



Donald Lee "Don" Handlang

January 26, 1937 - October 3, 2024

Donald Lee "Don" Handlang, age 87, of Plumerville, Arkansas, passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2024. He was born January 26, 1937, in Warrenton, Missouri, the son of Edward William Handlang and Marie Alice Koehler Diamond. He graduated from Arkansas State Teachers College in 1960. He was a girls' basketball coach, science teacher, and principal. Don loved fishing, gardening, woodwork, and dogs. He occasionally tolerated some humans.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Kathryn Stewart Handlang of Plumerville; son, Dutch (Kristen Twitchell) Handlang of Northfield, Minnesota; grandchildren, Elijah Rankin, Stafford Handlang, Blue Handlang, and Charlotte Handlang; and brother, Harold Handlang.

A private service will be at a later date.

Tribute Wall

AM

“ *Rest in peace Mr Don. Blessed to have spent some time with you.* ”



Anna McQuain - October 19, 2024 at 09:42 PM

JK

“ My Uncle Don

Although it has been decades since the good old days of summer vacations in Arkansas, I remember them as if they happened yesterday. I have photos for the memories but more importantly I have the pictures in my mind of how much fun we had with my Uncle Don and Aunt Kay and my cousin Dutch.

There are only two places in my life that I ever really felt at home when I was growing up. One was at my grandma's house. The other was at my Uncle Don's. Uncle Don was a very smart man with an excellent sense of humor. He was a teacher and a basketball coach in the Arkansas school system for many years. Most importantly he was a loving and caring man and would tell you exactly what he thought about any given situation – sometimes with humor or sarcasm but always with love. Our families went camping and fishing together and he even taught me how to water ski. Regarding the water skiing, you have missed a great life experience if you have never tried to ski while Uncle Don was driving the boat. The most important thing to remember was to let go of the rope! I find great comfort in remembering all those fun times we shared.

I thank the Lord for giving me the gift of time spent with my Uncle Don. He rests in peace now in heaven with so many of our family members and I will forever cherish my memories of him.

Jeannie Handlang Keller

Jeannie Handlang Keller - October 15, 2024 at 02:06 PM

KR

“ Coach Handlang was my very first coach in Plumerville for girls Peewee basketball. I've never forgotten him and I've loved basketball ever since then!! Rest in peace Coach! Prayers for the family.

Karen Brown Ratliff, daughter of Rev. Bill Brown

Karen Ratliff - October 15, 2024 at 02:30 AM

CS

“ I loved knowing Don and will always remember when I was visiting Kay he picked a beautiful magnolia blossom from their tree and presented it to me so I could have it on my nightstand during my stay. He will be missed.

Carol Stearle - October 12, 2024 at 02:52 PM

FM

“ Prayers for Family and Friends in your time of Sorrow. May God be with each of you at this time

Frances (Camper) Mahan - October 06, 2024 at 08:33 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies to Don's family. — Don and Jimmie Dean Rankin

Jimmie Rankin - October 06, 2024 at 06:46 PM

MM

Sending Prayers for Don's family. Kay prayers for you! So glad I got to know Don! Love you! 🤔

Martha Milam - October 13, 2024 at 06:13 PM

MB

“ Dutch I was so sorry to hear about your dad. Praying for you and your family and your mom

Michele Underwood Burks

Michele Burks - October 06, 2024 at 02:32 AM

SW

“ Many thoughts and prayers to this Family. Absolute Wonderful Man. Shared His knowledge of basketball with My daughter and Many friends and will always be thought of fondly and appreciated for His kindness.

Sharon Walker - October 05, 2024 at 07:57 AM



“ Mona Light Being lit a candle in memory of Donald Handlang



Mona Light Being - October 05, 2024 at 07:48 AM

KA

“ Mr.Handlang became a part of the Sacred Heart basketball team on his free time in 2007. He was wonderful in helping me improve my basketball skills and his phrase is one I will never forget! When I was being hard on myself he always would say" don't talk about my friend that way!" Great person, he will be missed! Truly one of a kind. I still have the clock he made by hand the year I graduated high-school that he made himself.

Katie - October 05, 2024 at 01:14 AM

DD

“ Darrell D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Lee "Don" Handlang.

Darrell D. - October 04, 2024 at 09:40 PM

FM

“ Prayers for Family and Friends, may God be with each of you in your time of Sorrow.

Frances Mahan - October 04, 2024 at 04:51 PM

LF

“ Such a wonderful man, neighbor, teacher, coach and friend to many. He always had time to give me advice on gardening and flowers, he also gave my grandson lessons on basketball....rest now Mr Handlang, your work is done

Lucretia Flowers - October 04, 2024 at 04:22 PM