



## Donald Clifford Lashley

September 19, 1928 - February 20, 2018

Donald Clifford Lashley, age 89, passed away on February 20, 2018 at Ascension All Saints Hospital with his family by his side.

On September 19, 1928, Donald was born to Clarence and Kate (nee Jackson) Lashley in Arcadia, Missouri. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. On October 10, 1953, Donald was united in marriage to Mildred Lunow in Racine, Wisconsin. For over 50 years, Donald was the owner and operator of Lashley Tree Service.

Donald was baptized Christian. He loved the outdoors, especially being in the woods, and was an avid fisherman, deer hunter, and mushroom forager. He also enjoyed playing guitar and woodcarving. Donald liked people, and loved to tell jokes and stories. Above all, Donald loved his family and was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather.

Left to cherish Donald's memory are his wife of 64 years, Mildred Lashley; four sons: Rodney (Debra) of Marco Island, FL, Dale (Amy) of Hemet, CA, Allen (Brenda) of Racine, and Phillip (Tiffany) of Mt. Pleasant; daughter-in-law, Kathy, of Racine; grandchildren: Clinton (Nikki), Meghan (Justin), Craig (Jaime), Christopher (Deana), Gabriel, Josiah, Sydney (Derrick), and Edward; numerous great grandchildren; five brothers: John of King, WI, Robert of St. Louis, MO, David of Beldenville, WI, Kenneth of Beldenville, WI, Gerald (Chris) of Shiocton, WI; sister, Dorothy "Carol" (Charles) Hinds of Burlington; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his son, Ray; his parents, Clarence and Kate; and his siblings: Helen, Lucille, Norman, and Joann.

A celebration of Donald's life will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home (1212 Lathrop Avenue). A time of visitation with the family will take place on Saturday, February 24 from 12:00 noon until the time of the service. Donald will be laid to rest at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. with full military honors.

The family wishes to thank All Saints Ascension Hospital, Wheaton Franciscan Hospice, and Dr. Erin Siegel for their compassionate care of Donald. An additional thank you is extended to the greater Racine community for their use and support of Lashley Tree Service over the past 50 years. Donald felt that it was a pleasure to have served the community.

The family has chosen Flowers by Walter as their florist.

# Cemetery

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## **Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

21731 Spring Street  
Union Grove, WI, 53182

# Events

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**FEB 24 Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

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Wilson Funeral Home - Racine  
1212 Lathrop Ave, Racine, WI, US,  
53405

**FEB 24 Service** 02:00PM

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**FEB 28 Full Military Honors** 09:00AM

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Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial  
Cemetery  
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US, 53182

# Comments

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“ Today was a very bitter sweet day i attended the services of one of the most wonderful man i had the pleasure of knowing my uncle Don.I remember growing up and as a young kid we would come into Racine to see my grandparents and i would run over to his house so i could play with my cousin.I would just walk in just like i lived there and was always greeted with smile and very firm handshake ,me and my cousin surely tested his patience and if we messed up i got a kick in the butt just like his boys there was now faveortism there.As i got older i would sit and listen to the stories he would tell about my family and friends some of the stories i heard more then once but i didnt mind listening again it always made him smile and happy so it was worth it every time.I never followed him into the family business but i did see and watched how hard he worked to make a living for his family and himself and i gave that man all the respect i had and deserved.So in closing my uncle Don may be gone in body but never in spirit and in my heart.So till we meet again love you your nephew Eric

**Eric wellna** - February 24, 2018 at 10:34 PM



“ Thanks Eric. You were not only a nephew to dad but also an appreciated friend

**Dale Lashley** - February 27, 2018 at 10:01 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Donald Clifford Lashley.



February 24, 2018 at 11:05 AM

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“ Don Lashley was a hard working man who in turn raised fine hard working sons, he indirectly changed my course in life, hard working. My condolences to the family.  
Tobian Peterson

**Tobian Peterson** - February 23, 2018 at 09:36 AM

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“ From - Mike, Lori, Joshua and Jacob Lunow purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Clifford Lashley.



From - Mike, Lori, Joshua and Jacob Lunow - February 22, 2018 at 09:38 PM

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“ Uncle Don always greeted me with a "Hey, how are you doing?" along with a big smile.  
I remember numerous times throughout the course of my life that he made me feel happy just to be around him and his infallible sense of humor. We shared many, many laughs together. He was a kind, caring, sensitive man to me and I will always love him for that.  
As I watch the Lashley family grow smaller, I feel the loss more immense than ever. Uncle Don had the enviable quality of playing the guitar, carving wood sculptures and making the Lashley Tree Service a successful business for numerous years. All reasons to respect and be grateful to know him. I will miss him. Sending hugs, sympathy and much love to my beautiful Aunt Millie and my cousins, Rod, Dale, Allen and Phillip.  
With Love,  
Pam Lashley-Antosh

Pam Lashley-Antosh - February 22, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ Thanks Pam. We missed your big smile at over the weekend. Sorry to hear about your accident. Hope you get all healed up soon. We'll keep you and your dad in our thoughts and prayers.

Dale Lashley - February 27, 2018 at 10:06 PM

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“ Paula,Bill and Tori Larson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Clifford Lashley.



Paula,Bill and Tori Larson - February 22, 2018 at 10:53 AM

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“ (The Norman Lashley Families) purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Clifford Lashley.



(The Norman Lashley Families) - February 22, 2018 at 08:56 AM

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“ As a child I knew my dad as a friendly, open man. Only much later in life would I understand how special he was. He modeled a natural spirit of benevolence and goodwill to others that the hard times did not snuff out. The hard times sorely test the goodness of us all but he passed that test. The goodwill I saw in him my whole life was part of who he was. It never left him. One of the best examples I can give, he probably did not even realize. Dad, (along with mom, of course), welcomed me home from college every summer and gave me a job with free room and board. In later years Amy and I, Gabe and Josiah and sometimes even our dogs would arrive in town like a hoard of Vikings to invade his home, plunder his pantry, take over the TV and make him smoke outside! His goodwill was surely tested but it held. It must have been love to welcome us back again and again. I am proud that my family will remember Grandpa as a loving and lovable man who showed his love to us by freely offering whatever he had to make us feel at home. I would do well to come to the end of this life with as much generosity and goodwill.

Dale Lashley - February 22, 2018 at 01:08 AM



“ I AM SO SADDENED TO HEAR OF MR.LASHLEY HAVING PASSED AWAY.HE WAS A GREAT MAN THAT ALL OF US OWE THANKS TO FOR MAKEING US BETTER PEOPLE ALL AROUND.THANK-YOU SIR AND GOD BLESS YOU.

RANDY ROBERTS

**RANDY ROBERTS** - February 26, 2018 at 10:42 AM



“ Thanks Randy. Hope you and your family are doing well. We'll have to try to meet up on our next visit.

**Dale Lashley** - February 27, 2018 at 10:08 PM

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Wilson Funeral Home - February 21, 2018 at 02:51 PM