



Donald Rhea Reinhart

July 28, 1927 - June 30, 2021

Donald Rhea Reinhart, passed away on June 30, 2021 at Montgomery Place in Independence, KS at the age of 93.

Donald was born on July 28, 1927 in Fredonia to Raymond Thomas and Verna "Irene" (Dawson) Reinhart. His growing up years were spent in Coyville and later in Fredonia. He attended various schools within Wilson County.

He entered the United States Navy on September 28, 1945. During his time of service while aboard the USS James M. Gillis Ship, he was a participant of "Operation Crossroads" to test the effect of the Atomic Bomb on naval vessels conducted at Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands. He was honorably discharged on September 27, 1949.

On February 4, 1947, he married the love of his life, Lola Conrad. To this union were born three children, Jane, Wayne and Anita. They were married 66 years until her death in November 2013.

Donald was employed at the Fredonia water and power plants and retired after 40 years of service there.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a hard-working man and enjoyed gardening. He sold many dozens of ears of sweet corn for

many years. He enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years. He enjoyed playing his guitar and played for various dances as a young man.

He was a member of the Fredonia United Methodist Church, VFW, and American Legion.

His parents, wife Lola, granddaughter Kristen Reinhart, and grandson Justin Sumner preceded him in death.

Survivors include one sister, Lois Myers McNett of Fredonia, KS

Children:

Jane (Eldon) McGinnis of Fredonia, KS

Wayne (Candie) Reinhart of Neosho, MO

Anita (Paul) Sumner of Topeka, KS

6 Grandchildren:

David (Tammy) McGinnis, DeeAnn (Lance) Edens, Dana (Matt) Anderson,

Eric (Brandi) Reinhart, Cindy Reinhart, and Jordan (Amanda) Sumner

10 Great-Grandchildren: Jarren Reinhart, Holly Green, Ariel McGinnis, Dylan McGinnis, Faith Lawrence, Maleeah Pugh, Quintin Reinhart, Cooper Anderson, Dannee Anderson and Noah Bacon

3 Great-Great-Grandchildren: Kynlee, Azariah, Kolt

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Countryside Funeral Home, Fredonia, KS

The family will receive friends at visitation from 10:00 to 11:00 AM prior to the service.

Interment will take place in Fredonia City Cemetery following the service.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Fredonia Flag Fund or the Avenue of Flags and can be mailed to or left with the funeral home.

Services have been entrusted to:

Countryside Funeral Home, 420 S. 20th, PO Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Cemetery Details

Fredonia Cemetery

Fredonia, KS 66736

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Fredonia
420 S. 20th St.
P.O. Box 247
Fredonia, KS 66736
(620) 378-2882

Service

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Tribute Wall

VW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
---Virginia Wheaton and Family

Virginia Wheaton - July 08, 2021 at 10:36 PM

FM

“ Comfort and sympathy to all the family. He was a very good man
and will be missed in the community. Love to all.

Florrie McGinnis - July 07, 2021 at 01:05 PM

CV

“ I “met” Mr. Reinhart in the store one day. We
were both buying cat food and we struck up a
long conversation. He also happened to live
just down the street from my parents for many
years! I had often admired his flowers and tidy
yard. He was such an interesting gentleman. I am sorry to hear of
his passing. My deepest condolences.
Christina Findley Valentin



Christina Valentin - July 06, 2021 at 03:30 PM

PA

“ Paul & Anita lit a candle in memory of Donald
Rhea Reinhart



Paul & Anita - July 05, 2021 at 08:58 AM

DS

“ Donald always greeted you by name and with a smile. He had a unique way of making you feel special and that he was so glad to see you! Instead of a Hi or Hi Diane It would be "Well hello there Dian-ie. So good to see you!!" Thinking of you, cousin Lois as you have lost your only sibling. Hugs and prayers to all the family.

Diane Shaver - July 03, 2021 at 01:30 PM