



Garnet "Don" Kinser

April 23, 1943 - December 22, 2020

Garnet "Don" Kinser, 77, of Bloomington, passed away on December 22, 2020 at Hearthstone Health Campus. Born on April 23, 1943 in Bloomington, he was the son of Dale and Dorothy Ramsey Kinser. He lived in Bloomington and attended Smithville Schools. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves for three years, and was honorably discharged on April 24, 1963.

Don worked at Westinghouse in Bloomington after his discharged from the Reserves. He started as a mail clerk, moved to foreman, and was a purchasing agent when he retired in 1979. Don was an entrepreneur at heart while still working at Westinghouse he bought Laundro 46 in Ellettsville. He soon retired from Westinghouse and bought 17th Street Laundry in Bloomington. He stayed in the coin laundry business for ten years. While at the World's Fair in Knoxville, T.N., Don was attracted to the concession trailers, especially the funnel cake trailer. It did not take long before he was the proud owner of that trailer. He named it "The Sugar Shack". He said it was his hobby, his wife said it was work. During the time in the Sugar Shack, Don kept watching the ice deliveries. Soon he started researching the ice business. The next thing you know, he is designing a manufacturing facility, ordering ice manufacturing equipment, bagging equipment and delivery trucks. In March 1988 Arctic Ice Express and "The Iceman" made his first ice delivery. Don and his wife Pam operated that business for 10 years. They retired again and started wintering in Fort Myers, Florida. His last business

was self-storage warehousing which he built, and operated All Safe Self Storage located in Ellettsville. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing, and negotiating anything.

Don and Pamela Wray Kinser, were married on July 14, 1978 at Fairview United Methodist Church in Bloomington. They now worship with Ellettsville Christian Church.

Don was preceded in death by his father, mother, brother, Jackie; niece Kathryn; and granddaughter, Amanda Moranski.

He is survived by his wife, daughters, Lori Martin (Eric), Terri Kinser; two stepsons, Jared Trisler (Sarah), and Kevin Trisler (Erin); grandchildren, Jeremy Allen, Ryan Allen, Nolan Trisler, Georgia Trisler, Grant Trisler, Addison Trisler, and one great-grandson, Noble Allen.

Private family services will be held at Chambersville Cemetery in Spencer. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Parkinson's Association, The Alzheimer's Association. The family would like to thank the staff at Hearthstone Health Campus, and Heart to Heart Hospice for their love, compassion, and care of our Don. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Don was a smart man and not afraid to take an entrepreneurial risk. He always had a smile on his face. He is missed.*
Steve & Linda Knott

Steve Knott - December 29, 2020 at 08:26 PM

PB

I went to school with Don and Jackie

Paul brown - January 04, 2021 at 02:36 PM

BS

“ *Becky Self lit a candle in memory of Garnet "Don" Kinser*



Becky Self - December 28, 2020 at 09:34 PM

JD

“ *When Nolan was born, they would come to visit and it seemed as if I FINALLY got him to sleep and Don would go pick him up and wake him up! Play for a bit and once he started crying, would hand him to me and tell me it was time to go! Lol!! Prayers to all the family!*

jennifer duncan - December 26, 2020 at 09:48 AM

MD

“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing !!! He was such a special guy and a wonderful husband and father & grandpa !!! He always had a smile when we saw him !!! Our hearts are broken for Pam and Terri and the family !!! Sending big hugs and prayers for all of you and may God comfort and guide you through this journey !!! Love Marti and Jim Doering and family

marti Doering - December 25, 2020 at 12:54 PM

 C Larry Grubb

“ C Larry Grubb lit a candle in memory of Garnet "Don" Kinser



C Larry Grubb - December 24, 2020 at 04:04 PM

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“ Don was one of my oldest and best friend . Meet Don when he and Pam started in the ice business, and I think I was one of his first customers . I played lots of golf with Don, we had a foursome and played every week somewhere around Bloomington and then later in Ft Myers. Don was always the negotiator and new where the best deals where. In fact when we where looking to buy a place in Florida I received a call from Don telling me about this place in FT Myers Fl. (Heritage Palms Golf & County Club) I knew if Don had bought there, he had already checked it and it must be a good place.For many years Don & Pam and the Harrington's and Sharon and I meet every Friday night to go out to dinner and one of us would host for dessert and play Dominoes
What great memories, just glad I had the opportunity to have had Don as a friend

Larry & Sharon Grubb

C Larry Grubb - December 24, 2020 at 04:01 PM

DG

“ Pam and Kinser family, we are deeply saddened by Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Don is in his heavenly glory inventing and starting yet another successful business. Best wishes for success Don! May you rest in peace 🙏
Dave and Connie Geis

Dave and Connie Geis - December 24, 2020 at 10:51 AM

PM

“ My thoughts, prayers, and sympathy are with Don's family during this difficult time.
Pam Mitchell



Pam Mitchell - December 24, 2020 at 08:41 AM