



Jon Robert Saffell

November 25, 1939 - May 25, 2024

Jon Robert Saffell, 84, of Glen Dale, WV, died Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Wheeling, WV.

He was born November 25, 1939 in Glen Dale, WV; the son of the late Robert C. and Mildred Wallace Saffell.

Jon graduated from Moundsville High School in 1957. He attended West Liberty State College while working at Fostoria Glass Company where he was employed for 29 years. After Fostoria closed in 1986, he was self-employed for 8 years doing business as Design Prototypes. In 1994, he began employment as product designer/sculptor with the Fenton Art Glass Company in Williamstown, WV. He retired from Fenton in 2004. Jon was a gifted sculptor, exhibiting and winning awards at numerous art shows.

In 1981, Jon was elected and served 6 years as a councilman for the City of Glen Dale. In 1987, he was elected as Mayor of Glen Dale, a position he served an additional 6 years.

Jon was a member of the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Moundsville Lions Club, served on the original Moundsville-Glen Dale Rails-to-Trails committee, and was a member of the Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Directors where he was Secretary of the Board. He was an active member of Glen Dale United Methodist Church, serving as Lay Leader, usher, and long-time leader of the Donuts & Dialogue (D&D) Adult Sunday School class.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two sisters, Sylvia

Combs and Roberta Rogerson.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Carolyn (Nisperly) Saffell; two daughters, Jill (Jeff) Mennillo, and Julie (Dan) Peroni; seven grandchildren, Alyssa (A.B. Stump) Mennillo, Ashley (Matt Bartenschlag) Mennillo, Dax (Adrian Edwards) Mennillo, Mario (Cara) Peroni, Gino Peroni, Ava (John McFarland) Peroni, and Maria (Mason Badia) Peroni; one great-granddaughter, Alayna Bartenschlag; and several nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends on Thursday May 30, 2024 from 4p.m. until time of memorial service at 6p.m. at Glen Dale United Methodist Church 700 Wheeling Ave., Glen Dale, with Reverend Jonathan Moon officiating. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the staff of Good Shepherd for their loving care of Jon.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jon's memory to Good Shepherd Nursing Home, Amedysis Hospice, or to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home and Crematory, 400 Jefferson Ave, Moundsville, WV.

Sympathy expressions at grisellfuneralhomes.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (est)

Glen Dale United Methodist Church
700 Wheeling Avenue
Glen Dale, WV

Memorial Service

MAY **30**. 6:00 PM (est)

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700 Wheeling Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Jon Robert Saffell*



Grisell Funeral Homes - May 28, 2024 at 07:35 PM

JH

“ *Prayers to Carolyn and family, Jon was one of the greatest guys in our class of 1957. always a good friend. Jim Howearth*

Jim Howearth - June 12, 2024 at 10:50 PM

JF

“ *Mr. Saffell was always a champion of the choir when I was the Choir Director in the 80s and 90s. He always had a smile for everyone. My condolences to his family and nay God fill the emptiness felt at his loss.*
Judy and John Flynn

Judy Flynn - May 30, 2024 at 08:58 PM

VD

“ *Vinnie and Kristen DeCarlo purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jon Robert Saffell.*



Vinnie and Kristen DeCarlo - May 30, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ 172 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - May 28, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Jon Robert Saffell.*



May 28, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *Jill's friends from FS TRIM PM Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jon Robert Saffell.*

Jill's friends from FS TRIM PM Team - May 28, 2024 at 08:44 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Julie and family. Great memories of Jon and I on the basketball court at Glen Dale Park. We made a great team! God Bless.*
Bob Coram

Bob Coram - May 27, 2024 at 09:38 PM

DG

“ Carolyn & Family,
Deepest sympathies to you & yours. Jon will be missed by all who
lives he touched. Prayers for comfort, strength and healing. Hugs
❤️

Dave & Mae Gill - May 27, 2024 at 09:01 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear about Jon. His death brings back memories of going
to Glen Dale Park during the summers of the late 60's and early
70's and playing against the likes of other deceased Glen Dale
playground "legends", Mick Garrison, Cat Whipkey, Jim Polley John
"Knut" Fahey, and Slick Calineger. All with diverse personalities,
but shared the love of basketball. My thoughts and sympathy go out
to all of Mr. Saffel's family and many friends

Jay Knapp - May 27, 2024 at 11:02 AM

MP

“ Mark and Amber Peluchette planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Jon Robert Saffell.

Mark and Amber Peluchette - May 27, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MP

“ Mark and Amber Peluchette purchased the Simpl
y Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jon
Robert Saffell.



Mark and Amber Peluchette - May 27, 2024 at 09:53 AM

DA

“ *My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of Jon. Denny Albaugh*

Dennis R Albaugh - May 27, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jon Robert Saffell.*



May 27, 2024 at 09:11 AM

CM

“ *My memories of Jon started at Fostoria Glass and continued when Dave and I moved, to he and Carolyn's neighborhood in Glen Dale. Jon was always a caring, honest and fair man that kept the love of God in his heart.
Sending my Love, Colleen*

Colleen Mowder - May 26, 2024 at 04:16 PM

DM

Carolyn and Family,

Please accept my condolences and my deepest sympathy. I first remember meeting Jon when he started showing up on 7th Street in his beautiful 56 Ford. He was always very interesting to talk to and a pleasure to be around. I appreciated that he always took the time to look me up and come by to say hello when I was set up at a trade show he was attending. He will be missed by many.

David Mullen - Atlanta

David Mullen - May 26, 2024 at 05:16 PM

BF

Jon: a soft-spoken man who one could be proud to call a friend. We spent many good times traveling to West Liberty basketball games together. He was fierce competitor but a fair and gentle man. I cherished that friendship and will take pride in that knowledge. Sincere sympathy to Carolyn and the entire family.

Bill Foster

Bill Foster - May 27, 2024 at 11:57 AM

JG

Carolyn and family,

You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Joe and I are glad that we were able to spend time with you and Jon at RmH fitness center and at Myrtle Beach. Always enjoyed talking with Jon, he was a true gentleman and very talented. God Bless

Joe and Juanita

Juanita Guzek - May 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM



His beautiful and unique glass designs are a wonderful tribute to Jon's talent. These glass creations will bring joy to collectors for years to come. . . a great legacy! Our thoughts and prayers are with Jon's family and friends.

Terry Nutter - May 28, 2024 at 07:25 AM