



## Donald "Don" P Whelan

March 28, 1942 - July 5, 2021

Donald "Don" Whelan, 79, of Grand Island passed away on July 5, 2021 at Grand Island Regional Hospital.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at All Faiths Funeral Home. Dan Naranjo will officiate. Burial will follow at Cedarview Cemetery in Doniphan. Casual dress is requested by his family.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Don was born on March 28, 1942 in Grand Island son of Michael and Bedonna (Mitchell) Whelan. He lived in Fullerton and then moved to Grand Island where he attended Central Catholic and then went on to college and graduated with his degree in diesel mechanics and refrigeration.

On September 24, 1979 he was united in marriage to Diane Dills. The couple lived in Doniphan before settling in Grand Island.

Don was a dedicated employee and worked at Medal Gold, TFS and Hansen International Trucking. He spent many years as a manager at Midland Carrier Transcold.

Even after retiring in 2017, Don was always on the go. He put his family first and enjoyed teasing his grandchildren and great-grandchildren and

reminiscing his good old days with them and South Dakota fishing trips with family. Don was a scoutmaster for Doniphan Troop # 251, and enjoyed any gathering of friends. He cared for all of God's creatures, and had tame squirrels and a best bud, Cocoa. His love and devotion to his family will be missed.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Whelan of Grand Island; son, Kenny Whelan of Doniphan; daughters, Sue (Ken) Jolkowski of Omaha, Tammy (Brad) Williams of Doniphan; 21 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; brother, Butch (Joyce) Whelan of Grand Island; sisters, Maggie Pitt of Branson, MO, and Bette Warn of Castle Rock, CO; numerous nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Bedonna Whelan; daughters, Betty McComb and Cara Russell; granddaughter, Tannas Jolkowski; brother, Johnny Whelan; sisters, Bedonna Moore, Joyce Hayes and Alice McCright.

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

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life Service

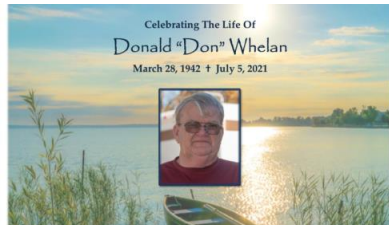
JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Don" P Whelan



All Faiths Funeral Home - July 10, 2021 at 11:58 AM



“ Donald "Don" P Whelan

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P Whelan.



July 09, 2021 at 12:11 PM



“ This was the greatest day ever. Just to see my dad smile and having fun.



Kenneth Whelan - July 08, 2021 at 09:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P Whelan.*



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July 08, 2021 at 09:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" P Whelan.*



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July 07, 2021 at 02:42 PM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy, Williams Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald "Don" P Whelan.*



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**With Deepest Sympathy, Williams Family** - July 07, 2021 at 01:54 PM