

IN MEMORY OF

**DONALD  
KENNON**

**Obituary for Donald Kennon**

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Donald Lee Kennon, age 86, of Jefferson City, Mo., passed away Monday, September 20, 2021 at Oak Tree Villas.

Don was born on August 19, 1935 in Esther, Mo., to Alonzo Kennon and Mary Edith (Kennon) Meador. On May 22, 1954, he married Martha Ruby McDowell.

Don was a 1953 graduate of Desloge High School. In 1961, he had the honor of serving his country in the United States Army.

For 30 years, Don was employed as an Accountant with the Division of Employment Security, retiring in 1997. After retirement, he worked part-time for H&R Block.

He was a member of Concord Baptist Church, and a former member of the Church of the Nazarene.

As a Master Gardner, Don enjoyed spending a lot of his time outdoors working in his yard where his creativity produced an immaculate lawn and garden. He loved and enjoyed being out on the boat at the lake, camping with the family at Lost Valley Resort in the summer months, and enjoying the outdoors as often as possible. His many talents included drawing, ceramics and woodworking. He had a love for tools and took advantage of growing his collection as often as possible, producing many wonderful gifts for family, as well as being his own handyman in the home.

Survivors include: his loving wife of 67 years, Martha R. Kennon; daughters, Diana Jones of Jefferson City, Christine Wiley (Glen) of Gardner, Ks., and Tina Adrian (Joe) of Sunrise Beach; siblings, Patsy Becker, Phyllis Perret (Wayne), Hank Meador (Carol), Phillip Meador (Becky), Glenn Meador (Debbe); grandchildren, Heather Orris, Wesley Wiley (Karen), Melissa Schuetz (Adam), Monica Wehner (Kyle), Martha

Stewart (Josh), Joe Adrian (Nickie), and Jared Jones (Ashley); and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; sister, Mildred Jones; brother Bob Kennon; grandson, Ryan Hertweck; and grandson-in-law, Jon Orris.

Visitation will be held at Freeman Mortuary from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Saturday, September 25, 2021. Funeral services will follow at 12:00 p.m. in the Freeman Chapel with the Reverend Dr. Monte Shinkle officiating. Entombment with military honors will be held at the Mausoleum of Hawthorn Memorial Gardens.

A webcast of his service will begin at 12:00 p.m. Saturday for family and friends to view by going to the "photos and videos" tab on this page and scrolling down to the webcasting link.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Concord Baptist Church.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Freeman Mortuary.

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