



## Donald Lynn Roach Sr.

July 10, 1934 - October 16, 2016

The Lord called “Don - Our Loved One” home on Sunday, October 16, 2016.

Don was Protestant by faith. Don had been a resident at Guthrie Towanda Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing, Towanda, PA for some time.

Donald Lynn Roach, Sr. of Luthers Mills, PA was born, July 10, 1934 at Adrian Hospital, Punxsutawney, PA – the home of the famous or infamous “Punxsutawney Phil.” Don was the third child of 6 children born to the late Dorothy Bish Roach and Robert Lynn Roach and Anna R. Himes Roach, his step-mother; 5 Siblings: Robert Lee Roach; Ethel May Roach Hess Krenciglovia; Elva Elizabeth McKee; Earl William Roach and Marjorie Louise McMasters Lantz. He is survived by his wife Rosanna and his 4 children: Donald, Roxann, William and Concetta; one Aunt – Sydney Bish Knapp. He is also survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews, 11 - grandchildren; 12 - great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild.

He attended schools at Anita, PA and following school was employed for a period of one year by Hoffman Brothers of Punxsutawney, PA, diamond – core drillers testing for coal, gas, and oil deposits. Since that time had worked in right-of-way work with a number of companies. In 1957, Don came to work in the area for Geer’s Tree Service where he met his soon to be wife, Rosanna Marie Henley. Don was drafted by the United States Army in 1957 and served in Honolulu, HI during peace time as a track service mechanic. Don returned to work in January 1959 for Geer’s Tree Service for a total of ten years of service.

When Don returned to work in Towanda, PA in January, 1959 he picked up his relationship with Rosanna. They were married on June 12, 1959 at the United Methodist Parish in Towanda, PA. To them were born 4 children: Donald Lynn Roach, Jr. – married: Deneen Marie Lewis Roach; Roxann Marie Roach Stevens – married: Eric Thomas Stevens; William Lee Roach married Sheila Hart (first wife) and Ramona House Williams Groover Roach (second wife); Concetta Renee Roach – married: Nathan Edward Gallow.

On November 1, 1966, Geer Tree Service was incorporated into the family of Claverack Rural Electric Cooperative, Don was then employed under the job classification of Tree Trimmer – Power. His duties with the Right-of-Way Crew included: assisting in clearing and maintenance using both power equipment and chemicals to act as Right-of-Way Foreman in the foreman's absence. He also was a linesman.

Don and Rosanna have 11 Grandchildren: Jordan C. Roach; Matthew L. Roach; Hannah K. Roach; Ashley E. Stevens; Brooke A. Stevens; Brian M. Hart; Nicole M. Roach; Tanya Williams Finnerty; Fawne Groover Hawthorne; Elisha R. Gallow and Kaitelyn M. Gallow.

Don and Rosanna have 12 Great-Grandchildren: Jaelynn N. Roach; Myles G. C. Roach; Truman F. Roach; Blaze Ryder Stevens; Karlie Ann Myers; Owen Hart; Carson Hart; Hannah Yates; Britny Sager Chase; Parker Hawthorne; Braden Pierce; Collin Pierce

Don and Rosanna have 1 Great-Great Grandchild: Lily Chase

Don and Rosanna have 2 Predeceased Great-Grandchildren: Marcus James Hart and Lyric R. Hawthorne

Don was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, mechanic and jack-of-all-trades. He was also known as a prankster and loved watching cartoons on Saturdays. He loved country music, playing bingo, shuffle board, nascar, drinking his cups of coffee, wearing his hat, gardening, helping others when needed, camping, he also loved to play vampire with his children and grandchildren, baking pies and working on projects. He also enjoyed drawing as well.

The funeral service will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.

at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Bradford County Memorial Park, Luthers Mills, PA with Towanda American Legion Post No. 42 according full military honors. Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bradford County Memorial Park

20452 Route 6  
Towanda, PA 18848

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lynn Roach Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ *Donald Lynn Roach Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ *Donald Lynn Roach Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Donald Lynn Roach Sr.*

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ *Donald Lynn Roach Sr.*

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Bill sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you*

**Annrae Travis** - October 21, 2016 at 02:09 PM



“ So sorry about the loss of your dad when I think about him I remember the time my dad Roy Blow and your dad saved the mailman during the flood they were pretty brave to go out on that bridge but they were brave men for sure.

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**Cathy Russell Copek** - October 21, 2016 at 06:09 AM

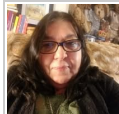
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“ Rosanna, Don, Roxann ,Bill & Concetta-We were sorry to hear of Don's death. I have many memories of times spent with your family. I especially remember and still appreciate the many times Don went out of his way to take me back to Mansfield to make sure I had a safe ride. I will miss sharing his strong black coffee at family reunions!  
Dot & Devon

*Dot (Woodruff) Allen,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan  
dot\_allen@yahoo.com*

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**Dot Allen** - October 18, 2016 at 11:01 PM



*Thank you Dot dad service waa beautiful...full military...huge attendance. This is so hard. ♥♥♥♥ Roxann*

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**Roxann Stevens** - October 20, 2016 at 07:50 AM

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“ It was a pleasure to take care of Don. He was a sweetheart.

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**Diane Rockwell** - October 18, 2016 at 09:16 AM



*Diane*

*On behalf of the Donald L. Roach, Sr. family we extend our deepest gratitude. ♥♥♥ Roxann Roach Stevens*

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**Roxann Stevens** - October 20, 2016 at 07:52 AM