



## Lyman "Don" D. Blessman

November 1, 1929 - March 7, 2022

Lyman Delmos (Don) Blessman, 92, of Havana IL passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Mason District Hospital. He was born November 1, 1929 in Bath IL to Lyman Henry Blessman and Mary Jane Wiseman. He married Jean Ellen Becker on June 3, 1950 in Taylorville IL. He is survived by three children, Gail K (Rex) Beard of Decatur IL, Diane E McGinnis of Havana IL, and Steven J Blessman of Havana IL, along with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Jean E Blessman, and his son Gary K Blessman.

Don graduated from Havana High School in the class of 1947, and joined the United States Army serving in the Korean War in the 15th infantry unit of the 33rd Division, receiving an honorable discharge as Sergeant 1st Class . He attended Bradley University on the GI Bill studying accounting and returned to Havana to found Don Blessman, Inc. in 1957, a real estate, insurance, accounting, and home building firm which he owned and operated for nearly 50 years. Noticing trends in larger cities around Havana, it became apparent to him that the community needed someone to develop tracts of land to be used to build homes in the area. Along with the financial backing of numerous local investors he became the primary developer of a number of subdivisions including Hickory Hills, Robinia Grove, Dorchester Estates, and Sherwood Forest. Don served as a past President of the Havana Jaycees, the Optimist Club, and the State Bank of Havana Board; and was a past member of the

Mason District Hospital Board. Ron Atwater, CPA, owner and operator of the Atwater Agency, became a business partner for several decades beginning in the late 60's through the 70's and 80's and was in charge of all aspects of the accounting and tax preparation operation of the firm. Ron also mastered the use of their Caterpillar Tractor bulldozer that was used to dig basements for the 50 or more Wausau homes they built and/or sold in the area.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Don requested that there be no funeral services, and that any Memorial Donations be made to the Havana Public Library or the First United Methodist Church in Havana in his honor.

Hurley Funeral Home in Havana is in charge of his arrangements.

# Tribute Wall



“ Lyman "Don" D. Blessman

October 12, 2022 at 03:07 PM



“ LOIS RUSSELL lit a candle in memory of  
Lyman "Don" D. Blessman



LOIS RUSSELL - April 01, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Craig Schaeffer lit a candle in memory of  
Lyman "Don" D. Blessman



Craig Schaeffer - March 16, 2022 at 04:34 AM



“ Gail, Diane, and Steve - I worked for your Dad many years and enjoyed our work family. When your Mom started working with us, I got the opportunity to get to know and care for her, also. You have all been in my thoughts and prayers especially during these last few difficult years. We have lots of good memories of both of your parents over the years, With much sympathy, Shirley & Dick

Shirley Lounsberry - March 15, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JC

“ *Julitta Carpenter lit a candle in memory of Lyman "Don" D. Blessman*



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**Julitta carpenter** - March 14, 2022 at 05:29 PM

MP

“ *Prayers for comfort for the family of Don and Jean; Many memories of them thru the years!*

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**Mary L Potts** - March 14, 2022 at 11:09 AM

ML

“ *Prayers and many memories of Don and Jean of many years! Mary I Potts!*



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**Mary LPotts** - March 14, 2022 at 10:58 AM

BM

“ *Steve, Gail, Diane and family,  
You have our sympathy.  
My parents were in the same class at school  
with yours, and we have heard some great  
tales. Your parents were fortunate to have you  
taking care of them.  
Becky Morgan*

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**Becky Morgan** - March 14, 2022 at 10:36 AM

MR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Don was such a kind and gentle man. We will be praying for you and your family.

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**Melissa Roat** - March 14, 2022 at 09:03 AM

CS

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Gary, my Dad, and I had some really good times together building basements. Craig Stephens

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**Craig Stephens** - March 12, 2022 at 12:35 PM

MS

“ I want to send my sympathy to Gail, Diane , and Steve. Sorrt to hear about your Father's passing. He and Jean were life long friends, and we had many great times together. Mary Lou Stephens.

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**Mary Lou Stephens** - March 12, 2022 at 12:28 PM

KM

“ Steve and family, We're so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. He was one of our bosses when we both worked at State Bank so many years ago. You have our sincere condolences. Kay and Steve Moehring

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**Kay Moehring** - March 12, 2022 at 08:23 AM

SB

Thank you Kay. I loved working with you, Rita, Kak, Debbie, Marty and Sherry at the bank years ago. I hope you are enjoying Florida.

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**Steve Blessman** - March 12, 2022 at 06:12 PM

NW

“ My sincere condolences to your family and friends. Don was a very nice guy, his wife Jean was a special lady! Years ago I rented one of the duplex houses there on Broadway st. I loved living there. May The Lord Bless Your Family and Friends 💕  
Nanc (Watson)Wilson



Nancy M Wilson - March 11, 2022 at 07:51 PM

ML

“ Melody Lynn lit a candle in memory of Lyman "Don" D. Blessman



Melody Lynn - March 11, 2022 at 02:50 PM

KR

“ Kim Russell lit a candle in memory of Lyman "Don" D. Blessman



Kim Russell - March 11, 2022 at 02:35 PM

AL

*My condolences too the family I am truly sorry for your loss*

Alan Iascelles - March 11, 2022 at 09:58 PM

JW

“ Don was such a nice man. I truly enjoyed him and Jean. We send our sympathy and prayers for the family.

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**Jeanne Wunderle** - March 11, 2022 at 02:24 PM

DM

“ Don and Jean were blessed friends of my parents, Bob and Norma Payne. He and my dad were lifelong pals and co-workers and I will always remember how kind he was to me. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. Havana has lost a great citizen. My prayers go out to you.

Fondly,  
Debi (Payne) McCarthy

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**Debi (Payne) McCarthy** - March 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM

SB

Thank you Debi. They all had a great run and enjoyed each other's friendship and the work they did together. The Blessman Agency would not have been the same without Bob Payne, along with Janet Roper, Helen Sarff, Shirley Lounsberry, and Rosemay Elks Watson. Thank you for this. They were proud and honored to have such dedicated, friendly, and honorable people supporting them. We should all be so lucky some day.

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**Steve Blessman** - March 11, 2022 at 07:05 PM

AH

So sorry to hear of your dad's passing. May he rest in blissful peace with your sweet mom, Jean. Love you!

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**Angie Hodgson** - March 13, 2022 at 09:43 PM

DW

“ Sorry for your loss. ❤️ Love and light ☀️  
*Deb and JI Williams*



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**Debra Wiliams** - March 11, 2022 at 09:56 AM

PS

“ *Patti Specketer lit a candle in memory of  
Lyman "Don" D. Blessman*



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**Patti Specketer** - March 11, 2022 at 05:09 AM

DW

“ *Sorry for your loss Our thoughts and prayers  
are with you and your family*



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**Dan and Chris Wilson** - March 10, 2022 at 07:46 PM

TU

“ *Traci Unruh lit a candle in memory of Lyman  
"Don" D. Blessman*



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**Traci Unruh** - March 10, 2022 at 06:05 PM

LC

“ *Lanette Crum lit a candle in memory of Lyman "Don" D. Blessman*



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**Lanette Crum** - March 10, 2022 at 06:04 PM

RN

“ *Sorry to hear of Dons passing. He was such a nice man.*



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**Rhonda Bricker Neeley** - March 10, 2022 at 05:39 PM

LT

“ *Sorry for your family's loss*



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**Lisa Jill Ulrich Thompson** - March 10, 2022 at 05:04 PM