



## Donald James Tremain

October 16, 1921 - February 6, 2015

Don Tremain was a decorated U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II and a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather and great, great grandfather – as well as a steadfast friend.

A native of Tina, Missouri, in Carroll County, after finishing school Don went to work for Cessna Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas, until the United States entered World War II following the attack at Pearl Harbor in December of 1941. In March of 1942 he traveled back to Tina to enlist in the U.S. Navy Air Corps, but he was instead drafted into the Army. He signed up for service in the U.S. Army Air Forces and reported for duty at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in November of 1942.

Don served with distinction in the 47th Bomb Wing, 98th Bomb Group, of the 344th Bomb Squadron of the Army Air Forces. He was a Top-Turret Gunner aboard a B-24 Liberator bomber and completed a total of 50 missions. He did lose his right hand in combat during his 50th mission. In 1944, his flight group was stationed in Italy, from which they bombed the Nazi-occupied oil fields in Romania. On his 50th mission, Don's B-24 crashed in flames upon return to Italy and he was seriously injured. As a result of his heroism, Sgt. Donald Tremain ultimately was awarded two Purple Heart medals as well as the Air Medal for his service.

Following the war Don went to work in the parts department of a leading Kansas City area Buick dealer, where he stayed until 1981. He then joined the Myer Brothers automotive and industrial equipment distribution company,

where he worked until his retirement in 2005.

Don was preceded in death by his brother Carl, wife Mary Alice and sister Joanne; he is survived by his; two sons Larry and James, and stepdaughter Terry; former wife Mary: by grandchildren Cameron, Aaron, Scott, Wendy, Jamie Lynne, Matt, Thomas, Christian and Timothy; by great grandchildren Zachary, Kyle, Preston, Tricia and Dalton; by great, great grandchildren Ackleigh, Bentley and Arianna; and by nieces Connie, Cheryl and Mai.

A graveside service for Don Tremain will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 13, 2015, at the Maple Hill Cemetery, located at 2301 S. 34th Street in Kansas City, Kansas.

# Cemetery Details

## Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St  
Kansas City, KS 66106  
(913) 262-6610  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald James Tremain*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Donald James Tremain*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM



“ *Linda Tremain purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald James Tremain.*



**Linda Tremain** - February 12, 2015 at 04:47 PM



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**Mary Van Valin** - February 12, 2015 at 02:08 PM

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**Mary Van Valin** - February 12, 2015 at 01:43 PM

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“ *I am grateful for the life of Mr. Tremain. Thanks to his service and to the service of others in our armed forces, my family and I have been able to lead our lives in freedom and peace.*

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**Bob in Grandview, Missouri** - February 12, 2015 at 09:29 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald James Tremain.*



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February 12, 2015 at 08:10 AM

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“ *Connie Peterson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald James Tremain.*



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**Connie Peterson** - February 11, 2015 at 07:51 PM