



Donald James Kienast

January 8, 2018

Donald James Kienast, 85, passed away on Jan. 8, 2018. He was a native of Danville, Illinois, and retired from NNSY as an electrical engineer. Don was a Naval Veteran and a member of the Virginia Defense Force. He attended Sweethaven Baptist Church.

Don was predeceased by his wife Jacquelyne Kienast. He is survived by his son Frank Kienast.

Per his request a private burial was conducted at Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Meadowbrook Memorial Gardens

4569 Shoulders Hill Rd.
Suffolk, VA

Tribute Wall

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“ My deepest condolences to Don's family. I worked with Don for many years in the Crane Shop at NNSY. I learned a lot from Don and we became quick friends. He loved his family and spoke of them often. I learned pretty quickly though that Don was a quiet and private person. I think that that is why we got along so well. I was very fortunate to have been accepted into his world. He will be missed. RIP my friend.

Richard Hill

Richard Hill - January 17, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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Just heard about Don passing on. I first met him in 1991 in NNSY where we became car and history friends. He was a great friend and source of knowledge, whereby he loved to challenge both face and theory. A great guy and will be sorely missed.
Wayne Taylor

David W. Taylor - January 17, 2018 at 05:01 PM

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“ I remember as a kid growing up when Uncle Don would come home from the Navy and we would be so excited. He would play with us in Grandma's back yard on 1302 E Main Street in Danville Il

When he was discharged he came home with his seabag and it was very heavy. Unbeknownst to him his mates had placed a very large piece of steel chain link in the bottom of it as a joke! He found it when he unpacked.

I remember going to his wedding (in Stanwood Iowa) to Aunt Jackie. We drove all the way home after the wedding and didn't get back until about 6:00 AM Sunday morning. We kids wanted to skip church but mom made us go.

Aunt Jackie was a school teacher and I remember during one of their visits when I was very young she taught me a lesson about geometry (it had to do with area and perimeter of polygons). I still use that lesson today in my engineering work.

I remember when Uncle Don got his new 1963 Falcon. He was so proud of that car. I gave him a copy of the Motor Trend magazine that featured it. Many years later he gave the magazine back to me (inside the the car)!

Whenever Uncle Don would visit Mom and Dad on Virginia Street we would play ping-pong in the basement. The grown-ups would drink beer but we kids were not allowed to have any.

There were so many more fun times; I miss them. I was blessed to have him for an Uncle!

Dave Kienast
Danville, IL

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