



Donald Dwane Holder, age 65, of rural Jerico Springs, Missouri, passed away Sunday, March 16, 2014 at Fayetteville VA Hospital.

Donnie was born December 18, 1948 at Jerico Springs, one of the five children of Loyd and Mary (Barnett) Holder. After graduating from Nixa High School, Don entered the U.S. Army, serving with the 390 Support Detachment and the 48th Assault Helicopter Company in Ninnhoa, Vietnam. Completing his three year term, he returned to Missouri to embark on a career that included many years as a heavy equipment mechanic, nine years as a trucker, several years as a supervisor at Thorco Industries in Lamar, and retiring after 14 years as a supervisor at Pennington Seed in Greenfield. He was known for his skill as a mechanic and many will remember him as the owner/operator of Don's Shade Tree Auto. He was a talented woodworker and an avid outdoorsman whose perfect day would include family and fishing.

On February 18, 1970, at Nixa, Missouri, Don married the love of his life, Rosea Lee Anchor, and she survives. Also surviving are three sons, Michael Don Holder (Dawn Smith) of Plattsburgh, New York, Matthew Thurman Holder and fiancé Kristina Windmer, Pittsburg, Kansas, and Marvin (Stephanie) Ayers, Sheldon, Missouri; a daughter, Loana Michell (Wayne) Burton, Stockton; a brother, Elton (Judy) Holder, El Dorado Springs; two sisters, Betty (Joe) Young, Clever, and Patty (Marvin) McCrery, Jerico Springs; grandchildren, Colby (Maggie) Elliston, Cassie (Nathan) Wallen, Kayla (Gary) Obert, Kelcey Burton, Seth Holder, Kary Burton, Samantha Holder, Joseph Holder, Tristian Holder, Christopher Holder, Leonardo Holder, Luke Ayers and Orin Ayers; a great-granddaughter, Trinity Obert; many nephews and nieces and a large extended family. Don was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Carol Wayne Holder; and a great-granddaughter, Isabella Marie Wallen.

IN MEMORY OF

Don Holder

December 18, 1948 – March 16, 2014

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 pm Saturday, March 22, 2014
Daniel Funeral Home Chapel

OFFICIATING

Bro. Ralph Benham - Larry Stanley
Jim Starr - Eulogy

MUSIC SELECTIONS

"I Can Only Imagine" - "My Temporary Home"
"Wind Beneath My Wings" - "There'll Be No Graves"

PALLBEARERS

Colby Elliston – Kelcey Burton
Seth Holder - Kary Burton – Joseph Holder
Nathan Wallen – Gary Obert

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Tristian Holder – Christopher Holder
Leonardo Holder – Luke Ayers – Orin Ayers

AT REST

Hall Cemetery
Jerico Springs, Missouri

MILITARY HONORS

Missouri Funeral Honor Guard Juliet Team
VFW Post 5525 – Patriot Guard Riders