



## Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.

July 7, 1946 - July 17, 2025

Donald Lee Doss Sr., 79, departed this life on July 17, 2025, at 3:52 p.m. Donald was born July 7, 1946, to the late Thomas and Gladys Doss Jr., in Newport, Arkansas. Donald was a graduate of W.F. Branch High School and continued to keep in touch with his schoolmates. During his childhood, he, alongside his two brothers, Lonnie and Dorsey, worked in their father's auto repair shop, Doss Garage. This was the starting point that prepared him to become the master machinist he would later be known as. It was also during his childhood in the South that he was exposed to music, particularly the blues, which would later become his passion.

Donald joined the Army in 1965. He served in Vietnam as a diesel engine mechanic and was Honorably discharged in 1968. He moved to Peoria, Illinois, in 1970 and shortly after, began working at Caterpillar Inc. as a machinist, retiring after 40 years of service.

Donald married Marilyn Haywood on March 7, 1970. To this union one son and daughter were born, in addition to a special niece he helped raise since she was 10 days old.

Donald was a member of the Peter H. Clark Elks Lodge in Peoria, Illinois, for over half a century, where he was the club DJ for decades. He was also an independent DJ throughout Central Illinois. He was a CB radio enthusiast who

went by the handle of “Old Farm Boy”. He was a darts champion with a plethora of tournament wins under his belt. After he retired from Caterpillar, he became the owner and operator of the nightclub and tavern Excalibur, which had been a lifelong dream of his. He was also an avid collector of music.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Thomas, Lonnie, and Dorsey Doss.

His memory will forever be cherished by his devoted wife, Marilyn Doss; one son, Donald (Stacey) Doss Jr.; one daughter, Piper Doss; and one special niece, Lula Doss all of Peoria, IL. Five sisters: Gladys Dagadu of Clarksville, TN; Brenda Idreez and Kathy Jordan of Peoria, IL; Josephine (Thomas) Fair of Jackson, MS; and Flora Doss of Hermitage, TN. Grandchildren: Zaire (Stephanie) Doss of Chicago, IL; Sierra Doss of Peoria, IL; Christopher Dickson of Springfield, IL; Leilani Brooks and Laniya Brooks of Peoria, IL; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends who miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life Memorial for Donald L. Doss Sr. will be held on Saturday July 26, 2025, at 11:00 at Bethel United Methodist Church (210 N. Richard Pryor Place Peoria, IL 61605) Rev. Tyson T. Parks III, Pastor will present the Eulogy.

Army Honors will be presented.

Cremation Rites Accorded.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bethel United Methodist Church  
210 N. Richard Pryor Pl  
Peoria, IL 61605

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Denise Green lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



Denise Green - September 04, 2025 at 12:05 AM

VK

“ *Vickie King sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



Vickie King - August 04, 2025 at 11:31 AM

BM

“ *I remember him working alongside his dad in the garage it was about the cars back in our days who had the fastest one LOL I am so sorry for the loss LOL a home boy my thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends*

Billy Mac Moreland - July 25, 2025 at 11:02 PM

SH

“ *Sylvernia Harps lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



Sylvernia Harps - July 25, 2025 at 10:12 PM

LK

“ Lura Kramer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.



Lura Kramer - July 25, 2025 at 09:32 PM

AL

“ Annette Lucy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.



Annette Lucy - July 25, 2025 at 07:42 PM

TT

“ The Comcast Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr..



The Comcast Team - July 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

TT

“ The Comcast Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr..

The Comcast Team - July 23, 2025 at 02:07 PM

TW

“ Theresa Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.



Theresa Walker - July 23, 2025 at 01:06 PM

KA

“ Karen Ashby sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.



Karen Ashby - July 23, 2025 at 12:53 PM

YJ

“ Sending condolences to family.

Yvonne Johnson-Langford - July 23, 2025 at 11:12 AM

DB

“ Dorothea Banks-Burse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.



Dorothea Banks-Burse - July 23, 2025 at 07:09 AM

SP

“ *Sonya Pounds sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



Sonya Pounds - July 22, 2025 at 11:50 PM



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Lu Lu - July 23, 2025 at 12:33 AM

MJ

“ *To The Doss Family*

*I would like to extend my heartfelt sympathy to your family and pray you find comfort and peace!!*



Michelle Jones-Douglas - July 22, 2025 at 07:38 PM

LH

“ *I'm sorry for your loss, god bless*

lee hamer - July 22, 2025 at 03:20 PM

KC

“ *Kathy Collins*

Kathy collins - July 20, 2025 at 05:31 AM

BC

“ *Brenda D Cayson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



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**Brenda D Cayson** - July 19, 2025 at 09:54 AM

SM

“ *Siobhan S Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Lee Doss Sr.*



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**Siobhan S Morris** - July 18, 2025 at 08:04 PM