



Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.

January 12, 1942 - January 18, 2022

Donaciano "Don" Casares passed away on January 18, 2022 at the age of 80, in his hometown of Grand Island, Nebraska. He spent his last days with his family and close friends by his side, with such bravery and courage. Despite the pain, Don came out a hero and stayed strong until the end.

Don touched so many lives, as he never made anyone feel as if they weren't family, he treated everyone with respect and so much love. Always there to help or just to listen. He gave the best advice, and mostly the best hugs, He had smile that could brighten up the sky. Don never turned a soul away, in his eyes everyone meant something even if at the time that person couldn't see it. That is what made him special to so many. Don was born January 12th 1942 in Morton Texas to Benito R Casares sr and Ernestina (Ofelia) Roman. Siblings are Benito (Rosie) Casares jr, Sylvia (Efrain) Lazarin, Sandra Casares Patton, Chonita (Robert) Lade, Rosie Casares Martinez, Thelma (Luis) Cruz, and Carpio (Diana) Casares with numerous nephews and nieces.

Don met the love of his life Sharon K Smith, while Sharon was working as a bell hop. He says he fell in love with her blue beehive! It was love at first sight. They got married in 1964 and went on to have 8 children, adopting their grandson.

Don's strong work ethic began when he was a young boy, working in the fields with his parents. He relayed that even when he wasn't old enough to actually work with crops, he carried water to those who were. He made many trips in a

day's time to bring a refreshing drink to those who were hot and tired. In between trips he and his brother Benny entertained themselves and tried to stay out of trouble. Don's memories of his early years were of traveling across the country, following the harvest season, working hard, and good times with the families that traveled with he and his family.

When the Casares family settled in Grand Island, Nebraska, Don attended school, then went to work to help his parents. As a young man, Don enjoyed playing ball, bowling and going to dances. He was always ready for good music. He was also on a Golden Gloves boxing team.

Don worked with Diamond Engineering for approximately 48 years, taking his well-earned retirement in 2006. Several concrete projects in the area, demonstrate the talents of Don and his crew. He always encouraged his sons and other young men to find a trade and do their best. One of those young men from years past remembers Don for "giving me a job, when no one else would. I will always remember him for that."

Those left behind to carry on his legacy are

Vinita (Larry) Garzee, Christina (Gustavo) Martinez, Lisa (Jose) Espinoza, Don (Junior) Casares, Carpio Casares, Benita Casares, Lasado Casares and Justyce Casares. 36 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by both parents Benito Sr, Ofelia Casares, His wife Sharon K Casares, two sons Troy and Raymond Eugene Casares, grand children Michael, Adam, Angel, Serena and Jacob.

Visiting hours are from 4 – 7 pm, with a rosary to follow from 7-8pm on Wednesday 1/26/2022 at all faiths funeral home, Thursday 1/27/2022 funeral services will start at 10am at all faiths funeral home following a catholic mass at Saint Mary's Cathedral, burial at the Grand Island cemetery. Following the funeral service there will be lunch served at Saint Mary's

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **26**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
2929 S Locust St
Grand Island, NE 68801
(308) 398-2929
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

Rosary

JAN **26**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral
112 S Cedar St
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897
(308) 384-2523

Tribute Wall



“ *Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Crystal Marie lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.*



Crystal Marie - March 29, 2022 at 08:35 PM



“ *Still missing you like no other, these pictures popped up in my memories today. I miss you pops*



Crystal Marie - March 29, 2022 at 08:34 PM



“ *Alicia (Mickey Mouse) lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.*



Alicia (Mickey Mouse) - January 27, 2022 at 12:44 AM

CC

“ Last night as i was going through my pictures i came across a funny snap chat filtered one of you and Niko, boy did it bring me a big smile, i remember i could not stop laughing after taking it i was rolling on the ground laughing as you and Niko sat clueless to my my mischief! you then said to me "what the heck is so funny?" when i showed you could not control myself you threw a pillow at me and said leave us alone dang it!! God knows how much i miss you and i wish i just hold you again, but i know you will be waiting for me when its my time to go with open arms like you have my whole life. I love pops.

crystal casares - January 26, 2022 at 08:08 AM

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“ Crystal Casares lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



crystal casares - January 26, 2022 at 07:58 AM

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“ RHONDA MOLCZYK -BROWN lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



RHONDA MOLCZYK -BROWN - January 25, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr..*



January 25, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ *I remember you teaching me some pool shots and boy do i stink at pool, somehow you never got frustrated with me and instead with a patient heart you kept showing me, i can spin that cue ball and hit that shot when i need to. you lived a long long meaningful life in my eyes you were my world, i hope to see you again one day, im going to give you the biggest hug and talk your ears off like i did as a little girl on our road trips. im going to dance with you under that boardwalk and hold onto you so tight because ill never want to be without you again. i love you grandpa your safe in my heart until we see eachother again.*

crystal casares - January 25, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ *learning how to cook with you was always fun, you always threw in your jazz and tried hiding the onions from me, god knows how much i miss you and youve been on my mind heavy, i promise to keep your memory alive and Niko will never forget his popa. We miss you so much.*

crystal casares - January 25, 2022 at 08:19 AM

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“ *Crystal Casares lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.*



crystal casares - January 25, 2022 at 08:12 AM



“ *Driving to go see Adrian we had good times we talked about everythingv*



Christy Casares - January 24, 2022 at 07:07 PM

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“ *Dad I miss you so much. It's just so hard to believe your gone I can't imagine my life without you. You were my rock and without you now I don't know what gonna do. I will always remember always keep your wisdom in my heart and I will always take your advice iand use it when I get stuck in life. I love you dad and miss you so much..*



Lisa - January 24, 2022 at 07:04 PM

CH

“ *i will miss us cooking together i loved every moment of it i learned to cook from u u taught me alot of receipes thank u dad love u and miss u sio much*

christina - January 23, 2022 at 05:25 AM

HE

“ Hector lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



Hector - January 23, 2022 at 05:21 AM

KA

“ Kay lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



kay - January 23, 2022 at 05:20 AM

CH

“ Christy lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



christy - January 23, 2022 at 05:18 AM

CH

“ Christina lit a candle in memory of Donaciano Roman "Don" Casares Sr.



Christina - January 23, 2022 at 12:44 AM