



Donald Gene Haag

June 11, 1951 - July 28, 2021

Donald Gene Haag, 70, of Bradley passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at Arcadia Care in Clifton, IL after an extended illness.

He was born on June 11, 1951 in Elyria, OH the son of Arthur M. and Evelyn J (Hahn) Haag. Donald was a biomedical engineer, and a former employee of Riverside Hospital in Kankakee, IL. He was passionate about helping others and was an active volunteer, serving on many committees and boards for organizations including: the Riverside Credit Union, Options Center for Independent Living, and Kankakee YMCA. He was also an involved member and volunteer at Wesley United Methodist Church in Bradley, IL.

Donald loved nature and animals. He was an avid swimmer, scuba diver, runner, hiker and outdoorsman. He participated in many fun runs and triathlons. He also enjoyed cycling and attended the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Race Across Iowa, RAGBRAI, for many years. He had many athletic accomplishments such as, swimming the equivalent of the English Channel, hiking the Appalachian Trail, and camping in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

He is survived by his son; Jason (Rachel) Haag of Herscher, IL; daughters, Sarah Haag of Waukegan, IL and Denise Haag, of Boulder, CO; brothers, Kenneth and Charles Haag; 2 grandchildren, Addison and Josslin Haag; a

niece, Alison Meadows and her family; 2 nephews, Charles Jr. and Christopher Haag; ex-wife, Jo Ellen (Schlaich) Haag; mother-in-law, Eleanor Schlaich; a sister-in-law, Judy Hemp.

He is preceded in death by his mother Evelyn; father Arthur; grandparents Charles and Sophia Hahn; brother-in-law, Alan Hemp.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A casual celebration of life will be held on Friday, September 3, 2021 from 3-5pm with a meal to follow at Herscher United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Beginnings Animal Rescue (<http://www.newbeginningsanimalrescue.net/support-nbar2.html>) or Lewy Body Dementia Association(<https://www.lbda.org/donate/>).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP 3. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Herscher United Methodist Church
274 N Elm Street
Herscher, IL 60941

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Gene Haag*

October 08, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Don was my cousin. His Dad, Uncle Art and my dad were brothers. I remember as a child going to visit my dad's brother and his family. I remember playing with all three boys with my brother, Andy. It was a good time in my life. Aunt Evelyn was a wonderful woman and a friend of my mother. I remember when she passed and we didn't see much of the boys after that but at a Haag Family Reunion we had a chance to make our relationship active again. It was a great feeling. My thoughts and prayers to all of the family at this time of great sadness. Don was a great man and I know he meant a great deal to his children. It was evident at the reunion. To all of his children and grandchildren, please accept our deepest sympathy at the lost of your father and grandfather. And to Charles and Ken, your brother was a very loving man and will be missed greatly. Russ and Marilyn (Haag) Dillon*

Marilyn (Haag) Dillon - August 16, 2021 at 11:11 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the Haag family. Don was a great father and grandfather and he will deeply missed.*

Jeffrey Damaschke - August 10, 2021 at 08:52 PM

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“ I will always remember having a great time hiking on the mountain trails with Don, Ken and friends. They would lead the way and Don always had helpful advice. The scenic views were beautiful and these were the best summer/fall days. Will miss you, Don.

Sue Pollen - August 10, 2021 at 11:21 AM

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“ My brother and great friend. A most unselfish person who set examples in the kind, thoughtful way he interacted with those he met. Quiet and cheerful, he is greatly missed.



Ken Haag - August 08, 2021 at 05:50 PM

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“ I worked with Don at Riverside and he was such a special man. Prayers to the family during this difficult time. He is at peace now. 🙏

Virginia (Ginger) Viall - August 05, 2021 at 03:17 PM