



## Donald Rutledge

July 7, 1924 - August 2, 2010

ADRIAN – Donald E. Rutledge, 86, of Adrian, passed away Monday, August 2, 2010, at Bixby Medical Center.

Donald was born July 7, 1924, in Alvordton, Ohio, the only son of John and Sylvia (Kuney) Rutledge.

While serving in the US Navy during World War II, Don participated in the North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy campaigns. Prior to completing his tour of duty, he was stationed in Pearl Harbor.

On March 23, 1946, Donald married Tillie Soto in New York City. Tillie, his wife of over 64 years, survives.

Don worked for Faraday in Tecumseh for over 23 years. He was a talented woodworker, making many pieces of furniture. Don also loved photography and took many photos for a local motorcycle club. He built his own forge and made numerous knives. Don was well known in the community as an active member of the VFW Annis-Fint Post #1584, participating in hundreds of veterans' funeral services, parades, and flag raising ceremonies.

In addition to his wife, Don is survived by seven children: Vicky (Duane) Winter of Adrian; Johann (Dave) Townsend, also of Adrian; Donald (Reneé)

Rutledge, Jr. of Brooklyn; Tammy Rutledge of Colorado; John Rutledge of Indianapolis; Jacquelyn (Vincent) Torres and Mike Rutledge, both of Adrian; 18 grandchildren: Robert (Candy) Jardine, Chad Jardine, Steve Winter, Kim (Craig) Davis, Melissa Winter, Rayne Rutledge, Alicia (Scott) Barnes, and Cristy (Brian) Justice, Timmaira Silvers, Patrick, Joshua, Tyler, Janeé, Mikayla, and Laken Bennion, V. Alex, Isaac, and Jaiden Torres; 18 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Isaac Bennion; and three sisters, Velma Snyder, Viola Suter, and Evelyn Smith.

The funeral service for Don will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 6, 2010 at Wagley Funeral Home with military honors conducted by the VFW Annis Fint Post #1584. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m. You may also send condolences to the family at [www.wagleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagleyfuneralhome.com). Contributions in memory of Don may be made to Salvation Army or the VFW. Envelopes are available at Wagley Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Rutledge*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Joanne, I'm so sorry to hear of the death of your father. What a talented man he was!##imported-begin##Sarah Freligh##imported-end##*

August 07, 2010 at 06:37 PM



“ *My daughter and I would like to extend our deepest condolences in regards to your loss. It has been a pleasure knowing your family for all of these years, although at a distance with Dave in Indy, but we wanted you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers at this time.##imported-begin##Doug and Annika Miller##imported-end##*

August 06, 2010 at 09:59 AM



“ *I have so many fond and funny memories of Don. It wasn't very often I didn't see him with camera in hand...just seen him in May,,,camera in hand. May the Lord hold you and keep you as you fly amongst the angels. You will be missed by so many. My condolences to the entire family at this difficult time.  
xo  
Lisa Cutcher##imported-begin##Lisa Cutcher (Kern)##imported-end##*

August 05, 2010 at 11:09 PM



“ Don (Rut) was a friend & work associate whom I respected. He was knowledgeable, witty, and had a real sense of humor. I think about him frequently even after all these years & distance from Faraday times. I'll miss you.##imported-begin##Jim Voss##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 08:18 PM



“ Our deepest thoughts and prayers to your whole family during this time. We are truly thinking of all of you. God Bless!!!##imported-begin##Rick and Stacy(Myers)Aguirre##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 05:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. My father an yours were good buddies :\*)##imported-begin##Kathy Pryor##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 03:08 PM



“ Hello Vince and Jacki just wanted to offer our condolences on the passing of your Father. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord comfort you at this time.

*In His Love*  
Pastors Pete and Shirley Valdez##imported-begin##Pastors Pete and Shirley Valdez##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 02:52 PM



“ Don was an amazing man...Always with a smile on his face.He will be sadly missed by all who came in contact with him.Nobody was ever a stranger to him.Our thoughts and prayers are with his beloved family.##imported-begin##Larry&Chrissy Rodgers(GRMC)##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 02:45 PM



“ Dear Tillie,

Our prayers are with you. May he rest in peace.

God be with you and your family at this difficult time.

Fr. Dave, Fr. Tom and all the staff of St. Joseph Church##imported-begin##Shelly from St. Joseph Church##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 02:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Keeping you all in our prayers.##imported-begin##Stace##imported-end##

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August 05, 2010 at 07:13 AM



“ With my deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Renee V Rivera##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 04:55 PM



“ Our most sincere condolences to the entire Rutledge Family. Jackie, we send our love and our prayers are always with you, from all of your family here in Albuquerque, NM.##imported-begin##Ramon & Gloria Saenz##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 03:47 PM



“ Dear Vicky and Duane,

We're in Oregon but just read the Tidings online.

So very sorry to hear of your father's passing. Our deepest sympathies go out to you and your family.

Love, Marcia and Tom##imported-begin##Marcia and Tom Bird##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 01:11 PM



“ Don took the pictures at our wedding 12 years ago. Since then, I have seen Don on several occasions. We always had a lot to talk about. Don was a very good man. He will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Beverly Bice##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 11:14 AM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We ask Jesus to bring comfort and understanding to your hearts in the way that only He can, that He preserve all of the beautiful memories that you have of your Husband, Father, Grandfather, Uncle and Friend.##imported-begin##Sonya Flores##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 11:06 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. I think the words in Isaiah 26:19 will bring you hope and comfort.##imported-begin##Barb & Tom Layton##imported-end##

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August 04, 2010 at 10:40 AM



“ ý"Death leaves a heartache difficult to heal; Love leaves sweet memories no one can steal..." Unknown • Thank you to my Uncle Don for many years of generous love, kindness and sweet memories... Always with a smile on his face and a camera in his hands...##imported-begin##Lori Torres##imported-end##

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August 03, 2010 at 09:54 PM