



## Donald Dean Vanous

July 28, 1944 - September 5, 2022

Donald Dean Vanous, 78, of Peoria, died on Monday, September 5, 2022.

Mr. Vanous was born July 28, 1944, in Cedar Rapids, IA where he was raised by his parents Frances and Leo Vanous.

He graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids.

Don spent many years working at the Rock Island Railroad and Dover Elevator, retiring at the age of 55.

He enjoyed gambling and playing golf with his friends.

He is survived by his three daughters, Lori Thomas, Shelly Harmon and Tina Vanous;  
along with 6 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

Cremation has been entrusted to Schmidt-Haller Burial & Cremation Services in Peoria and he will be buried next to his parents in Cedar Rapids, IA.

Don will be loved and missed by his family and friends.

Online condolences may be left for Don's family at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com).



# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I remember when we were kids. Uncle Don was 9 years older than me and he didn't like that I followed him around like he was my big brother. He wouldn't let me in his room cuz I was a girl. He got mad at me when he went hunting and shot a rabbit. He brought it home to clean it and I sat on the basement step holding it and petting it. When the neighbor kids were picking on us, he was there to defend us. As adults, Uncle Don always sat there and listened to the conversation like he wasn't paying attention. Then, when he did speak, everyone listened. One time on a cruise, Uncle Don paid my girls with a drink to eat escargot. We will always remember the wonderful time we had with Don on cruises. Lori, Shelley and Christina, my deepest condolences.



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Carey McBride - September 18, 2022 at 10:32 PM

TC

“ I can see Uncle Don and mom and Bubba and Uncle Ken all sitting together with that cheesy Sharpe grin on their faces. I have many wonderful memories of time spent with Uncle Don: playing basketball on a cruise ship and watching the basketball disappear in the water as the ship sailed away; Uncle Don just smiled. Playing miniature golf on another cruise ship and watching the golf balls blow over the holes, even when it was a straight shot. He would come to visit us in Vegas; our trips to Peoria to visit with him. Even tho the visits were years apart we would talk on the phone and I always hoped we would be able to go on one more trip. I will miss you, Uncle Don



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Teresa Carney - September 18, 2022 at 10:11 PM

KG

“ *I had a great time playing poker with Don. I am making a donation to Bradley University in Don's name. Thank you, Ken Goldin*

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**Ken Goldin** - September 11, 2022 at 08:12 PM

KD

“ *I worked with Don as a Carman on the Rock Island railroad many years. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

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**Ken Dettbarn** - September 11, 2022 at 03:50 PM

JG

“ *To the Vanous family. I'm sorry to hear about Don's passing..  
I worked with Don at Dover he taught me a lot about the trade.  
I think about those days from time to time  
And it brings a smile to me.  
He will be missed by all whom he has touched over the years.*

*May the Lord comfort you in your time of need*

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**Jeffrey Guppy** - September 10, 2022 at 03:41 PM