



## Donald Dwight Esselman

June 10, 1933 - October 7, 2025

A beloved husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa, Donald Esselman, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2025, at the age of 92. He left this world surrounded by people who loved him, leaving behind a legacy of strength, humor, hard work, and family.

Don was born on June 10, 1933, in St. Cloud, MN, to Ruth and Henry Esselman. He grew up with a strong work ethic, sense of adventure, and a love for the outdoors. In 1961, he married the love of his life, Janice, and together they spent 64 wonderful years raising their family, building a home, and creating a life full of love, laughter and unforgettable memories.

Don was the kind of man you could count on- steady, loyal and full of quiet wisdom. He worked hard his whole life, not just to provide for his family, but to set an example. Whether it was coaching Little League, fixing anything that needed fixing, or offering a few words of thoughtful advice. He loved Sunday barbeques, fishing, camping, a good baseball game, and sitting on the deck with a cup of coffee and a story to share.

He is survived by his loving wife, Janice, children Mike (Heidi) Esselman, Kevin (Beth) Esselman, Dan Esselman, Gary (Lynda) Esselman, and Pam (Vance) Weiss; ten grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruth and Henry, and his brothers, Gerald,

David, Wayne and Dale.

A visitation will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at Washburn-McReavy Funeral Home, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433, followed by a service at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow at the Riverwind Community Building located at 2701 Northdale Blvd, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Don taught us the value of a firm handshake, an honest day's work, and showing up for the people you love. His stories, his laugh, and his steady presence will stay with us forever.

We love you.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Memorial Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

# Tribute Wall



“ So many fond memories of Don, Jan and family. Such a special man!

*Carolyn (Coughlon) Eckerson*

carolyn - November 20, 2025 at 12:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Esselman.



November 06, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Esselman.



October 26, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Pam Weiss - October 16, 2025 at 08:37 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Pam Weiss** - October 16, 2025 at 08:37 AM

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“ 6 files added to the album Donald Esselman Pictures



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**Pam Weiss** - October 16, 2025 at 08:20 AM