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Donald D. Hartzel, 85, of Vandalia formerly of Granite City passed away at 6:35am, Saturday, January 16, 2016 at Fayette County Hospital, Vandalia.

Services for Mr. Hartzel will be held at 10:00am, Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Hohlt & File Funeral Home, Vandalia with Rev. Carl Rhodes officiating, visitation will be held one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Burial will follow at 3:00pm, Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights, IL with military honors. Memorials may be made to the National Down Syndrome Society or Wounded Warrior Project.

Donald was born July 14, 1930 in Pomona, IL, the son of William and Anna (McQuinney) Hartzel. He married his first wife Dorothy and together they had two children, they later separated and he married Janet Powell in December of 1981; she preceded him in death. Donald was a US Air Force Veteran serving from 1951-1955 during the Korean War and was a janitor for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville before retiring.

He is survived by his son James Hartzel and wife Debra of Waller, TX; daughter Kathy and husband Denny Randall of Vandalia, IL; grandchildren Kristen Randall and fiancé Josh Owens, Scott Randall and fiancé BriAnne Links, Aaron Hartzel and wife Deanna, Joshua Hartzel and wife Stephanie, and Timothy Hartzel and wife Kayla; great grandchildren Kamdyn Owens, Autumn Randall, Katelyn Hartzel, Caleb Hartzel, and Noah Hartzel; first wife and mother of James and Kathy, Darlene Sullivan of Vandalia.



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Justin Hubbard posted:

Hello, you do not know me but I wanted to send my deepest sympathy. I am so sorry to hear of Uncle Don's passing. This is a confusing way to trace but I am a child of one of Janet's cousins. Ruth and Larry Hubbard are my grandparents. My twin brother and I spent most of every day of our grade school years with "Sissy" and "Uncle Don" as we called them, We made so many great memories with the two of them just being around every day, they both had a significant impact on the person that I am today, I am eternally grateful for the time that I was fortunate to spend with Don. Janet passed some time ago, I believe I was in 7th grade or so. Since I have often thought of Don and wondered if he was in town or if I could see him again as an adult but regrettably was never able to do so. I recently had a child of my own and wish I could have shared that with the two of them. As I said I want to share my deepest sympathy with your family. Regrettably I can not make any of the services, I would love to hear back from his family. If you are able please respond to j.hubbard44@hotmail.com Thank you, Justin Hubbard

November 8 at 3:54 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald Hartzel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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