



## Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins

March 13, 1925 - September 5, 2022

Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins, 97, of Alda, Nebraska, passed away on Monday, September 5, 2022.

Don was born March 13, 1925, in Omaha, the son of Welmer Ernest Filkins and Alice Pearl (Lutz) Filkins.

He graduated from Glenwood High School, Class of 1943. Shortly after graduating high school, with our nation still firmly engaged in WWII, Don volunteered in service to his country enlisting in the U.S. Navy. During the war years, Don was a naval gunner assigned to a small number of Merchant Marine vessels, one being the S/S William F. MacLennan. Don's post-war years of Navy service were predominately spent stationed aboard the USS Higbee, a Gearing class destroyer, as a Gunner's Mate Third Class.

In post-WWII civilian life, Don had various occupations, but spent the vast majority of his working career as an ironworker, building bridges, tall buildings, and power plants in the Western and Mid-Western United States.

Those who cherish Don's memory include his children and their spouses, Donald Filkins, Jeffrey Filkins, Jennifer Kempffer, and William Keck, as well as 14 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by his brothers Richard, Kenneth, and Wendell Filkins, and by his sisters Donna Garrett and Patricia Garges.

He was preceded in death by his 2 wives, Evelyn Gray (Card) in 2013, and Roberta Lee (Shaver) in 2019; his parents Welmer and Pearl, his daughter Victoria Trejo, and his brothers Deryl, Lyle and Larry.

Service and celebration of Don's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 13th at All Faiths Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Alda Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Navy and the Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be on the evening prior to the service, Monday, September 12th from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are suggested to the family to be designated at a later date.

Online remembrances may be left at [www.giallfaiths.com](http://www.giallfaiths.com).

# Cemetery Details

**Alda Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

SEP **12.** 5:00 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/>

### Celebration of Life Service

SEP **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

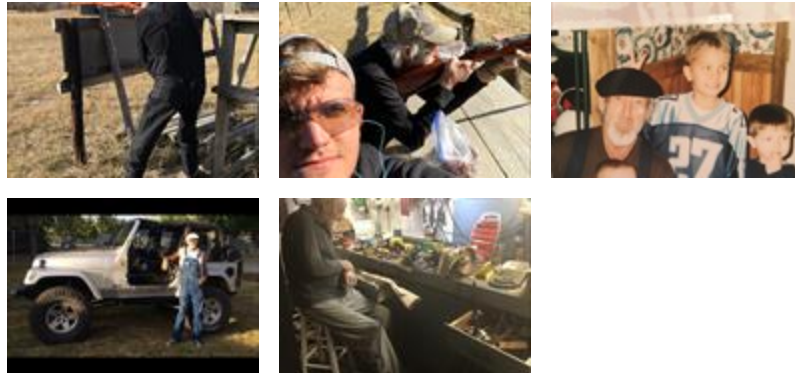


“ Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ You talked the talk, and walked the walk. The epitome of grit and toughness. I will miss you dearly, Grandpa. Thank you for everything; I will forever cherish the memories made, and life lessons you taught me. Your words of wisdom and advice echo within me daily. I love you. Be cool.



Cody Keck - September 13, 2022 at 12:02 AM



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David Miesbach - September 12, 2022 at 07:55 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins.



September 11, 2022 at 03:30 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins.



September 10, 2022 at 05:44 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Welmer Filkins.



September 10, 2022 at 05:28 PM



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Screwbird - September 09, 2022 at 03:45 PM

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**Screwbird** - September 09, 2022 at 01:15 PM

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“ *I knew Don as a straight shooter who never shirked a task.  
My condolences to the family.*

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**Denny Mudloff** - September 09, 2022 at 09:20 AM

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**Screwbird** - September 08, 2022 at 02:27 PM