



Donald Heskett

January 11, 1944 - May 22, 2023

Pa Pa's last ride: May 22, 2023

Some Walk Through Heaven's Gate, Some Ride!

Donald Robert Heskett, known affectionately as Pa Pa for the past thirty years, began his ride on January 11, 1944. The first stop on his journey was Junction City, Kansas where he met his parents Thelma and William Heskett. Joining his ride was his brother Mike, sister Sheila and for a brief time his other sister Sharon. In the early years, the ride was tough and full of hard knocks and soon Don was aimlessly travelling many routes and avenues. Then, in 1960, Don met JoAnne Sapp and they fell in love. Don asked JoAnne to marry him and on June 7, 1963, they began their journey together. The union proved to be exactly what they each needed, and they began to ride the chosen path they dreamed of together.

This path led to three children, Don Heskett Jr, Shelli, and Brian (Melissa). The family was close and decided to ride many roads together enjoying as much scenery as they could. Eventually, more Heskett's joined the ride including nine grandchildren: Tanner, Amber, Cody, Cassidy, Tyler, Ashley, Dusty, Amanda, Eddie and seven great-grandchildren: Jaden, Kadence, Jared, Kolton, Colton, Sophia and Graham as well as several nieces and nephews. Don retired from General Motors in 1999 after 34.3 years of service. As the years flew by, Pa Pa Heskett and his family continued their ride finding

new territory to explore and enjoy along the way. Sixty years after marrying the love of his life, Pa Pa had to bow out of the family ride to pursue his heavenly travels and although the family will miss him dearly, they are resolved to continue the ride he cherished.

Funeral services will be held at First Christian Church in Bolivar, Mo. on Tuesday, May 30 at 1:30 PM. under the care of Butler Funeral Home, Bolivar, Mo. Burial to follow in the Humansville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Bolivar First Christian Church.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Christian Church
407 W Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Heskett*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Heskett.*



May 30, 2023 at 11:35 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Heskett.*



May 29, 2023 at 06:37 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Heskett.*



May 27, 2023 at 08:55 AM

JG

“ Jerry Ellis & Rachel Gifford purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Donald Heskett.



Jerry Ellis & Rachel Gifford - May 26, 2023 at 12:24 PM

DA

“ I worked with Don at GM and enjoyed his friendship for 45 years including retiree meetings in Warsaw and attending events in Branson. Don will be sadly missed by all his friends and UAW brothers and sisters. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joanne and family. Dan Agee

Dan Agee - May 23, 2023 at 12:34 PM