



## Donald Louis Nitzkowski

July 20, 1938 - April 8, 2026

Donald Louis Nitzkowski was born July 20, 1938 in Mankato, Minnesota. He passed April 8, 2026, surrounded by loved ones. Don is survived by wife and best friend Ilene, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Don graduated from Mankato State University in 1961 and Purdue University with his Masters degree in 1967. He was a dedicated math teacher in North St. Paul - Maplewood school district for 35 years. The last 25 years he taught at Tartan High School. Don was nominated for Minnesota Teacher of the Year in 1978.

He loved time on the golf course with family and friends, and over the years racked up 5 holes in one. In his retirement years he was grounds keeper at Stoneridge Golf Course where he enjoyed "making tall grass short." Just the week before his passing he golfed 6 holes at a nearby executive course.

He will be greatly missed by his Vikings tailgating friends, his many teaching friends, anyone who ever met him on a golf course, as well as a large loving family.

Memorial service will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 11:00 am with visitation 1 hour before, at Faith Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids. The service will also be live-streamed. Memorials in Don's name preferred to Faith

Lutheran Church, 11115 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433.

Internment will be at a later date at the Litchfield Lake Ripley Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Faith Lutheran Church - Coon Rapids  
11115 Hanson Blvd. NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Church Service

APR **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Louis Nitzkowski.

April 22 at 12:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Louis Nitzkowski.



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“ Donald was the best Uncle. Every time we would come to visit I was spoiled by Don and Ilene. They loved me and made me always feel so special. They would take me to the store, let me pick out anything I wanted. Spent time and all their energy on me. They made me always feel so very loved. That is who Don is. You will be forever missed. So glad you're with my dad (Tommy) again. I know he missed you!!!

Jennifer Lowder - April 22 at 12:35 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you, Ilene, on the passing of your beloved Don. We are so very very sorry. May Don rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Our love and hugs, Ruth and Jim

Ruth Buenting - April 21 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Ben & Evon Burger purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald Louis Nitzkowski.*



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**Ben & Evon Burger** - April 21 at 08:18 AM