



## James "Don" Donald Hughes

December 25, 1934 - August 18, 2025

James "Don" Donald Hughes, 90 of Troy, Missouri, went home to the Lord on Monday, August 18, 2025 at Mercy Health-Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky. He was born on December 25, 1934 in Clifton Hill, Missouri, and was the son of the late George Washington and Elise (Howard) Hughes. Don married the love of his life Martha Lejane Hughes, on August 25, 1957 in Clifton Hill, Missouri and she preceded him in death on July 13, 2012. Together, they shared two sons and one daughter.

Don graduated from Clifton Hill High School. He served his country in the United States Navy. Don enlisted on November 21, 1952 and was honorably discharged on December 9, 1955. Don was a member of the Airborn Mine Counter Measures Association. He retired from Boeing after many years of dedication. Don owned and operated a trucking company for several years. He spent many years as a dairy farmer. Don liked spending time in the garden and could fix just about anything. He was stubborn at times but had a heart of gold!

Don is survived by his one son, Gerald Kent Hughes and wife Belinda of Kevil, KY; one brother, Kenneth Hughes of Springfield, MO; three grandchildren: Jessica Baugh and husband Danny, Jennifer Frost and husband Mark and Austin Hughes; five great-grandchildren: Carson, Carter, Camden, Hunter and Evelyn; nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his

parents, wife, Martha Hughes; one son, George Thomas Hughes; one daughter, Molly Kay Kientzy; two brothers: William Hughes and Jimmy Hughes and one sister, Margaret Turner.

Family and friends will be received from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday, August 24, 2025 at KEMPER-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025 Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel in Troy, MO. Interment will be held with full military honors at the Troy City Cemetery in Troy, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to American Cancer Society, PALS or Epilepsy Foundation in care of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 222, Troy, MO 63379.

Arrangements are under the direction of Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made at [www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com](http://www.kemperkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com) Phone 636-528-8221

# Cemetery Details

## Troy City Cemetery

Boone Street  
Troy, MO 63379

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy  
351 Monroe St.  
Troy, MO 63379  
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## Service

AUG **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Ted & Diane Sunderland purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of James "Don" Donald Hughes.



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**Ted & Diane Sunderland** - August 22, 2025 at 06:47 PM

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“ Ted & Diane Sunderland planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Don" Donald Hughes.

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**Ted & Diane Sunderland** - August 22, 2025 at 06:47 PM

AC

“ Sorry for your loss Gerald. All the brothers and sisters from IUPAT Local 500 have your family in our prayers.

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**Al Cunningham** - August 22, 2025 at 05:00 PM

WS

“ So sorry for your loss Wanda Scott Darrell Scott

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**Wanda Scott** - August 21, 2025 at 10:06 PM

DK

“ When I was still working Don would come by our office. I enjoyed hearing his stories of when he worked and his thoughts on different things. Before he went to live with his son I did get concerned for him. He loved his family. When his wife passed he was a little lost for awhile. He was a sweet man. Loved you Don. Diane Kimbro

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**Diane Kimbro** - August 21, 2025 at 08:15 AM

MA

*I don't know who will challenge me now to a furious game of UNO or a great game of Dominoes. He was a gentle man and fun to spend time with. He brought much laughter to friends and family. He will be GREATLY missed.*

Meg Adams - August 21, 2025 at 09:28 AM

LL

“ Love, Mike, Paul and Lisa purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of James "Don" Donald Hughes.



Love, Mike, Paul and Lisa - August 20, 2025 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James "Don" Donald Hughes.



August 20, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of James "Don" Donald Hughes.

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