



Duane Lee Erwin

October 24, 1939 - May 2, 2021

Duane Lee Erwin, 81, of Bradley passed away May 2, 2021 at Franciscan Hospital, Dyer, IN. He was born October 24, 1939 in Olney, IL to Jesse Pearl and Mary (Haberkon) Erwin. Duane married Viola Coffman April 24, 1964 in Monee, IL.

He proudly served our country in the U.S. Navy from July 1957 to June 1963. Duane was employed at Sears as a repairman, Henkel/Cognis as a mechanic and ONU as a custodian. For several years he was an amateur HAM radio operator. Earning extra class privileges. He was a member of Kankakee Area Radio Society. (KARS) His call sign was KB9ZQU. Duane had a passion for woodworking and made several projects for friends, coworkers and relatives. He graduated High School in Onarga, IL.

Duane is survived by his wife Viola Erwin of Bradley, 3 sons: Brian (Paula) Erwin of Peotone, Tim Erwin and Todd Erwin both of Murfreesboro, TN, 4 grandchildren; Joshua, Coltin, Sierra and Brandon Erwin, and 2 step grandchildren; Brittany and Nate Weidner. Also surviving is a sister Rexene Doss of Watseka, 2 brothers, Dan (Paula) Erwin of Champaign, Randy (Cindy) Erwin of Watseka, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and 8 sisters-in-law and their spouses.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

To honor Duane's wishes cremation rites have been accorded. A private service will be held at a later date with inurnment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Family Wishes.

Please sign his online guestbook at www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 W. Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421
(815) 423-9958
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/abrahamlincoln.asp>

Tribute Wall



“ *Duane Lee Erwin*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *just found out about Duane's passing and sending prayers to Viola and her family. I worked with Duane at Martin oil early 60's and we knew him as "Charger" !. Am very happy to have visited him a few years ago along with my brother and best friend Charlie Goldsby. Duane was a good man and his presence will be greatly missed.*

wally Branham - May 22, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *Viola and Brian we are so sorry for your loss. Duane will be remembered as a pleasant man of many talents. I always enjoyed the woodworking projects he showed us at ham radio meetings. Our deepest sympathies.*

Clay and Cindy Melhorn

Clay Melhorn - May 19, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ *I will miss seeing Duane on his daily walks. Deepest sympathies to all. Carol Keller*

Carol Keller - May 11, 2021 at 11:10 AM

MB

“ *Sorry for your loss our deepest sympathy.*

Mike & Betty Betourne

Michael Betourne - May 10, 2021 at 08:39 AM

AL

“ *Alice Leuer lit a candle in memory of Duane Lee Erwin*



Alice Leuer - May 06, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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“ *Eternal Rest grant unto your servant Duane. Let the perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. He is safely home. Heavenly Father please wrap your arms around his wife Viola and the rest of his family as they morn the loss of their loved one.. Comfort them and give them strength. We send our sympathy, love and prayers. So sorry to hear about the passing of Duane. He had a great sense of humor and loved to tease. Our thought, love and prayers are with you all at this sad time. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Treasure the memories you have of Duane. I know we will. Hugs. Alice and Lenny*

Alice Leuer - May 06, 2021 at 09:26 PM

HD

“ *RIP in peace, Duane. You were a fabulous brother in law. Our thoughts and prayers are with Viola, Tim, Brian, Todd and the rest of the his family. Philbert & Helen (Coffman) DeRose.*

Helen DeRose - May 06, 2021 at 03:25 PM

MD

“ *Sorry for the loss of a wonderful husband, father, and man. Prayers and thoughts to you and your family.
Warren and Mary Coffman Dressler*

Mary Dressler - May 05, 2021 at 08:50 PM