

## Donald Ray Wheeler

March 15, 1935 - June 28, 2018

Donald Ray Wheeler, 83 of Huntington, WV passed away, Thursday, June 28, 2018 in the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House, Huntington, WV. He was born March 15, 1935 in Huntington, WV the son of the late, John Oliver and Nellie Bly Hicks Wheeler. He was retired from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, was a U.S. Marine Corp Veteran and was also a retired area Baptist Pastor having pastored many churches over the years. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two sisters, Sharon Baylous and Willa Wheeler; two brothers, James Arnold McCoy and Virgil McKinney McCoy. He is survived by his loving wife, Donna Gissel Wheeler of Huntington, WV; three sons, Donald Ray Wheeler II. (Valerie) of Lavalette, WV, Craig S. Wheeler of Knightdale, NC and Matthew Colt Wheeler of Proctorville, OH; two brothers, John Roger McCoy (Connie) and George Edmond MCCoy (Becky) all of Huntington, WV; grandchildren, Sierra, Seth, Maddison (Todd), Garrett, Jacob and Rachael. Funeral services will be conducted at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 2, 2018 at Henson and Kitchen Mortuary, East Pea Ridge Road, Huntington, WV with Pastors Pete Davidson and Ron Brewer officiating. Burial will be private at Ridgelawn Memorial Park, Huntington, WV. There will be no public visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Huntington and the Gideon's. Online condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.hensonandkitchen.com](http://www.hensonandkitchen.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Ridgelawn Memorial Park

5547 W. Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 2. 6:30 PM (ET)

Henson and Kitchen Mortuary and Cremation Services  
1592 East Pea Ridge Road  
Huntington, WV 25705  
(304) 736-8986  
[fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com](mailto:fredkitchen@hensonmortuary.com)  
<https://www.hensonandkitchen.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Ray Wheeler*

October 23, 2023 at 01:49 AM



“ *Donna, so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Please know our prayers are with you and the family.*

*Gary & Connie Maynard*

*Bob Perdue*

Connie Maynard - July 07, 2018 at 07:33 PM



“ *Donnie and family: I am so saddened to hear of the loss of your father. He had a tremendous impact on my life as a young boy growing up in Barboursville. He sort of took me under his wing when I signed up for Little League baseball. He knew I had lost my father when I was 7 years old. He not only was a great coach but he went beyond just coaching. He taught me to always do my best, give it my all whether in practice or a game or in life, be respectful of others, be considerate and treat others as you would want them to treat you, and believe in God. He still found time to search me out as I grew up and provided support when I lost two of my brothers. He was always so comforting. I know you are saddened by your loss, as I am, but I don't know anyone more prepared for this journey than your father. He is a great man and I know I am a better person just for the opportunity to have known him. Kenny Bumgardner*

Kenneth R. Bumgardner - July 02, 2018 at 11:07 AM

JB

“ Donna and family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. We have A LOT of memories of Don.  
From the youth group at Elmwood to sharing Bible prophecy with  
Dad. Don will always hold a special place in our hearts. Prayers for  
comfort for you all.  
John and Jennifer Bledsoe

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**Jennifer Bledsoe** - July 02, 2018 at 09:24 AM

BA

“ We will always have special memories and great love for Don.  
Some of our best memories of our kid's teen years were with Don  
and the Gospel 4 group at Elmwood! He loved all those kids and  
they all knew it. Will always appreciate him and his great service  
and witness for the Lord! Looking forward to seeing him again.

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**Barb & Jack Adkins** - July 02, 2018 at 08:24 AM

LJ

“ Don will always hold a special place in my heart. His love for the  
Lord and the children at Elmwood Baptist will always be  
remembered.

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**Lynda Jordan** - July 02, 2018 at 05:30 AM

JP

“ Donna and family, Don always put God and  
family first. He will be missed. He was a good  
friend to me.

Jack Patrick



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**Jack Patrick** - June 30, 2018 at 02:24 PM

DH

“ Donna so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Don was a great man & will be missed!



Dianne Hoover - June 29, 2018 at 03:48 PM

TN

Donna, I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I'll certainly be in prayer for all.

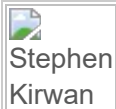
Terry Noble

terry noble - June 30, 2018 at 01:43 PM

BO

Little Leagued with Donnie back when in Barboursville...He was well respected, good coach, and a gentleman...Rest in peace "old friend."

BoRobinette - July 01, 2018 at 10:42 AM



Stephen Kirwan

Don was my Babe Ruth coach and turned us into champions. He was a great father, coach and roll model. Sympathies to Donna, Donnie and family. God bless - Steve Kirwan

Stephen Kirwan - July 02, 2018 at 08:25 AM