



Donald Dean Hum

February 3, 1936 - August 14, 2010

Donald Dean Hum, age 74, formerly of Huntington, died at 11:47 a.m. Saturday (August 14, 2010) at St. Anthony Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Don was born February 3, 1936, the son of Walter and Madge (Wintrose) Hum, in Huntington County. He graduated in 1954 from Huntington High School and attended Morehead State College in Kentucky on a football scholarship. Don married Janice Lawler in Florida and she survives.

Don retired as a private security guard for various companies. He was a sales representative and manager for Western-Southern Life Insurance Company and, prior to that, an engineer with the Erie Railroad and meat manager for Bechstein's Super Valu, Huntington.

Survivors include his wife – Jan Lawler of St. Petersburg, Florida; one son – David Hum of Gulfport, Florida; two daughters – JoLene (Alex Genova) Hum of Huntington and Angela (Brian) DeLaGrange of Huntington; two stepdaughters – Julie and Jamie; two brothers – Douglas (Paula) Hum of Florida and David (Paula) Funk of Huntington; six grandchildren – Kortney Hum of Cincinnati, Ohio, Derek Wiedenhoeft of Orlando, Florida, Conner Wiedenhoeft, Jordan Wiedenhoeft, Isaac Wiedenhoeft and Sawyer Wiedenhoeft all of Huntington and six step grandchildren. His parents and sister – Diane Sue Funk, preceded him in death.

Visitation will be 10 - 12 p.m. Saturday (August 21, 2010), at the Bailey-Love Mortuary. The funeral service will be held at 12:00 p.m. Saturday (August 21, 2010) at the Bailey-Love Mortuary, with Pastor Jeff Carrell officiating. Burial will be in the Andrews Riverside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Helping Paws Pet Haven or the Huntington County Humane Shelter, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery (Andrews)

7351-7399 W. River Rd.
Andrews, IN 46702

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 21. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
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“ he would make it.....at least a couple of years longer. Don may not be here now in body to look after this last project, but he will still be here to direct, and point, and give instructions, (and silly gestures and remarks), from his spirit and heavenly existence above. His memories will never leave us.

Don was leaving Florida to start a new time in another beautiful place in the Finger Lakes Region. Don still loved Florida, and he would still want his loved ones to return to Florida and enjoy the beauties and memories that he enjoyed and shared while he was there. He would also want people to visit and help Janice in her new home. He talked about coming back to Indiana and Huntington seasonally to visit once he was established in New York. When he was here in Indiana only a month ago, Don said”that was back in the day,.....that was back in the day”, while he viewed pictures of the past of his family and friends. He was such a proud husband, father and grandfather and lover of all family and friends. We all need to remember,.... that now, Don can be all places at once,.... overlooking all of his family and friends as he relaxes from Heaven above. He will always be overlooking the streams of his creation and our love for him. He will forever be in our memories, and we will always love him and, never....., never....., never forget him. God Bless you Don.....the Conversationalist, Lover of Life and its Simplicities, and Sound Love and Connector of Family and Friends.....we will all miss you!

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Alex Genova - August 19, 2010 at 10:40 PM

“Don Hum was a great Conversationalist. He often times talked about his night duties as a security officer at Raymond James. He worked the night shift so it was not uncommon for him to make-up a large cup of coffee and talk into the night with his fellow workers. We always wanted to go back with him to see the artwork at Raymond James that he talked about, but we never made it. Maybe we will make it someday soon.....! He loved to tell stories and recall memories of the past. His memory was impeccable and the story unwound as it was released from his memory. Many times he would end the evening after eating at a Mexican Restaurant with family and friends, by carrying the conservations outside to the parking lot. The conversation went on, ... and on.....and on....and on.....

Don lived in Florida and loved Florida. He loved the climate and he loved making the daily rounds to his “spots”. He loved to drive his car around and make “stops” throughout the day. He would always have an agenda in his head that he would make-up the night or morning before, or sometimes he would just spontaneously get into his car and go somewhere. His drives across town entailed “stopping” by to see his good friend John who Don very much enjoyed talking to, (and who Don had lost in recent years and would often talk about this loss and how much it affected him).....or Don would drop-in on his son David and cousin Arden to see what the daily work-routine challenge was. He had his favorite coffee “stops” and restaurants, where there was always a familiar face that expected him and greeted him and took some time out of their day to have a brief conversation with him – (because he was such a likeable guy!). There were many people that saw Don through-out the years and week as he made his leisure and errand rounds. Don moved to Florida to enjoy life. The standard daily attire for Mr. Hum in his retirement years was a pair of shorts, with a comfy shirt tucked in, belt of course (but not always required), white socks and tennis shoes, all topped off with Don’s favorite baseball cap of the day. He was such a big kid at times....., but he was also a great thinker. He had learned to enjoy the simplicities in life that were important to him; coffee hour surrounded with the plants and his

pets in his atrium; thinking hour; an occasional Pepsi and the more than occasional Kent Golden Light; a car drive to a “stop” for a conversation; calls home to his family; or just simply returning home to spend time with his beloved wife Janice in their house on Jasmine Way. He loved watching baseball and relaxing in his bedroom at night, and he loved to cook-out on the grill. Don had learned to enjoy retirement. He and Janice had enjoyed many, many, many, enjoyable years of retirement in Florida.

Don always seemed to have a project or strategy going on even though he was retired. Over the years he had become very close to his friend John who often bought homes and remodeled them to re-sell or lease. Don started doing this on his own, and he was quite successful with many of his projects. He would carefully chart-out an idea in his head, and his imagination and thoughts became reality. He was such a great thinker, and he was not afraid to take a risk. He loved to play chess, and he loved casino games. He loved the strategy, and risk, and unpredictability that life had to offer, and he always strived for the upper-hand. Knowing fate was at hand, Don’s last project he started before his death was to build a small house in the Finger Lakes Region in New York, and the plan was for him and Janice to relocate up there very close to Jan’s sister. Unfortunately, this was the only project Don was not able to finish. He had been battling lung cancer, and he had decided to take the “risk” of radiation and chemo-therapy and “gamble” to try to prolong his life and slow the cancer growth. Don’s number one priority was to look after his wife Janice. He knew his children and grandchildren were ok. He was always so determined in what he did. Don was so positive, and we think he thought there was no doubt

Alex Genova - August 19, 2010 at 10:33 PM

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“ I will truly miss Don he has been in my life for 30 plus years. When I met my best friend Jolene I also gain another family that treated me like one of their own. Favorite times have to be when we would all go water skiing and Don would be so patience in pulling all of us. The trips to Florida were always spent with Don showing us around St Pete going to his favorite restaurants and hang outs. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family. So glad that we got to visit with him in July. I will always have a place in my heart for him,
Love, Cheryl (mrytle)

Cheryl Jerry Bolinger - August 18, 2010 at 09:01 AM

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“ Cheryl Jerry Bolinger lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean Hum



Cheryl Jerry Bolinger - August 18, 2010 at 08:55 AM

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Alex Genova - August 17, 2010 at 04:17 PM

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“ Alex Genova sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Dean Hum



Alex Genova - August 17, 2010 at 03:34 PM

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