



Donald Harvey Bridell

March 22, 1931 - May 6, 2020

Donald H. Bridell, age 89 of Nevis, MN and later of St. Louis Park, MN passed away peacefully May 6th, just days after contracting Coronavirus.

Don was born March 22, 1931 in Fergus Falls, MN the eldest of 11 children of Earl and Nina (Phillips) Bridell. He graduated from Nevis High School in 1952 and then went to join the US Army during the Korean War. Later he went to Bozeman, Montana and obtained his bachelor's degree from Montana State University. On April 30, 1960 he married Jane Arlene Anderson in Minneapolis, MN and raised two children.

Don enjoyed life and left a lasting impression on many. As an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, trapping, hunting and gardening. He also loved playing music, including the harmonica, guitar, and singing country western karaoke with family and friends. If there was a garage sale or auction nearby, he was the first to show up to score the best deal. His surprise find was a painting he bought for \$2.50 which he brought to the Antiques Roadshow to find it was valued significantly higher.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Jane, son, Donald Jr., sister Madeline Allen and brother Roy. Survived by his daughter Barbie (Steve) Miller, grandchildren Desiree (Adam) Bridell, Holly (Aaron) Stai, Chase Raduenz, great-grandchildren Kya, Maddix and Emry, as well as his brothers Larry (Susie) Bridell, Durwood (Marsha) Bridell, Ray (Brenda) Bridell, Ken Bridell and sisters, Leone Kubiszewski, Deloris Hamblin, Alice (Bernie) Larson, Arlyis (Dick) Kerr, sister in law Eleanor Bridell, as well as numerous nieces and

nephews.

Private family graveside service will be Thursday May 14th at 1pm at Grandview Park Cemetery, with it being live streamed for his extended family & friends at: <https://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Donald-Bridell/#/>

PhotosVideos

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

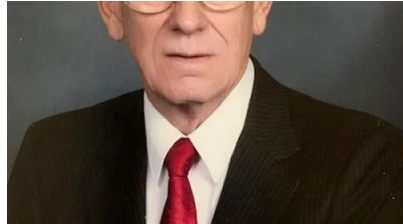
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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Donald Bridell Memorial Service Webcast in memory of Donald Harvey Bridell



Washburn-McReavy - May 14, 2020 at 10:30 AM

JE

Thank you for sharing. Rest in peace Don. Hugs to everyone!

Jennifer - May 14, 2020 at 02:12 PM

AM

Very nice service. Rest In Peace Don.

Amelia Merz - May 14, 2020 at 02:14 PM

JB

Thank you for doing the live stream. I'm one of Don's many Nephew's & I'm in North Dakota, so it was a blessing to new able to watch it. Jeff Bridell

Jeff Bridell - May 14, 2020 at 02:33 PM

VK

So glad to have been able to see you at the Family Reunion in July last year. Looking forward to a heavenly reunion with you someday. Until then, you will be missed.

Vicky Kuntz - May 14, 2020 at 04:04 PM

MH

Thank you for the love stream! A beautiful service and Thank you Deserie and Uncle Ray!!

Mark and Sandra Hamblin - May 14, 2020 at 09:19 PM

SB

“ Don was a friend of mine and a wonderful person. Very intelligent and a very descent human being. He will be missed.

Steve Bolton
Nevis, Minnesota

Steven Bolton - May 21, 2020 at 11:19 AM

JB

“ Uncle Don helped me the year I got my 1st year and my Dad couldn't hunt that year; and he was so kind in helping me. I also remember how he loved music whether it be playing the spoons or playing guitar & singing country-and-western songs are a Gospel hymn. I really liked his stories and his laugh I will miss his music and his stories and his laughter but I know I will see him again because he asked for forgiveness of his sins & trusted Jesus as his savior when he was 12 and so I will see you in in heaven Don; and I'll miss you until then. Jeff Bridell

Jeff Bridell - May 14, 2020 at 02:51 PM

TA

“ Don was my best friend. We really got close the summers he starting coming to Montana most every year. One of the stories we never got tired of telling was our fishing Ray Creek where we caught 7 trout all over 3 pounds. We floated the river many times a lot of great memories. I always wanted to move to Minnesota and one of the main reasons was to be closer to you. We netted minnows at the river always before we went fishing, catching more than we could ever use. You would never leave 7th Crow Wing until it was dark trying to catch Walleye and we did catch a few. Later years I was happy to show you some new fishing - spinner baits on 3rd Crow Wing. We caught a lot of Northern and you were so happy. I was so happy when you spent a month with us in Laughlin NV. You loved gambling there and though you had it figured out for awhile. Eunice still says "Uncle Don must have been here" whenever the cupboards door are left open at our house. Then there was the music. We played at least once a week and you were always calling to see when the next time we'd be able to play. You completed the band and our audiences were always happy to see you. I sure do miss the music together. The family history stories you told were the best. I always wanted to hear about when your house burned down because my mother told me she went in and got Larry out. I love you and I miss you my friend. See you on the other side.

Tom and Eunice Allen - May 14, 2020 at 02:50 PM

AL

“ As a sister of this large family, I did not know my older brothers and sisters. So after I got married in the sixties, I made an appoint to get to know my siblings. I along with my husband and children visited Don at his home in Illinois. One of those times he had showed us a job that he had just finished. He had fully reupholstered a sofa. How many knew that he was a seamstress? I love you Don! Until we met again, I'll just say, see you soon. Alice & Bernie

Alice Larson - May 14, 2020 at 11:56 AM

RK

“ When I lived in Nevis I would help don work in the garden and help mow his yard and going fishing one time we where out on the lake and he for got to pull up the front ancker and he went around and around and then he finally figured it out don you will be missed by me and Sherrie and till we meet again don't forget to plant a garden in heaven

richard kubiszewski - May 14, 2020 at 07:09 AM

NA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Nate Allen - May 13, 2020 at 08:17 PM

NA

“ So many good times with you. You taught me most everything I know about fishing. Hours upon hours sitting in the walleye hole on 7th crow wing usually catching nothing but perch all for a chance at that 1 elusive walleye right before dark. How could I not mention your 14 poles and 6 takeboxes. Lol. Spearing suckers in the river I will never forget. Freezing our butts off gillnetting whitefish during deer season. The excitement made us forget any numbness in our hands. Bear baiting was always fun in the bunyon forest. I remember the first time we cleaned fish in the sink in the farmhouse, it was the first summer I came to MN for the family reunion. I will never forget the mothball smell of the farmhouse. It's a smell I enjoy because of the farmhouse. I will miss you forever my friend!

Nate Allen - May 13, 2020 at 08:08 PM

LB

“ I remember the time we shared the Montana earthquake. It seemed like it shook forever. You're reaching out to make sure I had an education while staying in Bozeman with you. You influenced many aspects of my life. Remembering our karaoke times together singing Elvis Presley and Patsy Kline songs. Your motorcycle days and exploits were fun to watch. Proud of you of all of your military time. Walleye fishing with you was the best. With good memories of you love Larry

Larry Bridell - May 13, 2020 at 07:36 PM

LB

Love you brother

Larry Bridell - May 14, 2020 at 02:45 PM

MB

“ I wanted Don to give me one of his antique Singer sewing machines. I begged him and told him, "After all I am your favorite sister-in-law." He laughed.

Marsha Doris Bridell - May 13, 2020 at 04:35 PM

JS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Jennifer Schleif - May 12, 2020 at 10:53 PM

JS

“ I'm thankful for the time we were able to spend with Uncle Don. He always had interesting stories to share about his life experiences. He was also quite patient with me while trying to teach me how to play the spoons. I'm so glad that he and my dad (Ken) were able to reconnect later in life, the oldest and youngest in the family. Don, dad and Tom had fun staying at our house and going to country music festivals, singing karaoke and just shooting the breeze.

Jennifer Schleif - May 12, 2020 at 10:51 PM

AC

When I was just a little girl Don was going to college in Bozeman MT and he would come to visit us in Three Forks. My dad Harley would get up a pinochle game and I got to stand by Don's elbow and watch. He was a cool cousin funny and always nice to us kids. I sure wish I would have gotten a chance to go fishing with him. Andrea Phillips Crawford

Andrea Phillips Crawford - May 14, 2020 at 02:15 PM