



## Donald Johnson

December 10, 1954 - January 13, 2026

Princeton - Donald Johnson, of Princeton, Illinois, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 13, 2025, at OSF St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Peru, Illinois.

Donald was a lifelong resident of Princeton, a place he called home his entire life. He found comfort and contentment in the simple pleasures that filled his days. He especially enjoyed putting together model kits, taking pride in the patience and care each one required. He also loved watching classic Western movies, often finding joy and familiarity in their stories, and spending quiet time relaxing at home. These moments brought him peace and a sense of happiness that meant so much to him.

Donald was a gentle soul who appreciated routine, familiarity, and the comfort of those around him. He was deeply loved by his family and will be remembered for his quiet presence and the way he found joy in life's smaller, meaningful moments.

He is survived by his loving sister, Linda (Tony) Pekins, and their family, who remained a constant source of support and care throughout his life. Donald was also devotedly cared for by his caregiver, Deb Corey, whose compassion, patience, and kindness went far beyond duty. Her dedication and genuine concern greatly enriched Donald's life, and the family is profoundly grateful for

the comfort and care she provided.

Donald will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. His memory will live on in the hearts of those who shared in his life and cared for him.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that memorial contributions be made to Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Norberg Memorial Home Inc. & Monuments.

# Tribute Wall

DC

“ I took care of Don for almost 8 years. Some of those memories will be forever precious. He could be stubborn and a stinker but we always got thru those times with caring support. I spoke to him an hour before he passed. He told me he was coming home....in a way that is exactly what happened. That conversation and the one following with the dr. when he took a turn for the worse is going to be kept private. Don never wanted to grow "old" , He told everyone he didnt want to live to be 90 as he thought that was too old! I loved putting Model cars together with him and we shared alot...alot ..of laughter together. He always said I was his angel. I told him sometimes he could be the devil and he needed me....he said, yes I do kid.. I cannot believe he is gone but his memory will live forever in my heart. He always loved to watch Svengoolie on sat. night and he called him, Sandgoonie. I tried to correct him and finally gave up and we just laughed. I have shed many tears since Tuesday but I have to know he is healed now completely. No more pain, no more restricted diet. No more Dr.s . Rest in Peace Don and know I miss you very much. You were by Buddy. I was your angel. God Bless.

Deb Corey - January 19 at 06:14 PM

TA

It's truly broke my heart when I found out that he had passed my heart.Did I cry for him still today?Almost a week later, he was an amazing man.I miss shooting pool with him and he put a model card together for me because he knows I love the Mustang models.He is truly in my heart and will always be truly missed

Tammy - January 19 at 06:50 PM

JK

*Reaching out for closure. My husband & I just recently found out that Donny passed away. We were friends for over 50 years. So many precious memories. He was a beautiful soul. He called me weekly, then suddenly the calls stopped and I got a bad feeling. Please anyone call me after 5:00pm @1-815-223-0898 Janice Looking for closure*

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**Janice Kindschuh** - January 29 at 05:45 PM