



Donald "Don" Lee Day

August 26, 1946 - January 2, 2024

Donald L. Day, "Don", 77, of Grand Island passed away on January 2, 2024 at CHI-Health St Francis after a valiant battle with lung cancer and pneumonia. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at All Faiths Funeral Home, with the Funeral Service starting at 2 p.m. Dan Naranjo will officiate.

Don was born on August 26, 1946 in Grand Island, to Harold and Evelene (VanSlyke) Day. He grew up in Cotesville and graduated from North Loup High School in 1964. In his teen years he helped his dad with custom harvesting from South Dakota to Texas, he was very familiar with all farm equipment. Don went on to attend Milford Community College receiving a degree in welding in 1966. Don made a career at Sperry New Holland now called CNH. He worked there for 35 plus years. Retiring in 2000.

Donald married Lila Slagle in 1966, Two children were born into this union. Rhonda Hilderbrand and Sandra Day. They were married for 6 years. After his divorce, Don met Betty Gannon, with whom he has spent the last 47 years. From this union, Don gained three bonus children.

Don was a member of the NE Muzzleloaders and the NebraskaLand Treasure Hunters, as well as the Arizona Roadrunners Metal Detecting Club. In his spare time, Don enjoyed metal detecting, muzzle loading, scuba diving, traveling, and gambling.

Those left to cherish his memory include his life partner, Betty Gannon; daughter, Rhonda (Scott) Hilderbrand; grandchildren, Rachel Hilderbrand,

Shaun Hilderbrand; great grandson, Blaz Hilderbrand; bonus children, Tammy (Curt) Coffman, Tracy (Brian) Yosten, Troy (Misti) Gannon; eight bonus grandchildren; sister, Shirley Harmon; and many extended family members. Don was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Sandra Day; and an infant brother Dale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Don" Lee Day



All Faiths Funeral Home - January 04, 2024 at 04:20 PM



It was a wonderful service. Hope the weather was better for you all today.

Linda Atwater Saylor - January 11, 2024 at 05:21 PM

RH

“ I will love you forever!



Rhonda Hilderbrand - January 11, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Lee Day.



January 08, 2024 at 04:04 PM

WM

“ To the family of Don Day
Sorry I could not be there. I enjoyed playing football with Don and
wheat harvesting with he an his dad. Praying that our living God will
comfort you.
Wilber Medbery

Wilber Medbery - January 08, 2024 at 02:43 PM



“ Linda Atwater Saylor lit a candle in memory of
Donald "Don" Day



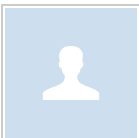
Linda Atwater Saylor - January 08, 2024 at 09:29 AM

TR

“ tracy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don"
Day



tracy - January 07, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Donald "Don" Lee Day.



January 07, 2024 at 03:00 PM

DR

“ *Many good memories, especially hunting in Beaver Crossing.*

Dick Rhodes - January 07, 2024 at 09:46 AM

ST

“ *I do remember him*

Susan Traudt - January 05, 2024 at 12:10 PM

SH

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. Mike and Sharon Hiett. Mike worked with Don and Betty @ Case New Holland and I attended NLS with Don and Shirley.

Sharon Hiett - January 07, 2024 at 10:33 PM



We are so sorry we won't be with you today Betty, Rhonda and family. Don was a special friend that Dick worked with for years and we travel with and spent lots of time with him and Betty. He was a man of "many coats". If you/we needed help with anything it wasn't how or why, I'll see if I have time it was WHEN and I'll be there. We've been friends for over 50 years and you don't have friends like that very often. He was special and we miss him. We will be watching today and wishing it was with you. Love to you all.

Dickie and Linda

Linda Atwater Saylor - January 08, 2024 at 09:28 AM

TT

Don will be missed by all. Marilyn and I always enjoyed our visits with him when we attended Nebraska Land Metal Detecting hunts. He helped a lot to put the detecting hunt on. All of us in KC area will miss him. He has many friends here. Prayer and comfort for your family

Terry Theiss - January 11, 2024 at 12:35 PM