



## Donald Paul Bray

May 3, 1939 - September 19, 2014

Donald Paul Bray, 75 passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family, Friday evening, September 18, 2014, at his residence in Bloomington.

Donald was born in Tipton County, Indiana to parents Paul E. Bray and Juanita Mae Deckard Bray.

Donald was a 42 year member of The Free Mason, Green Lodge 577 F&AM, Worthington, Indiana. He was a retired construction survey engineer. Donald belonged to the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 841 and the Laborer's Union for several years. He was the lead surveyor for the land survey and layout of the Ford Motor Plant in Yipsilanti, Michigan, the G.M. Plant in Muncie, Indiana, the G.E. Plant in Franklin, Indiana, the Lilly Library on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington North High School, the new addition to the Bloomington Hospital and many other buildings around Indiana University as well as other buildings and projects in the States of Michigan, Kentucky, and Illinois.

Donald worked for Glenn Workman at the Indiana Dept. of Conservation on a geological survey team. He was employed by Huber, Hunt, and Nichols, and Weddle Brothers, Casey Corp, and Corlette Concrete.

He was owner and operator of Bray's Bait and Tackle Shop on Knightridge Road near Lake Monroe from 1967-1987.

He enjoyed hunting mushrooms, looking for arrowheads and Native American artifacts, boating on Lake Monroe, but most of all spending time with his family.

Donald was also known for his love of music, especially Bluegrass music. He was self taught and accomplished on the flat top and bass guitars, the banjo, mandolin, and harmonica. He could play just about any instrument placed in his hands. He was very talented and loved sharing his talent with others.

Donald is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia S. Hollers Bray, one son Donald Jeffrey Bray, three daughters Katrina (Kevin) Bottorff, Leisa (Jesse) Prince, Julie (Evan) Hardy; eleven grand children, eleven great grand children, his mother Juanita M. Deckard Bray, age 94, sister Patricia E. Payne (Richard), and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Paul E. Bray.

Donald was greatly loved by his family and friends. He will be terribly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Visitation for Donald will be held Tuesday September 23, 2014 from 5:00PM until 8:00PM at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory 4155 South Old Highway 37. Funeral services will be private.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).



# Tribute Wall

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“ *RIP pop ! you were loved !!!!*

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**shannon troxel** - October 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ *He will be greatly missed! Are Thoughts & Prayers are with the Family & The Brays...  
Rip Don...Connie, Raven, Rusty of Knightridge..*

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**Raven Richardson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ *The Bray family is a very special family to me! I am praying for all of you that God will comfort each one of you and give you all peace... One thing that might help you feel better is he is in perfect health now, and is in heaven with his dad and my mom and dad playing music! I love the Bray family and am praying to help you all get through this devastating time!*

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**Debbie Richardson** - October 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Jeff, we were sad to hear of your father's passing and want to extend our sympathy to you and your mother and sisters. Losing a parent is such a hard thing to accept. We hope your memories comfort you.*

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**Dave and Sharon Welch** - October 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Katrina,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I hope you are well.  
Take care.*

*Blessings,  
Shelly*

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**Shelly Brummett-Powell** - October 26, 2015 at 04:03 PM