



## Donald Germainus Muehlberg

June 6, 1933 - September 1, 2019

Donald Muehlberg left the earthly realm peacefully on Sunday, September 1st, 2019 at the age of 86. He was a resident of Monticello, Minnesota, formerly of Hopkins, Minnesota.

Donald (Don) was born on June 6, 1933, to Roman and Florence Muehlberg (Jacques) of Buffalo Lake, Minnesota. His family moved to Hopkins, Minnesota, where Don grew up and graduated high school. After high school, Don proudly served his country by enlisting in the US Navy, serving on the aircraft carrier USS Yorktown during the Korean War. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal.

It was during his time in the US Navy that Don met his wife, Joy, while stationed in Seattle. They were married in Seattle and returned to live their lives together in Minnesota, where they raised their four sons: Richard, Craig, Joel, and Edward.

Don earned his living over the years in several different occupations. Before he left for and after he returned from the US Navy, Don worked at Kokesh Hardware in Hopkins. In the early years of their marriage, Don and Joy worked hard as dairy farmers, where he earned recognition for their farms production in Carver County. Later in life, they ventured into other businesses such as a restaurant/bowling alley and a Levi's clothing store. It was in the

construction trades that Don found his calling. He was especially proud of his work as a finishing carpenter. He retired as a sheetrock drywaller.

Don enjoyed several passions. He enjoyed woodworking in his shop in Hopkins. He could often be found working on different projects in the shop. He was a fine craftsman and often built gifts such as cradles, rocking horses, jewelry boxes, and benches. He was very unique in solving problems with a creative flair that made day to day tasks much easier.

He had a passion for being active outside. He loved to grab a cup of coffee and go for walks, finding reflective peace as he went along his way. Golfing was his favorite outdoor sport, playing in leagues for many years. He also liked to go up north to his land with his brother-in-law, Ellis, and work on the property.

Most of all, Don loved being with his family, especially his grandchildren. Each and every one of them captured their own special place in his heart and shared their own unique memories with him. His attention was usually directed to any of the grandchildren that happened to be in the room with him. They were all an immense source of pride and joy for him.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Roman and Florence Muehlberg; sisters Geraldine Harrison and Arlene "Toots" Keller; brothers in law Doug Keller, Ellis Pike, and Del Dvorak; and sisters in law Sharon Muehlberg and Kathleen "Kitty" Muehlberg.

Don is survived by his wife, Joy, of 65 years; sons Richard, Craig (Kim), Joel (Jennifer), and Edward (Kylee); grandchildren Sara, Jessica, Lacey Carroll, Emmaleigh, Ethan, Olivia, and Ryan; and great grandchildren Taylor, Lauren, and Amelia Carroll.

He is also survived by sisters Marilyn Pike, Jean Dvorak, Kathleen Muehlberg, and Linda (Ronald) Conrad; brothers Roman "Butch" Muehlberg, Robert Muehlberg, and Thomas (Michele) Muehlberg and many loving nieces and nephews.

Memorial service Saturday, September 7th, 2019 @ 11:00 AM @ Washburn-McReavy, Hopkins Chapel, 1400 Main Street, Hopkins, MN with visitation 1 hour prior at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
(952) 938-9020  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Hopkins Chapel  
1400 Mainstreet  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
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# Tribute Wall



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