



Donald Holbrook

August 20, 1965 - May 10, 2018

Donald DuWayne Holbrook, 52, of Bolivar, MO passed away Thursday, May 10, 2018 at his home in Bolivar, MO.

Donald was born August 20, 1965 in Ft. Sill, OK to Ancil and Irene Welsch Holbrook. After faithfully serving his country in the U.S. Army as a communications specialist, he made his home in Bolivar to work as an Army recruiter. After his discharge, he decided to open Bolivar Vacuum, which he owned and operated for over 25 years.

Donald had many hobbies in his life. He enjoyed collecting coins, gardening, target shooting, and fishing. He especially enjoyed doing these hobbies with his son, Hayden. Donald was proud of many accomplishments in his life, but nothing made him prouder than being a father.

Donald was often very soft spoken and gentle, but he could be known to harass those he cared for, all in good fun. He also enjoyed debating the political topics of the day, and di his best to remain cordial while doing so.

Donald was a loving son, father, and friend. His tendered heart left a mark on all who knew him, and will be cherished as it is carried forward.

Donald is preceded in death by his brother, Jurgën Welsch.

Donald is survived by his loving son Hayden Holbrook of Springfield, MO, as well as his parents, Ancil and Irene Holbrook of Radcliff, KY. He is also

survived by his longtime girlfriend, Kalyn Rogers.

Funeral Services for Donald Holbrook will be held Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 9 AM at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar, MO. Visitation will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at Butler Funeral Home from 6-8 PM. Burial will take place at Missouri Veterans Cemetery at 11 AM.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery

5201 S. Southwood
Springfield, MO 65804

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **15**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar
407 E. Broadway
Bolivar, MO 65613
(417) 326-5233
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 9:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald Holbrook

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Donald Holbrook

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ Don for years was my very best friend. We started talking because his son (whom he was always bragging about! 😊) was in 4th grade, and I just started college and was going to school to teach elementary. He quickly became the person I called anytime I needed advice, (which was basically between every single one of my classes lol), or just someone to share my accomplishments and disappointments with. I got so used to hearing those little bells on the door go off when he had a customer, that he wouldn't even have to say anything- I'd just wait till he was done.

That was all back when I lived in Arizona. I remember he once sent me a picture of where he lived, to which I replied, "I'd NEVER move to Missouri- that's a hick state!" (Ironically, I now have now been living in Kansas City MO for almost six years... lol.)

It was an honor to have known him. He was one of my favorite people, and will be very much missed.

My heart goes out to his family, girlfriend, and friends. 🕯️

-Allysandra

Allysandra - August 22, 2018 at 06:44 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donald Holbrook.*



May 14, 2018 at 07:44 PM



“ *My favorite memory of Don will always be his race with a bat around the basement of my lake house while he frantically waved a towel in the air over his head in a breathless attempt to capture the little varmit with me screaming the whole time. My screaming turned into hysterical laughter when the bat started doing two laps for each one of Don's! He won in the end and released the bat, unharmed, out the back door. He was my son-in-law then and always remained a friend. You will be missed, Don. Terry Hanak*



Terry D. Hanak - May 14, 2018 at 05:02 PM