



Donald A Holst

February 24, 1927 - April 28, 2022

Donald A. Holst, 95, of Grand Island passed away April 28, 2022 at Heritage at Sagewood. A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 10:30 am at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Reverend Bill Pavuk will officiate. Visitation will be on Monday, May 2nd from 5-7pm also at the church. All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Donald was born on February 24, 1927 in Clinton, IA, the son of Jens and Jensine (Larsen) Holst. He graduated from Alden High School in 1944. After high school, Donald enlisted in the Navy and served until 1946.

On June 19, 1949, Donald was united in marriage to Donna Wedemeyer. They were the parents of three daughters, Diana, Debb, and Dede. His employment included International Harvester, Southern Nebraska Public Power District, Chief Industries, and The Thompson Company. During his employment at Harvester, Donald was recalled to service during the Korean War, from September of 1951 to November of 1952.

Donald lost his wife after 48 wonderful years of marriage to cancer. He was able to find love again, and on November 1, 2001, he was married to Lavonne Braun. They had worked together in the same office at International Harvester during the 50's. Lavonne had also lost a spouse, and together they enjoyed their retirement years living in Grand Island.

Donald was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Platt Duetsche, Liederkranz, and the American Legion. In his spare time, Donald enjoyed golfing, bowling, woodworking, reading, and playing cards.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children, Diana (Donald) Jensen of North Carolina, Debb (Murray) Thompson of Grand Island, Dede (Douglas) Roberts of Fullerton; step-children, Kristen (Doug) Forsstrom of Lone Tree, CO; Keith (Pepi) Braun of New York City; grandchildren; Brent (Karen) Thompson, Jeff (Shannon) Thompson, Tony Toth, Donna (Brian) Michaelis, Paul (Shawn) Roberts, Tiffany (Jim) Widdifield, Denise (Jon) Leibold, Jess Jensen, Shawn Forsstrom, Sara Vaughn, Margot and Maddie Braun; great grandchildren; Jared (Jarod) Erb, Zac (Nicolette) Little, Abigail, Madison & Jackson Widdifield, Zoe & Greylee Toth, Joey & Elanor Jensen, Henry Vaughn, Grayson Forsstrom; great, great grandchild; Elenor Little; and sister-in-law, Gayle (Lynn) Nunnenkamp.

Donald was preceded in death by both wives; his parents; grandson, Donny Jensen; great granddaughter, Lucy Toth; and three sisters, Ingeborg (Donald) Beyer, Rigmor (Irvin) Nissen, and Dagny (Erling) Jensen, sisters and brother in laws Charlene Wedemeyer and Wilma & Dale Schlattmann.

Memorials are suggested to the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Pauls Lutheran Church
1515 South Harrison Street
Grand Island, NE 68801

Service

MAY 3. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald A Holst*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *I had the privilege of working for and with Don Holst for several years, many years ago. Don was a wonderful human being. He lived an exemplary life. He was a very wise, temperate, kind, patient, gentle, and giving person. Don taught me a lot, not only about business, but about life in general. Don was a loving husband and father. He and his wife raised three wonderful and beautiful daughters. He had many friends, and he was loved and respected by all who knew him. I thank God that Don Holst was a part of my life. I am a much better person for it. Don Holst will be greatly missed and never forgotten! My sincerest condolences to his family!*

*“Many plans are in a man’s heart,
But the counsel of the Lord will stand.
What is desirable in a man is his kindness.”
Proverbs 19:21-22a*

*Fred Lambelet
Grand Island*

Fred Lambelet - May 06, 2022 at 08:10 PM

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“ To the family of Mr. Holst: I am so very sorry for your loss and sending my thoughts and prayers for comfort. 💜 We have lived on Division St. for 24 years, just a few blocks east. We always enjoyed visiting with Mr. Holst out on his front porch! From when my 3 kids were little, we started selling him school fundraising items in early 2000 and then he was always very interested in their running! 😊 They started running by his house (it was on their route for a 1 mile run in the beginning) in elementary, 2nd grade, and continued on thru high school and then college too.... Even when home visiting from college. He was always so excited to see us and hear about their Track, VB and FB careers. We were always just as excited to see him and catch up with a good visit! 💙 I have missed seeing him out on that front porch, I didn't know where he moved to. I'm sorry I lost touch. He was such a kind, sweet man and genuinely cared about my kids. (My girls are 25 now and son is 22... they will never forget Mr. Holst cheering them on!)

*With my deepest sympathy, Sincerely, Sandy & Bob Peterson,
Savana, Sierra & Paxton*

Sandy Peterson - May 01, 2022 at 09:27 PM

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“ So sorry to the children of Donald A. Holst and family members in the passing of Donald, may he rest in peace. We will pray for you all.
Mark & Cindy Thompson

Mark & Cindy Thompson - April 29, 2022 at 06:58 PM