



Don Dwyer

January 18, 1942 - January 12, 2026

Donald James Dwyer, 83, of Lake Villa, Illinois passed away on Monday evening, January 12, 2026 after a short battle with two forms of cancers.

Don was born on January 18, 1942 at St. Margaret's Hospital in Spring Valley, Illinois. He was the only child of the late Cornelius ("Nick") Dwyer and Florence (Gallo) Dwyer.

During his high school days, Don was a swimmer and diver for the La Salle Peru Oglesby High School swim team and won several competitions. He also participated on the Illinois State University swim team for a short time. While at ISU, Don studied to become a physical education teacher as well as a student counselor. During his final year of college he met his one true love, Sue Carolyn Nettleingham. They married on September 11, 1965 in the Cullom Methodist Church, Cullom, Illinois.

His lifetime career led Don to work with high school aged behavioral disordered students that were incarcerated as well as those in the public school setting. He was an avid motorcycle enthusiast. He and Sue rode their bikes on many short and a few long trips. Additionally, he enjoyed the shooting sports and had collected many weapons. He was a proud NRA Lifetime Member. He demonstrated the organization's commitment to shooting safety by acting as a Range Safety Officer at several sports clubs over the years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Sue and their son, David(Lauren); as well as grandchildren Daniel and Dana Dwyer.

A visitation will be from 10:00 - 12:00 noon on Monday, January 19, 2026 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S. Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, Illinois 60046. A short service will commence at noon after which all will travel to Highland Memorial Cemetery in Gurnee, Illinois. Interment will begin as soon as family and friends have arrived.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so grateful for the time that we got to share with Uncle Don. I have fond memories of him from my childhood as well. He always had a special warmth for us kids. He will be missed. Rest peacefully.

Mike Nettleingham - January 17 at 04:31 PM

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“ Good memories of Don and Sue from years ago. A very nice man. Glad that he did not have to suffer for long and is in a better place.

Vicki Nettleingham - January 16 at 11:32 AM