



Donald L. Gossett

February 13, 1939 - October 27, 2022

Donald L. Gossett, age 83, of Eldorado, IL passed on peacefully from this life at his home on October 27, 2022. Don was born in Ridgway, IL on February 13, 1939 to the late Roy and Pauline (Doerner) Gossett. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Linda (Sinagra) and many beloved uncles.

Don graduated from Ridgway High School and then furthered his education at Southern Illinois University obtaining a degree in Secondary Education. He went on to receive his Masters in Educational Leadership from Northern Illinois University and a Doctorate of Education from Loyola University.

He worked for many years as the Superintendent of Libertyville High School in Libertyville, IL before retiring in 1998. He used to say his blood ran orange and black. Don loved to be around his family and friends and especially enjoyed his time on the golf course. He was very civic minded and actively involved in many clubs and organizations including the Illinois Association of School Administrators, Rotary Club, Growing with Grace Preschool at Grace Lutheran Church, Ferrell Hospital, and the 4 C's Food Pantry, where he had served as President.

His real loves were for his family and the Lord. He had been a longtime member of the Grace Lutheran Church in Libertyville, IL before moving to Eldorado where he became a member of the First Baptist Church where he

served as a Deacon. He loved his family dearly and will be remembered as a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend.

He is survived by his two daughters, Amy (John) Bendall, Lindsey (Ian) Kazian, his beloved wife Linda (Dixon), his stepchildren Jamie (Lynn) Bryd, Ashley (Jeff) Greene and his 11 grandchildren, Evan, Elaina, Eric, Luke, Matthew, Easton, Ben, Bryant, Jackson, Hope and Faith.

A Celebration of Life for Don will be on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 4:00 - 8:00 PM at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Memorial contributions in his memory can be made to the 4C's Food Pantry in Harrisburg, IL <https://4cshbg.org> For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Tribute Wall



“ I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Gossett my entire career at LHS, and was deeply sorry to hear of his passing last week. We were in Florida, and unable to attend the visitation, but our hearts were certainly with Don and the family. He was a fair and dynamic leader for District 128, respected by the entire staff. He leaves a void in the legacy of our school, but now enjoys a well-deserved rest.

Mary Price

Mary Price - November 06, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ Don was Dean of Students at LHS when I was hired in 1972. He was one of the first people I interviewed with. I always thought Don was a fair and honest administrator. I am saddened by his passing and I am sorry I am not able to attend the service.

Chuck Swanson

Charles Swanson - November 02, 2022 at 02:52 AM



“ A Full Life was purchased for the family of Donald L. Gossett.



November 01, 2022 at 07:45 PM

GS

“ don was superintendent of lhs when my two daughters were there. he and I were also in the libertyville rotary club together. what a wonderful man.

gary schlesinger - November 01, 2022 at 12:59 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald L. Gossett.



November 01, 2022 at 12:11 PM

CG

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. I covered District 128 as a reporter and appreciated the time Don provided to call back and be interviewed about any number of topics related to the school district. Those were the days of Don, Walt Celusta and Dean Larson. It was evident he cared about the work he did in education and yet did not take himself too seriously. Good sense of humor and humanity.

Carolyn Waller Gordon - November 01, 2022 at 07:35 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald L. Gossett.



October 31, 2022 at 10:18 PM

DD

“ As a young administrator, I learned so much from Don when he was our interim Superintendent. He was kind, caring, and compassionate, but also really knew what he was doing. He helped me immensely in becoming a better leader. He will be missed.

David Downing - October 31, 2022 at 09:22 PM

SO

“ Don, you were the best Superintendent! Your door was always open. You listened, were kind and I had a wonderful experience while you were Superintendent. Blessings with love and prayer,
Sheryl Olson

Sheryl Olson - October 31, 2022 at 01:28 PM

MB

“ Don, thanks for giving me my first full-time job at LHS. It's been such a rewarding career and wonderful place to work - I owe you a lot. Sending good energy to your family. Rest in Peace.

Mark Buesing - October 31, 2022 at 12:50 PM