



## Donald Bruce Ellwood

July 30, 1958 - June 18, 2025

Ellwood, Don

Age 66, of Victoria MN, passed away June 18, 2025. Don is survived by his wife, Ann Ellwood; his three daughters Rachael (and Jamie) Dunsmore, Lauren (and Joel) Obermeyer, and Emily Ellwood; his four grandchildren Alexia, Jolie and Nora Dunsmore and Miles Obermeyer; and Helping Paws service dog, Pixel. Also surviving is his brother Dave Ellwood and sister Lynn Urban (Ellwood). Don was preceded in death by his parents Mervin and Fanchon Ellwood.

Donald Bruce Ellwood was born on July 30, 1958 in Glencoe, Minnesota. He grew up in Willmar, Minnesota where he enjoyed playing various sports. Don graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College and had a successful career with Federated Insurance. He married his high school sweetheart, Ann, and raised three beautiful daughters. They loved traveling and spending time with family and friends. Don was passionate about golf, hunting, fishing, and never missed an opportunity to socialize and tell a good story. Despite all of his health challenges, he always lived life to the fullest and chose to stay positive. Don touched many lives and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

A celebration of life will be held on Friday, June 27 at 12:00pm at Mount Olivet West Campus in Victoria, Minnesota. The visitation will begin at 11:00am, one hour prior, with a church luncheon following the service. For those who would like to join, we will continue the celebration at the Chanhassen American

Legion starting around 3:00pm.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be gifted to HelpingPaws.org or the Greg Marzolf Jr. Muscular Dystrophy Center Fund: <https://makingagift.umn.edu/give/fund.html?id=13317>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mount Olivet Lutheran Church (Victoria)  
7150 Rolling Acres Road  
P.O. Box 153  
Victoria, MN 55386

## Memorial Service

JUN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Over the last few years , Don and Pixel would join me in the fall to hunt pheasants on the railroad tracks out by Glencoe. they would post at the next rd up in Dons van while I walked the tracks towards them with my Labrador. We would hop in his van and then move up to the next mile of railroad and do it again . Don loved the outdoors and watching a good bird dog , and I loved the comraderie of hanging out with Don . His positive attitude is unmatched , infectious, fun . Iwill miss him immensely .

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**David Gunderson** - June 26, 2025 at 10:48 PM

MA

“ Mike Akers purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Donald Bruce Ellwood.



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**Mike Akers** - June 26, 2025 at 07:25 PM

FG

“ Our prayers are with you and the girls Ann, he is gone but will never be forgotten! Don and Pixel were instrumental in our retiree golf outing every year, he helped put the teams together and made sure we played by the rules! Heavens getting a great person! RIP

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**Frank Golwitzer** - June 26, 2025 at 11:32 AM

KB

“ Don was the man many of us want to be. His laugh was infectious and the respect he showed friends and acquaintances was inspiring. His love for family was endless. I have so many memories of Don that I'll always cherish. You'll be missed Donnie! Rest in peace my friend.

Kent Brings - June 23, 2025 at 06:21 PM

RS

“ Thinking of Don, who touched so many lives, in so many ways. I always appreciated his positive attitude even when faced with trying circumstances.

Bob Swygman

Robert Swygman - June 23, 2025 at 02:12 PM

CW

“ Chris and Beth Wall purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald Bruce Ellwood.



Chris and Beth Wall - June 22, 2025 at 12:57 PM

FG

“ Our prayers are with you! Don was very instrumental in our Federated retiree golf outing, he would set up the teams and monitor the play, he will be dearly missed but never forgotten! RIP my friend

Frank Golwitzer - June 22, 2025 at 09:27 AM