



## Mr Donald Dean McDonald

May 21, 1936 - March 23, 2015

PEORIA – Donald Dean McDonald, 78, of Peoria passed away at 2:20 p.m. Monday, March 23, 2015 at Manor Court Nursing & Rehabilitation Facility. He was born May 21, 1936 in Murphysboro, IL to Versa Lee Johnson and Clara (McDonald) Riley. He married Jessie Mae Jackson on Dec. 23, 1966 in Peoria. She precedes him in death.

Donald was a hard worker and served as a dedicated laborer for the Peoria Housing Authority for over 30 years. When he was not working, Donald and his loyal companion, Tito J. McDonald (family dog) enjoyed spending time communing with nature; oftentimes earning the honor of “Best Lawn & Garden of the Year” in the neighborhood. Tito precedes him in death.

Donald (Jessie) leaves to carry on their lineage one daughter, DeAndrea (Chris) Haynes of Crestview, FL and one son, Jeffrey (Amelia) McDonald of Peoria. He also leaves daughters Tareisha Grayer and Dominique Byrd of Peoria; one brother, Pierre Dupree, formerly known as Richard Johnson of Iowa; a beloved nephew, Shawn Wright, of Peoria; eight grandchildren; and one godson; along with a host of nieces and nephews to cherish his memory. He was preceded in death by his parents and six sisters to include his closest, Virginia “Aunt Ginny” Lee Wright.

One hour visitation will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 28, 2015 at T.W. Parks

Colonial Chapel at 201 N. MacArthur Hwy where arrangements were professionally made especially for Donald's family. Online condolences or words of encouragement can be made at [www.twparkschapel.com](http://www.twparkschapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

**Private**