



Donald Valentino Urban

September 6, 2018

Urban, Donald Valentino 93, of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 6th, at his home surrounded by family and friends. Don is preceded in death by: Wife, Lillian Urban; Father, Michael Urban Mother, Elizabeth Urban; Brothers, Henry and Ernie Urban. Don was born in Minneapolis on February 14th, 1925, to Michael and Elizabeth (Hoholick) Urban. He was raised in Minneapolis with his brothers, Henry and Ernie. The Urban Family was a hardworking, strong, Christian household. Upon graduation from Roosevelt High School in 1942, Don enlisted in the United States Navy. He served as a flight medic throughout World War II and was discharged with honors at the end of the war. Don's Commander, Dr. Hainey, said of his service that he was "the best medic he ever worked with." Returning from the war, Don married his high school sweetheart, Lillian Ekstrom, on July 12th 1947. They were happily married and loved each other deeply for 61 years until Lil passed away in 2008. They have one beloved daughter, Holly (Urban) Eisenberg, and raised their family in St. Louis Park. As parents and grandparents, Don and Lil modelled a strong work ethic for their daughter and grandchildren throughout their lives. In 1963, after spending much of his younger years in the printing industry, Don began a career in the trade show business. Along with his family, he ran American Recreation Unlimited for over 40 years. Don was a pioneer in the trade/consum-er show business at the old Minneapolis Auditorium and Convention Center and in many cities throughout the nation. In addition, he

also produced and promoted many live country music events in the Midwest. Don brought joy and entertainment to hundreds of thousands of people over the years. The only thing that eclipsed Don's committed work ethic was his love for family, friends, and his faith in Jesus Christ. His Friends will remember him for his caring heart, his gentle soul and his unbridled patriotism. Don's true passion was that of a Grandfather. His love for his grandchildren; JD and Michelle, and great-granddaughter, Jaya, was unparalleled. He enjoyed spending time with them at the cabin in Emily, Minnesota and traveling the country together in his younger years. Don was an active, involved and dedicated member of the Wooddale Lutheran Church in St. Louis Park for sixty years. May the grace and peace of God's love always be with you, Don. Now GO! Dance with that beautiful, blue-eyed lady she has been waiting for you a long time! We have lost a hero from the "Greatest Generation!" We will miss you, Don Urban. Survived by: Daughter: Holly Eisenberg and her husband, Jeff Eisenberg; Grandchildren: JD Eisenberg, Michelle Eisenberg and David Eisenberg; Great Granddaughter: Jaya Eisenberg Visitation at Washburn-McReavy Eden Prairie Chapel, 7625 Mitchell Road, Eden Prairie, on Tuesday, September 11th from 4-8 pm. Funeral services will be held at Wooddale Lutheran Church, 4003 Wooddale Ave. S., St. Louis Park, on Wednesday, September 12th at 10:30 am, with visitation 1 hour prior. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Wooddale Lutheran Washburn-McReavy.com Eden Prairie Chapel 952-975-0400

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rich Mary Hoholik lit a candle in memory of Donald Valentino Urban*



Rich Mary Hoholik - December 18, 2018 at 03:07 PM

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Family friends from Michigan & Wisconsin since childhood by way of Don's Mother Aunt Lizzy Hoholik our grandfather's sister. We visited w/Don & Lil at their home as well as twin-city shows. They were a special couple loved and remembered. Memories will live on for as long as can. Thanks Don and Lil for your friendship and memories. Holly might recall playing together as children, met her and Jeff at a show once. Always, Rich and Mary Hoholik, Madison

Rich Mary Hoholik - December 18, 2018 at 03:14 PM

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“ *The staff and volunteers at Bloomington-Eden Prairie Meals On Wheels were very attentive to Don in his final year - day in and day out. We hope that his memory will give comfort to those that loved him.*

Nita Hughes - September 11, 2018 at 01:57 PM