



J. Donald Killen

November 5, 1922 - May 12, 2021

J. Donald Killen, 98, of Huntington, passed away at 5:27 am Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at his residence with family at his side.

Don was born November 5, 1922 in Huntington, IN to Jay R. and Lena (Woods) Killen. He graduated from Monument City High School in 1940 as Class President, playing basketball and baseball. He married Joyce Elaine Baker, daughter of Harry and Dorothy (Rockwell) Baker on May 7, 1949 in Lawrenceville, PA. Joyce preceded him in death May 7, 1957. On October 3, 1959 Don and Joan "Jo" Gaisford, daughter of J. Ivan and Ruth (Slagle) Gaisford of Wooster, OH. were united in matrimony in Huntington, IN. Jo preceded him in death October, 28, 2014.

Don was a lifelong grain and livestock farmer in Polk Township on the Centennial family farm raising horses, milk cows, hogs and a large sheep flock. He was a land conservationist involved with early no-till and minimum till methods with Purdue University. Don served on the Board of Directors for Mt. Etna Cemetery Association for over 50 years as well as Indiana Farm Bureau, Red Cross, Huntington College Trustees, Board of Zoning Appeals and Drainage Board. He was active in politics and supported the 4H and Boy Scouts. Don was a 75 year member of the Mt. Etna Masonic Lodge #333, a 53 year member of the Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite and a 50 year member of the Mizpah Shrine Temple. He attended Pilcher's Chapel United Methodist Church

and First Presbyterian Church Huntington serving as Deacon.

Don was lifelong adventurer, hunter and was known for his storytelling. Don was a private pilot owning two planes and an avid motorcyclist, traveling the continental USA, Canada, and Mexico with family and friends. His hobbies included engineering, carpentry, cookouts and watching his grandchildren's basketball, baseball and soccer games.

Survivors include his son, Daniel K. (Jessica) Killen; daughter, Kathy Wilson; son, M. Paul (Laura) Killen; daughter, Melissa (Ron Foreman) Killen, and daughter in law, Marilyn Killen; Fourteen grandchildren; Seventeen great grandchildren; and sister in law, Karen Irwin. He is preceded in death by his spouses, Joyce Elaine and Joan Killen; parents, Jay R. and Lena Killen, son, Kent Killen, son in law, Rex Wilson, brother, Merritt Killen, sister, Shirley (Killen) Pugh, sister in laws, Lorraine Price and Donna Moore, brother in laws, Don Irwin, Gene Price, Ed Moore and Russel Pugh.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am Monday, May 17, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Pastor Micah Mobley officiating. Masonic services will also be held during the Funeral service. There will be one hour of visitation prior to the service. Burial will be in Mt. Etna Cemetery in Huntington.

Preferred memorials in lieu of flowers may be made to the Mt. Etna Cemetery, Shriners Hospitals for Children or Pilcher's Chapel United Methodist Church, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com <<http://www.baileylove.com/>>.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of J. Donald Killen.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary
35 West Park Drive
Huntington, IN 46750
(260) 356-1710
wecare@baileylove.com
<https://www.baileylove.com>

Service

MAY 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

MAY 17 (ET)

Mt. Etna Cemetery
5515-5583 W. 600 S.
Warren, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this Video Tribute in memory of J. Donald Killen.*



Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary - May 16, 2021 at 04:12 PM

RP

Great tribute I'll always remember the times at the farm

Rocky Price - May 16, 2021 at 05:28 PM

KN

I always enjoyed seeing Don's familiar face at our auctions. He will be dearly missed.

Kurt Ness

Kurt Ness - May 17, 2021 at 07:32 AM

DF

“ *You had a long and full life. Your spirit lives on in the two grandsons we share.*

Don & Kathy Felten.

Don Felten - May 17, 2021 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ *MLF China Farms, MLF Midwest LP Dept., and Cesar purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of J. Donald Killen.*



MLF China Farms, MLF Midwest LP Dept., and Cesar - May 17, 2021 at 10:06 AM

TP

“ *Even though we were defiant mouthy and sometimes awful teenagers, you always showed restraint, understanding, love and respect. And for that Mr Killen, I loved respected you for accepting me and for caring enough about me to show how a father should be to a child. Always and forever in my heart. See you on the other side. Give Jo a big hug and kiss for me!* 💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕💕

teri palmer - May 16, 2021 at 10:30 AM

KT

“ *Sending sympathy to the family of Don Killen. So very sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed in our community out here in Polk Twp. We could always count on him attending our Monument City Alumni Banquets, usually with a story or two to tell as well. Again, so sorry for your loss & you will be in our prayers in the days ahead. Sincerely, Kathryn Fisher Trisler & family.*

Kathryn A Trisler - May 15, 2021 at 10:29 PM

MR

“ *Marcia Ruschhaupt lit a candle in memory of J. Donald Killen*



Marcia Ruschhaupt - May 15, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of J. Donald Killen.*



May 15, 2021 at 07:34 AM

DL

“ *So sorry Missy and Family! You spoke so kind of your father and the “coffee” times you shared. Prayers for all at this difficult time.*
Dan & Lisa Leeper

Dan & Lisa Leeper - May 14, 2021 at 02:45 PM

VF

*So sorry Killen family for your lose.
Loved to hear the stories Don told. He was filled with information and memories.
We are fortunate to have him as a friend, as you were to have Don as your father grandfather and great grandfather.p
Sincere sympathy.
Virginia and Mark Floyd.*

Virginia Floyd - May 16, 2021 at 11:05 AM

AK

“ *Missy, your dad had such an accomplished life! You must be so proud of him. I have a memory of being a very young girl and having my dad take me to the farm because he wanted to visit his cousin Don. I was pretty young at the time so I don't have a lot more memories than that, and as you know I had hoped to meet your dad in person one day, but I know that we will meet again. I hope our dads are in heaven right now, reunited with their ancestors and reminiscing about their childhood. :) You and your family are in my prayers. Your cousin, Anne*

Anne Kennedy - May 14, 2021 at 02:40 PM