



## Donald Rootle Mini

July 17, 1942 - October 27, 2016

Donald R. Mini, age 74, of Sublette, died Thursday, October 27, 2016 in his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Dalzell, July 17, 1942, the son of Rootle and Lena (Arrigo) Mini.

He was a Mail Carrier for FedEx for 20 years prior to his retirement in 2011.

He was also a volunteer E.M.T. for Sublette Fire Dept for 38 years.

Don was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

He was a Veteran of the Army during the Vietnam War, and most recently went on the Honor Flight out of Moline with Jerry Beranek honored to be his guardian.

Don married Marge Nowinski in 1969. He then married Rosalie Miller.

He was preceded in death by his wife Marge in 1998; 1 son Kenneth J. Mini; 1 daughter Karen Mini; 1 sister Rose Uselmann.

Survivors include his wife Rosalie of Sublette; 1 brother John (Tina) Mini of Sublette; 3 step-children Deborah (Raymond) Hesser of Tampico, Raymond (Janelle Schmitt) Sharp of Rock Falls, and Victoria (Steven) Hersom of Navarre, FL; 11 step-grandchildren Rosetta Inman, Roy (Julie) Inman, Troy Inman, Nicole (Joshua) Pitts, Vanessa Sharp, A.J. Sharp, Aubree Schmitt, Kyle Schmitt, Chandler Hersom, Veronica Hersom, Sydney Hersom; 14 step-great grandchildren Samantha (Thomas) Hesser, Angela Seyller, Zachary Heckman, Jonathon Hicks, Kelly Hicks, Jr., Donovan Meeks, Nevaeh Harris, Camryn Inman, Alexis Inman, Makayla Inman, Anastasiya Inman, Angelina

Pitts, Drew Pitts, and Emma Pitts; 1 step-great great granddaughter Lilith Hesser; 1 brother-in-law Howard (Pat) Batten of Tampico; 5 sisters-in-law Mary Kuepker of Flanagan, Rose Batten of Tampico, Mary Ann Batten of Sterling, Rita (Jerry) Beranek of Rock Falls, and Joyce (Ron Hilton) Sandrock of Cedar Rapids, IA; many nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016, at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette, with the Rev. Randy Fronek, officiating. Military Rites will follow by the Amboy American Legion. Cremation will follow with burial of cremains at a later date in Arsenal Cemetery in Rock Island. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 4, 2016, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM in the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy, with the Rosary recited at 3:30 PM. Visitation will also be held on Saturday from 9:00 AM until 10:00 AM in the church. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established.

# Cemetery Details

## Rock Island National Cemetery

Bldg 118  
Rock Island Arsenal  
Rock Island, IL 61299  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEMs/nchp/rockisland.asp>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 4. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mihm-Jones Funeral Home, Amboy  
303 East Main Street  
Amboy, IL 61310  
(815) 857-2611  
[info@thejonesfh.com](mailto:info@thejonesfh.com)  
<https://www.thejonesfh.com>

## Service

NOV 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church  
201 S Locust St  
Sublette, IL 61367

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald Rootle Mini

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ Donald Rootle Mini

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ I am honored to have Don Mini as a stepfather. He was a very kind and generous person and had an even bigger heart. He welcomed our whole family with open arms. He was always there if you needed him or just needed someone to talk to. Don loved to spoil his grandchildren and great- grandchildren and they always fought for his attention. I don't think “no” was part of his vocabulary even when our plans ventured him to camping in the mountains of Cheaha State Park or braving the treacherous water slides at Big Kahunas. He was willing to do anything once, from tasting the hottest salsas to even delivering puppies in a Walmart parking lot. He was delighted to see and hear the jet engine race car from box office seats thanks to his nephew Jason. No matter how bad his health was, he still strived to make everyone happy. Even though his cancer and the treatments had taken a toll on him, he still found enough energy to make the car trip to Florida for Chandler's graduation. He couldn't participate in the slip-n-slide kickball game, but he summoned the strength to give everyone a hard time from the spectator area and kept us smiling and laughing at his jokes. Cancer has robbed us of time and memories we should have been able to continue to enjoy with him. I have never met anyone with such a positive attitude despite any roadblocks that came his way. Don is truly an inspiration and he will be greatly missed.

Victoria Hersom - November 16, 2016 at 10:32 AM

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“ *Don was always the nicest person. He was warm, open and friendly to all. He had a great sense of humor and told a good joke. I am glad I knew him. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jamie Nowinski** - November 05, 2016 at 07:05 PM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Donald Rootle Mini.*



November 02, 2016 at 07:02 PM