



Hubert "Dee" Donald Crossnine

October 1, 1929 - April 29, 2019

Hubert Donald (Dee) Crossnine, 89, transitioned peacefully from this world to our heavenly Father's arms on April 29, 2019.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Becky and his 3 sons, Don (Melandia), Michael (Debi), Pat (Lisa), 2 daughters, Brandy (Chuck), and Sara; 10 grandchildren; Steve (Amy), Kim (Michael), Dena (Troy), Paul, Rick, Tino, Cody, Samuel, Khristina and Steven; 8 great grandchildren: Ethan, Lindsey, Henry, Lindi, Taylor, Zachary, Blakely and Kyler.

Dee was born in Memphis, TN, on October 1, 1929, during the Great Depression and was known to be very frugal. As a child, he had a paper route that started at 4 am, and from there he would serve as an altar boy at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

He was a world-famous paddleball champion. His mother would run him out of the house for playing it. Few people knew that he liked to pick fights after school. This is what landed him the famous "Crossnine nose".

His family Sunday dinner as a child was spaghetti and fried chicken. He remembers his mother going to the backyard to get the live chicken and wring its neck.

He played first base for Catholic High School for Boys and shared his love of baseball with all his kids and grandkids. He also loved to watch football, especially his favorite team, Notre Dame. He enjoyed many wonderful Super Bowl parties with family and friends at the Crossnine residence.

Dee worked at Ford Motor Co for 10 years with his dad until the plant was relocated to Chicago. In 1958, he became a firefighter with the Memphis Fire Department. In those days firemen still rode on the back of pumper trucks. He was once thrown from a moving pumper as it turned a sharp corner. It was right after that he applied for a Fire Inspector's position. He moved up in rank to serve as Fire Marshal for the City of Memphis from 1980 to 1994.

In 1995, the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs established the H.D. Crossnine Award. This award commemorates the career contributions of retired Memphis, TN Fire Marshal Chief Hubert D. Crossnine. Chief Crossnine contributed greatly to the Association's efforts to develop fire safety standards in line with fire service values and the needs of communities.

During his impressive fire service career Chief Crossnine served for more than 20 years as a member, Vice Chairman or Chairman of several code development committees. He was also very instrumental in the planning of the City of Memphis Fire Department Museum.

Dee's priorities were God, family, and friends. In that order. He loved the outdoors and got truly excited when it was almost time to cut grass again. He loved to get on the tractor and just ride.

Dee will truly be missed by all his family and friends.

The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff and nurses at Methodist Hospice for their compassionate care and support.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Collierville Animal Shelter or Memphis Fire Museum.

Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 2019 at Canale Funeral Directors. The funeral service will be 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 2, 2019 at Canale Funeral Directors with interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery

Events

Calvary Cemetery

1663 Elvis Presley Blvd
Memphis, TN, 38106

MAY **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Canale Funeral Directors
2700 Union Avenue Extended, Memphis, TN, US, 38112

MAY **Funeral Service** 01:30PM

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Comments



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hubert "Dee" Donald Crossnine.



May 02, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ Dan & Sandra Freeman purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Hubert "Dee" Donald Crossnine.



Dan & Sandra Freeman - May 01, 2019 at 07:50 PM



“ Rest In Peace Mr. Dee. Sending love and prayers for comfort and peace



Janie Savery - May 01, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Condolences to family and friends ..



James and Brenda Conry - May 01, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Hubert "Dee" Donald Crossnine.



May 01, 2019 at 12:31 PM



“ Thanks for serving the area MFD. So appreciated these responders.



Area Resident - May 01, 2019 at 12:04 PM



“ I enjoyed having lunch with Mr. Crossnine and his son Don on Thursdays at the Germantown Baptist Church. We talked about moles from time to time and Mr. Crossnine's opinion was to just leave them alone. I'll miss him being here.
Richard Bell

Arthur R Bell - May 01, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hubert "Dee" Donald Crossnine.



April 30, 2019 at 09:04 PM