



Donald Lee Peerbolte

April 6, 1941 - July 9, 2025

Donald "Don" Peerbolte, age 84, of Lake Kabetogama and Brooklyn Park, MN, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, at Suite Living Retirement Home in Ramsey.

Don was born on April 6, 1941, in Harvey, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, to John and Jewell Peerbolte. He was one of five children, along with his siblings Allen, Gene, Judy, and Dave. Don served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Greenland during the Vietnam War. He later settled in the Lake Kabetogama and International Falls area. He made a life with Georgiann (Narbo), a single mother with three young children-Gigie, Debbie, and Charlie-and together they welcomed twins of their own: Katrina and Nicholas.

Though many knew Don as a quiet and humble man, he was full of passion and love. He was kind and wise, always ready to help-whether offering support, lending tools, or putting his handyman and mechanical skills to use. He took on various jobs before relocating to the Twin Cities, where he established a long career as a manager with the U.S. Postal Service. He valued hard work, integrity, and commitment.

He found joy in simple, meaningful things. He was deeply devoted to his children and grandchildren, always encouraging them and taking a genuine interest in their lives. He loved sports-playing baseball, football, fishing,

bowling, and golf when he could-and later took pride in cheering them on from the sidelines. A lifelong car enthusiast, he enjoyed working on vehicles and sharing that passion with others. In his later years, reading became a daily comfort-he wore out at least two Kindles in the process.

Don faced health challenges over the course of 25 years due to a series of strokes. Still, he remained remarkably determined and never complained. In June, he suffered another stroke and, in true Don fashion, met it with strength and quiet resilience.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jewell; his brothers, Allen and Gene; and his son, Nicholas. He is survived by his wife, Georgiann; his children Gigie (Dave) Harder, Debbie (Jim) Yelle, Charlie (Jennifer) Anderson, and Katrina (Dan) DeRoche; his sister, Judy Staat; and his brother, Dave.

He also leaves behind grandchildren: Jacob (Catherine) Casareto, Dominic (Olivia) Casareto, Jenesa (Jon) Balaski, Joshua Harder, Matthew (Brittany) Harder, Paul Harder, Martan (Jamie) Yelle, Madeline Yelle, Margot Yelle, Macklin Yelle, Gunnar Anderson, Teagan (Max) Anderson, Kelby Anderson, Annika DeRoche, Linnea DeRoche, and Maren DeRoche; as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Don will be cremated, and a family celebration of his life will be held later this summer at the family's beloved cabin-a place he always longed to return to.