



Don Howard Messerly

February 21, 1935 - February 19, 2015

Age 79 of Arden Hills, MN With sadness in our hearts and gratitude for his long and good life, the family of Don Messerly said goodbye to their beloved on February 19, 2015. Survived by his wife of 57 years, Jan; children, Chris (Joanne), Beth and Dawn; grandchildren, Anna (Clay) Sawatzke, Ben & Jack Messerly, Spencer, Coho & Britta Menk, and Caitlin & Fiona Duffy. Gathering 4-8 PM Monday, February 23 at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL, 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Memorial service 11AM Tuesday, February 24 (gathering begins at 10AM) at ROSEVILLE LUTHERAN, 1215 Roselawn Ave, Roseville. Memorials can be sent to Roseville Lutheran Church or pancan.org

Tribute Wall

JF

“ Dear Family of Don Messerly,

What a ray of sunshine "Mr. Don" was to all who knew him. There's a big gaping hole in our little neighborhood now, and the kiddos will really start missing him once the weather gets warmer and they are out on their bicycles!

You are all in our prayers that you would know the Lord's comfort in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

Jann, Martha and Gianna FritzHuspen

Jann FritzHuspen - February 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Where to start? I worked with Don for years on the Parks Committee and multiple special projects. He volunteered countless hours for the parks in Arden Hills. He turned in his volunteer hours each year with State Farm after he retired for a grant of \$500 to the City. Don was a gentle soul and a tireless worker and volunteer. I had the pleasure to call him my friend! My condolences to his family. I envision him up in Heaven helping everyone and making it brighter for all!!!! I will miss you Donnie!!!!*

Michelle Olson, former Parks and Recreation Manager

Michelle Olson - February 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Mr. Messerly brightened so many days for the Merickel family over the years...
Always a smiling face at pre-school graduations through high school games, we are grateful that we knew him !
And in recent years upon seeing Mr. and Mrs. Messerly out in the community, he would eagerly ask about the Merickel guys and give wonderfully glowing reports of their dear grandchildren. His love for life and his family shown in his smiling face. I am sorry for your loss.*

Laura Merickel - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My son, Jeff, has spoken so highly about Don and the Messerley family that I want to express my deepest sympathy on your loss. Being part of a family like this is so valuable in a time like this. God bless you all and may your grief be comforted by knowing what a blessing it is to have had him and loved him.*

Diana Lutz - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ *Please accept my condolences. Don was an inspiration to me and others who care about Arden Hills parks and recreation.
Cindy Garretson, past PTRC committee member.*

Cindy Garretson - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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NB

“ We are saddened to hear of Don's passing. We both worked with him for many years in Agency Administration for State Farm Insurance. Don was thought highly of by all who knew him! With sympathy, Norm and Sandy (Hergert) Bolt

Norm and Sandy Bolt - February 22, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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DB

“ I worked with Don many years at State Farm. He was a wonderful person and a great mentor.

Diane (Brodtmann) Blanchard - February 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Jan and Family,
Don was a special classmate to all of us Fort Dodge High School Class of 1953 members. You know he was looked up to with high esteem or he wouldn't have been elected our class president out of 260 members our entire high school years. Even 61 years after graduation he did not forget a classmate who was having a problem. He was on the phone giving them encouragement all the way. It was difficult to do the same for him as he was reluctant to share his health problems. We are sad to have to tell him "good by." Our sympathy goes to Jan, his children and grand children. God Bless!

Belva Henrickson - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Jan and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was such a
wonderful man! My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this
very difficult time.
Much Love,
Annie*

Annie Crinnigan - February 19, 2015 at 12:00 AM