



Donald Dean "Don" English

February 24, 1949 - February 6, 2026

Donald Dean "Don" English, 76, of Cairo, NE, passed away on Friday, February 6, 2026.

Service and a celebration of Don's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 12th, at First Baptist Church of Cairo, 107 E. Nile St. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of the service. Military honors will be provided by the United States Army and the Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Don was born on February 24, 1949, at Norfolk, NE, the son of Harold and Christina (Wiese) English. He grew up in Beemer, graduating from Beemer High School, class of 1968.

On September 2, 1970, Don entered the United State Army, serving during the Vietnam War. As a radio operator, he dispatched radio transmissions many times under direct fire.

On January 19, 1979, he married Susan Smith and they made their home in Grand Island before relocating to Cairo. Don was employed for several years as a truck driver for Hardman's of Grand Island. He then worked for Meyers Feed in Cairo for several years. He worked at Walmart until his retirement.

Don never knew a stranger and made friendships easily. He had a special connection with children and young people, including his grandchildren and great-grandkids. The very best husband, father and grandfather, Don loved his Lord and his family.

He was an avid fisherman (always catch and release!) and loved camping, spending many weekends at Sherman Lake.

Those who cherish Don's memory include his wife, Susan; children, Clifford English, Mathew (Carrie) English, Elizabeth (George) Bryant, and Tanja Guntke; eight grandchildren, Stevanie English, Clifford English Jr., Matthew W. English, Shawntel (Jose) Magana, Jennifer English, Kaylee (Bryce) Jameson, Logan Bryant and Layla Bryant; and three great-grandchildren, Lincoln and Liam English and Heath Jameson.

He is also survived by a brother, Duane English and sister, Betty (Larry) Hjorth.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son, Jimmy English; a brother, David English; daughter-in-law, Angela English; and sister-in-law, Ruth English.

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
107 E Nile St
Cairo, NE 68824
(308) 485-4768

Tribute Wall

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“ *Susie, we are so sorry to hear about Don. Had we known we could have tried to come to the funeral. He will be missed. We have thought about you guys alot and always wondered how you were doing. We hope you are doing ok. Our prayers are with you! May God be with you at this difficult time. Friends forever, Deb & Jerry Wesch*

Debra L WESCH - February 24 at 11:33 AM

JS

*Were you in Vietnam in 1970
Did you live in Vermont*

joseph stanislaw - May 06 at 09:05 PM

JC

“ *Jim C. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Dean "Don" English.*



Jim C. - February 10 at 11:50 AM