



Donald Richard Bard

March 24, 1937 - July 30, 2014

Donald Richard Bard, 77, of Clearwater, Florida and Hudson Lake, Indiana, passed away peacefully on July 30, 2014, surrounded by his loving family. Faithful husband of Kathleen Bard for 47 years, dear son of Laurence and Ruth Bard, beloved brother of Lawrence (Annette) Bard and Roger (Carol) Bard, loving father of Richard Bard, Edward (Sandy) Bard, and Donna (William Wood) Bard, devoted grandfather of Christina, Melissa, Jordan, Michael, Angel, Kasha, Wylder and Isla, fond great-grandfather of Jaxon and Jace, and adoring uncle of many, many nieces and nephews.

Donnie, as he was affectionately known, was born on March 24, 1937 in Chicago, Illinois and worked as a Lineman Special for Commonwealth Edison for 37 years, where he always kept his coworkers entertained with his daily shenanigans. A lifelong jokester, no one who ever met him will forget his hilarious wit, the 'boops and the bops' and all the other Don-isms he used to amuse those around him. No one was ever in a bad mood when Donnie was around!

He was most happy in the kitchen, cooking a big pot of 'gravy' (spaghetti sauce), chili or soup and feeding an army of family and friends and half the neighborhood, too. All were welcome at Donnie and Kath's house and no one ever left hungry!

If he wasn't in the kitchen, Donnie could be found out in the boat

dragging around a bunch of 'brats' on the tubes or watching the ball game, which was his favorite pastime.

Donnie will always be remembered for his kind and giving spirit, patience, his sweet disposition, his infectious laughter and the strength of his character.

There will be a Memorial Mass at St. Christina's Catholic Church in Mt Greenwood and a Celebration of Donnie's Life in the coming weeks - the date and time are pending. Please log on to Donnie's Facebook page where the details will be posted as soon as the arrangements have been finalized. As an alternative, you may call 812-929-7436, to receive the recorded information.

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“ *I worked with Don at ComEd at the same Headquarters for many years & even attended a couple of Cub games together. He was always fun to work with. I'm sure he will be missed.* ”

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