



Donald B. Cornelius

December 15, 1931 - February 17, 2024

Donald Burnell Cornelius was born on December 15, 1931 to Conrad and Amanda (Grinager) Cornelius. He was baptized and confirmed at Bergen Lutheran Church and graduated from Clarkfield High School. Don was united in marriage to Delores Skogrand on August 23, 1953. He enlisted in the Army and was stationed at Fort Syl in Oklahoma. When he had completed his service, Don and Delores resided in St. Paul, MN. There he operated a gas station/auto repair shop with his brothers. He earned an Accounting/Law Degree from Minnesota School of Business. He began working at Woodard Elwood Company then joined Dain Bosworth Company and finished his career working with Kopp Investments retiring at the age of 69. Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, but his greatest pleasure was maintaining his yards at the cabin and his home. He was an avid Twins, Gopher Men's Basketball and Vikings fan. He always looked forward to visits from his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Delores of 70 years, Daughter Gail(Scott) Kleven, Son-in-Law Greg Youmans. His Grandchildren; Dan(Sara) Youmans, Natalie(Tim) Pust, Andrea(Ryan) Crozier, Kelli(Kyle) Malsom, Braeden(Kaylee) Kleven and Blake Kleven. His Great Grandchildren; Caleb and Asher Youmans; Leila, Makiah, Adelyn Pust; Conrad Crozier; Breken, Everly and Syllas Malsom; Brynlee, Makenna and Nash Kleven.

Preceded in death by his parents Conrad and Amanda; his brothers Clinton, Gaylen, and Allen; his sisters Darlene and Shirley; his son Lynn and his daughter Laurie.

Cemetery Details

Bergen Lutheran Cemetery

Granite Falls, MN 56241

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Andrew Lutheran Church (Eden Prairie)
13600 Technology Drive
Eden Prairie, MN

Church Service

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for Delores and family. My husband was a friend of Don's when they were in the service together at Fort Sill. My husband Charles died June 26, 2015. I came to Lawton, OK, when my husband was in the service and I got to meet Delores and Don. We were friends and we really enjoyed meeting with Delores and Don.

Betty Carlson - August 04, 2025 at 05:28 PM

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“ Our love and sympathies to Deloris, Gail and the entire family! 🙏❤️



Mark and Cindy Larson - February 29, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald B. Cornelius.



February 28, 2024 at 01:34 PM

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“ Uncle Don was quite and humble. Generous and loving. I remember him coming out to pheasant hunt with my Dad, and enjoyed hearing them talk about everything. His love for God and his family was front and center. He will be missed by many.



Karen Renneke - February 26, 2024 at 02:39 PM

MK

“ Delores, We are in AZ and just learned of Don's passing. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Such GREAT memories of working with Don! Also going to Norske Torske Kluben with him!!! Mari and I also enjoyed seeing both of you at the Kopp holiday parties and events. All our best at this difficult time. Greg and Mari Kulka

Marianne Kulka - February 25, 2024 at 05:37 PM

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“ Always a fun time visiting & drinking coffee with Don & Delores. I will miss him!

Lorene Raffelson - February 24, 2024 at 02:57 PM