



North Mankato Post 518 Proudly Honors This Veteran of the Month



The Flag flying from this site is flown in honor of Army PFC Donald L. Giroux, for the month of July, 2025 by North Mankato American Legion Post 518.

Donald R. Giroux was born on June 17, 1925 at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, Minnesota, to Dr. A.A. and Kathryn Giroux. He attended High School in Forest Lake, Minnesota. He had his own car dealership after being discharged from the military, and then worked in sales for Clements Auto in Mankato, Minnesota. Donald married Annabel Hirsch on February 15, 1948. They made their home in North Mankato, Minnesota.

Donald was a member of the Mankato American Legion Post 11, the VFW, and Holy Rosary Catholic church in North Mankato, Minnesota.

Donald enjoyed garage sales and collecting watches. He also enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Donald L. Giroux began service to his country in the US Army on July 31, 1943. He had his basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado. He then received training as a Medical Surgical Tech. He served in France, Czechoslovakia and Germany, and in the 109th Evacuation Hospital, in Europe and London, England. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, WWII Victory Medal, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with 4 Bronze Battle Stars, the Meritorious Unit Award, and 3 Over Seas Service Bars. PFC Donald L. Giroux was Honorably Discharged on January 12, 1946.

PFC Donald L. Giroux passed away on August 11, 2022 in Mankato, Minnesota. He is survived by his: **Children** – Donald Giroux Jr., Mike Giroux and Nancy Hager, and **Brother** – Richard Giroux. He is buried in Calvary Cemetery in Mankato, Minnesota.

