

Donald F. "Don"/ "Gerd" Spade

03/04/1940—09/29/2019

Donald F. "Don" or "Gerd" Spade, 79, of Thompsonstown, entered into rest on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2019, at Geisinger-Lewistown Hospital.

He was born March 4, 1940, in Juniata County, a son of the late Arol L. and Dorothy (Rothrock) Spade. On Jan. 15, 1966, he married the former A. Lorraine Garman who survives. The couple were married for 53 years at the time of his passing.

Don attended Middleburg Joint High School and was an Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War.

He was a truck driver and retired from Consolidated Freightways in Carlisle and was previously employed for 25 years at Central Storage and Transfer, Harrisburg.

He was a member of the AMVETS, Thompsonstown, a former member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge, Millerstown, and attended St. John Lutheran Church, Richfield with his wife.

Don enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing, and playing baseball and softball. His biggest enjoyment was spending time with his family, especially his grandsons and great-grandsons and attending their sporting events.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by two children and their spouses, Ryan and Staci Spade of McVeytown, and Melissa and Darren Rowe of Evendale; five grandsons, Colton Spade and his wife Jenna, Carter Spade and his fiance Jenna Snyder, Cody Rowe and his wife Courtney, Dalton Rowe, and Seth Rowe; two great-grandsons, Owen Rowe and Grayson Orwig; seven sisters, Sandra "Pink" Neimond and her husband Rev. James Neimond, April Dock and her husband Gary, Penny Sheaffer and her husband Keith, Bonnie Fultz and her companion Tom Spriggle, Debra Dressler and her husband Jim, Lois Longer, and Holly Weaver; two brothers, Dale Spade and his wife Beverly and C. James Spade and his wife Linda; brother-in-law, Bill Gray; a sister-in-law, Vivian Spade; Lorraine's family, Ernest and Phyllis Garman and Lawrence and Eunice Garman, and Miriam "Mim" Nipple; and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by one sister, Vicky Gray; and one brother, Arol S. Spade.

Friends and family are invited to the visitation from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, followed by the funeral at 2:30, at Stony Run Mission Church, 2825 Evendale Hill Road, McAlisterville, with the Rev. Nick Smith officiating. Full military honors accorded by the Juniata Veterans Council will follow.

Burial will be at a later date at the discretion of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made in loving memory of Don to the American Heart Association-Capital Region, Cumberland, Dauphin, and Perry County, 1019 Mumma Road, Wormleysburg, PA 17043, or to a charity of the donor's choosing.

The George P. Garman Funeral Homes Inc., 9366 Route 35, Mount Pleasant Mills have been entrusted with the arrangements.

