



Donald Lee Jannicke

August 13, 1938 - May 16, 2021

A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 10TH, AT 11:00 A.M. AT CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH – 9931 FOLEY BLVD NW – COON RAPIDS, MN WITH INTERMENT AT FORT SNELLING ON MONDAY, JULY 12TH AT 10:45 A.M.

Donald Lee Jannicke was born August 13th, 1938 in Glencoe Minnesota. He was the son of Walter and Vera Jannicke. Don was baptized as an infant and confirmed his faith as a youth, both at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Glencoe, MN. He received his education in the Glencoe school system and was a graduate of Glencoe High School in 1956.

Following graduation, Don enlisted in the US Marine Corp on September 17th, 1956. Following basic training, orders were received to board ship, destination Japan, Okinawa and the Phillipines. During his stint overseas, he maintained a friendship with 5 fellow Marines, Bill Jackson, Paul Jagelski, Steve Janzekovich, Frank Jerabek and Don. These 5 Marines known as the 5 J's served together for 14 months and maintained a lifetime friendship which remains to this day, Once a Marine – Always a Marine. Semper Fi – Always Faithful.

His time in the Marines was an important part of his life and he was always ready to tell you about his memories

On December 3rd, 1960, Don was united in marriage to Donna Hanke at Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson, MN. Their marriage was blessed with three children, Jeffrey, Jacquelyn and James. Don and Donna shared 60 years together. They resided at their home on Belle Lake, north of Hutchinson until 2000 when they sold their home and moved to Mesa, Arizona. Due to changing health conditions, they moved to Maple Grove, MN to be closer to family in June 2020.

Don was known as a kind, compassionate person and his family was the most important part of his life. He always had a positive attitude which was evident when he was diagnosed with MS. His response was "I can handle it" and when he had to give up golf, his response was "But I can still walk to the mailbox". Everything was a new adventure. He was employed at 3M for 35 years, retiring in 1996

Don is survived by his wife, Donna

Children: Jeff and Sharon Jannicke of Andover, MN, Jackie and Mark Federmeyer of Dallas, Texas and Jim and Jenny Jannicke of Denver, CO
Seven grandchildren: Kristen (Dan) Rivera, Luke (Gabby) Jannicke, Amber Jannicke, Madison Federmeyer, Mason Federmeyer, Jacob Jannicke and Maggie Jannicke, Two great-grandchildren: Briella and Sophia Rivera

Special thanks to Grace Hospice staff, staff at Memory Care in Silver Creek, and staff at Mercy Hospital, especially Dr. Quam. And special thanks to Free Urns for Veterans in Anoka, MN, a non-profit all volunteer organization for the beautiful oak urn for Don.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Church Service

JUL **10**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
9931 Foley Boulevard NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Tribute Wall



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Lee Jannicke.* ”



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