younger days! We grew up together side by side in our homes so close. I'm sorry we will be unable to attend Don's funeral as we have an out of town commitment but please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Herb & Kathy Collins*

Herb & Kathy Collins - June 12, 2025 at 09:20 AM

SS

“ *Steve and Kim Singley lit a candle in memory of Donald Crafton*



Steve and Kim Singley - June 12, 2025 at 09:08 AM