



Donald Ray Colvin

February 7, 1950 - May 18, 2019

Age 69 of Cottontown went home to be with the Lord Saturday, May 18, 2019 at his home. He was born February 7, 1950 in Nashville, TN to Jack and Nellie O'Neal Colvin. He worked as an electrician for CSX Railroad before his retirement and had been employed as a school bus driver with Sumner County Schools for the past two years, where he loved the children so much that he transported to and from school. He was a faithful member of Halltown General Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, camping, traveling and woodworking. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and attending church. He is preceded in death by his mother, Nellie O'Neal Colvin. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Connie Bennett Colvin, Cottontown, TN; sons, Jeremy (Pam) Colvin, Glasgow, KY, Jonathan (Elizabeth) Colvin, Cross Plains, TN and Jared Colvin, Cottontown, TN; father, Jack Colvin, Mt Juliet, TN; brother, Doug (Vickie) Dugger, Clearwater, FL; 6 grandchildren. Funeral service is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at 1PM at Halltown General Baptist Church 120 Dink Rut Road Portland, TN 37148, with Pastor Mike Brady officiating. Interment will follow in Halltown Cemetery with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Visitation is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 4-8PM and Wednesday, May 22, 2019 9AM until the time of the service at the church. Arrangements handled by AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000

Cemetery Details

Halltown

New Deal, TN., TN

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **22.** 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

MAY **22.** 1:00 PM (CT)

Halltown
New Deal, TN., TN

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Colvin.* ”



May 22, 2019 at 08:59 AM

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“ Don was the first person that I worked with at the railroad. It was hard not to notice his smile. He gave it freely and used it often as you should. Don was an electrician and I was the mechanic. It was our job to keep the rail plant running. As a rule, Don would come up to me in the morning and say something like "Hey Big Boy, what are your plans for today?" I would tell him and he would give that smile and tell me to let him know if he could help. We helped each other out on almost every project and at one point, with help from our friend Chuck, we installed a new welding machine and pretty much rebuilt the entire production line, all while the plant ran on a second line. We worked a lot of hours and our jobs were sometimes stressful, but we managed to keep things going. Don and I worked together for three years and looking back, I can't remember having a single argument with him. Something that I count as a testament to his character, definitely not mine.

I later bid to another job and didn't see Don as often as before, but I would look him up when I came back to Nashville just to get my "Hey Big Boy" and smile. I enjoyed getting to talk to Don, keeping up with the family, and bragging on the children and grandchildren. It was something I looked forward to. When I heard that he was going to retire I felt both happy and sad, sad that I wouldn't see him at the plant, but happy for him because I knew he would enjoy the extra time with his family. I don't believe Don was perfect, but I do think he had the kind and joyful spirit that the bible teaches us to have and it showed every day. That spirit was part of an overall character that I think is worthwhile for us all to emulate.

Rest easy old friend, your work here is done. You will be truly missed by many, but you have earned your reward. Now it is time to enter into the joy of our Lord.

Danny Stinnett

Danny Stinnett - May 21, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Ray Colvin.*



May 21, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Our family remember Donald Colvin as always being a kind, wonderful, part of our family. He loved his wife, children, all family members. Our hearts will have an empty place with his memory. God Bless his family, give them strength we pray. Harbison Family, Macon Ga.*

Joan, Jerry Harbison - May 20, 2019 at 11:07 PM