



Donald Lucian "Don" Griggs

May 7, 2015

Griggs, Donald Lucian "Don" age 80, of Bloomington, passed away at home from cancer May 7, 2015. He was raised on a small farm outside Williams, MN and moved into the town of Williams at the age of 8. He graduated from Williams High School in 1952 and attended Bemidji State College for 2 years. He then enlisted into the US Army for 3 years where he was a proud member of the 10th Inf. Div. stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany. After discharge from the Army, Don enrolled at Dunwoody Institute for a 2 year course in printing and graphic design. After graduation, he found employment at McGill Graphic Art and then to North Central Publishing where he was promoted to supervisor. In 1969, Don got a chance to go into outside sales, and through a series of acquisitions, Don ended his successful career as a Senior Account Manager with Banta Corporation. Don loved to be outside golfing, playing bocce ball, tennis and table tennis, planting flowers, pulling weeds and visiting neighbors. He enjoyed his 500 and bridge card clubs, reading WWII books, performing magic tricks, music and watching all sports, and traveling around the world with his wife and children. He had a quick wit and a warm and welcoming personality and will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 55 years, DiAnn; daughters, Laurie (Tim) Jenzer, Karen (Scott) Arcand, and Kristi (Mark) Pallansch; grandchildren, Kelsi, Jake, Andrew, Julia, Trish, Marie, Corrin, and Gretchen; great-grandsons, Joey and Riley; sister, Joanne Eickhoff; and brother, Bob. He was preceded in death by parents, Lucian and Julia. Memorials preferred to Christ the King Lutheran Church or Fred

Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Funeral service Wednesday, May 20, 11 AM, at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 8600 Fremont Ave. S., Bloomington. Visitation 1 hour prior to service at the church. Washburn-McReavy.com
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Tribute Wall

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“ I'll never forget June of 1999. We were in crunch time to finish the deck for our daughter's high school graduation "open house." We were really behind in the project. A team of friends and family came over the day before to help us finish. Don came over to see how we were doing and he was talking about how he could help. We all worked well into the night with flashlights, etc. On the morning of the graduation we still had more to finish as well-as getting the party set up. We heard the sound of a lawnmower and when we turned around we saw Don cutting our grass. He waved and smiled at us. Don just knew we needed his help and he figured out how to do it. We were ready in time for the party because of of our friends, family and wonderful neighbor Don. He was that kind of a guy! Kate Peer, Shepherd Hills Drive.

Kate Peer - May 19, 2015 at 10:07 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald Lucian "Don" Griggs.



May 19, 2015 at 08:16 AM

BG

“ Don and I were room mates at Bemidji State in 1954. He left for the army that year and we basically lost contact at that time. His friendship was special to me and I looked forward to the day we could renew our friendship. That happened a little over a year ago when I moved to the Twin Cities area. We needed more time to catch up on all that had happened in the past 60 years. It was obvious this friend of the past was going to become a special friend once again. I truly regret his death and my thoughts and prayers are with Diann and the family she and Don have blest this world with.

Bob Green

Bob Green - May 18, 2015 at 01:05 PM

TC

“ Toro Customer Care purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald Lucian "Don" Griggs.



Toro Customer Care - May 18, 2015 at 10:26 AM

SL

“ My deepest sympathies to the Griggs family. May God surround you with peace and comfort, now and in the days to come! Peace, Sue Elseth Leibnitz (My aunt is Nona Griggs - my mom's twin sister).

Sue Leibnitz - May 18, 2015 at 09:47 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lucian "Don" Griggs.*



May 17, 2015 at 12:32 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Donald. He graduated with my husband Harold Evenson. I knew Donald for so many years. We both graduated from Williams High School in Williams, Minnesota. He was such a great guy. Please accept my sympathy to all of the family. Janet Evenson (Baade)*

Janet Evenson (Baade) - May 13, 2015 at 09:34 PM



“ *Don was our neighbor and friend for nearly forty years. He was a good neighbor, a good friend and most of all a good man. We will miss him every day. We will miss the casual backyard visits, the generous and the easy laugh. We will miss seeing him working in his yard and tending to the flowers he loved so much. We will miss him feeding the birds and live-trapping those pesky chipmunks. We will miss sharing a beer or glass of wine on his deck and talking about all our lives. Rest in peace, dearest friend.*

Christy and Wally Roers

Walter Roers - May 12, 2015 at 02:20 PM

SM

“ It was only because of Don's illness that I was given the opportunity to meet this wonderful man and I am so grateful that I did! Despite all of the struggles he was going through he still thought of others and how he could make their day better. In just a short amount of time, we found a tradition that I so looked forward to on Thursdays. Don would read the Isaac Asimov quiz questions out loud and he, DiAnn and I would test our knowledge together. There was a lot of laughter in those minutes and Don would always find a way to make even a wrong answer seem like it was partially right! I will miss hearing his voice and ending our time together with a hug.

Shannon Mavis - May 10, 2015 at 08:50 PM

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“ Mr. Griggs was the sweetest dad I know. He adored all his girls and his love for them and joy at being surrounded by them was so apparent. He was a generous, gentle man and made me feel welcome and included in his home as a teenager and that he truly enjoyed the extra energy having even more girls in his home brought. I am sorry to see the pain losing such a wonderful man brings to all who loved him and wish the Griggs girls, sweet DiAnn, the spouses and grandchildren strength and healing during this difficult time. His spirit and kindness touched my life in such a memorable way. Love and hugs to my dear friend, Kristi, his youngest, who embodies his zest for life, generosity and ability to find the positive in any situation. Your dad lives on in you!

Mary Jo Walker - May 10, 2015 at 09:35 AM