



Donald Lee Rathman

October 5, 1936 - November 22, 2020

Don Rathman, 84

DONIPHAN – Donald Lee Rathman, 84, of Doniphan, passed away Sunday, November 22, at CHI Health St. Francis in Grand Island after battling covid-19.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Doniphan. Celebrating Mass will be Father Adam Sughroue. Livestreaming will be available on the All Faiths Funeral Home Facebook page. Burial will be at Doniphan Cedarview Cemetery with military honors by the U.S. Army and United Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, with a 6 p.m. Rosary at All Faiths Funeral Home in Grand Island. To help protect others, face masks are required for the visitation and Funeral Mass.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements. Memorials are suggested to St. Ann's Catholic Church or to the family for further designation. Don was born October 5, 1936, to Walter and Norma (Bourg) Rathman at Prosser, Neb. He was a proud member of the Wood River High School Class of 1955.

He joined the US Army on the same day he had two flat tires in one day. Don ended up serving with the Third Infantry Regiment, known as "The Old Guard," the Presidential Ceremonial Unit, The Honor Guard. He was on the 7-man firing squad for the 21-gun salute for funerals at Arlington, Virginia.

When Don was discharged from the Army, he met the love of his life, Laveda

Kroeger of Doniphan, at a wedding dance. He always said he had to cross the Platte River to find her. Don and Laveda recently celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary together on November 11, 2020.

Don was a very active agent in the Professional Insurance Agents of Nebraska. He loved the association and served in several capacities. He received a National Award for Membership Recruitment in 1981. In 1982, he was voted Nebraska Agent of the Year. He served as president of the organization from 1985 to 1986 and later served on the board of directors. He was chairman for several projects including scholarship events. He retired after 50 years in the industry.

He was an active member of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Doniphan, was a charter member of the Doniphan Lion's Club and served as club treasurer for many years, and was a charter member of the St. Ann's Knights of Columbus Council 11824 where he held all of the offices of that organization. He enjoyed golfing and cheering for the Huskers.

Those left to cherish Don's memory are his wife of 61 years, Laveda Rathman of Doniphan; son David (Teri) Rathman of Omaha; daughter Darla Rathman Treacy of Springfield, Missouri; grandchildren Michael Rathman, Karli Rathman, Grace Rathman, Darian (Jake) Spindler, Kaleb Treacy, and Zach (Charlie) Treacy; great-grandchildren Gatlin Treacy and Addison Treacy; brothers Tom (Yolanda) Rathman of Grand Island and Jim (Becky) Rathman of Aurora; brother-in-law Eldon (Peg) Kroeger of Doniphan; nieces and nephews; and many friends and coffee drinkers.

Don was preceded in death by his younger brother, Mike Rathman, who was killed in a motorcycle accident on June 2, 1970; his parents, Walter and Norma Rathman; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Grace Kroeger.

Cemetery Details

Cedarview Cemetery

Doniphan, NE

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
Doniphan, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Lee Rathman*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Don was one of the most stand up men I've ever had the pleasure to know. I have many memories that I cherish regarding my relationship with Don. I've missed talking with him for years but I'm sure once I pass there will be a Pitch game in my future with Lawrence, Grace, Norma and Walt. A nickel per hand for eternity. Never fear Don, there is a golf course in our future.*

Bryan Treacy - December 09, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ *The Reitz kids, Kurt, Renee, and Wanda purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Lee Rathman.*



The Reitz kids, Kurt, Renee, and Wanda - December 07, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. Praying God's Peace and comfort in the days ahead. Bill and Gaylene Rudy and family.*

Gaylene Rudy - December 07, 2020 at 02:59 PM

JB

“ Know I am thinking of my Darla & her family @ this painful time in their lives 🙏.

Julie Barnes (& Chipper 🐶)

Juliana Barnes - December 06, 2020 at 09:18 PM

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“ With our sincere sympathy to Laveda & family. We have alot of fond memories with Don and PIA of Nebraska! May he rest in peace.

Gary & Marcy Thompson

Gary Thompson - December 04, 2020 at 07:23 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Rathman.



December 04, 2020 at 07:46 AM