



Donald Arendt

July 7, 1942 - March 19, 2025

Don Arendt, 82, of Oskaloosa, died Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Born July 7, 1942, in Oskaloosa to Louie and Janet (Moore), Donald Dale (as his mother named and called him) grew up in Gibson, the youngest of three boys. He graduated from Tri-County South/What Cheer High School in 1960, continued his education at Simpson College, and graduated from William Penn College in 1964. He married Judith Broshar in 1962, and they lived in Oskaloosa, where he began his career in banking at Iowa Trust and Savings Bank. Don and Judi moved to his hometown of Gibson in the late 1960s to work in the family bank and raise a family. In 1979, Don purchased Citizens Savings Bank in Gilman, Iowa (now based in Marshalltown, Iowa) and served as Chairman of the Board until his death.

On November 20, 1992, Don married Donna Malin. Together, they traveled the country in their motor home and by motorcycle, spending winters in Florida or Arizona but always calling Oskaloosa home. Don appreciated and collected old cars and old coins. He loved nothing more than riding down the highway on his motorcycle, preferably with a group of friends, and being on his boat—also preferably with friends. Friends mattered to Don. And Don mattered to his friends.

Don served in the United States Army Reserves in the late 1960s. He was a member of the Oskaloosa Shriners and a past director of the Royal Order of Jesters (Davenport Court 129). He belonged to the American Legion, Eagles, Elks, and V.F.W. and was a lifelong Gibson United Presbyterian Church member.

Don leaves behind his wife, Donna, of Oskaloosa, and his children: Angela Arendt (Peter McGaugh) of Mesa, Arizona, and Todd (Kristin) Arendt of Altoona. There are three grandchildren, too: Bailey (Mike) Larsen of Mesa, Arizona, Zachary Arendt of Waukee, and Hannah (Jo) Arendt (Dulce Escorcía) of Iowa City. There are three great-grandboys—Jackson, Bennett, and Cole Larsen—who will miss Papa Don and his two older brothers survive him as well: Bill (Cynthia) Arendt of Columbia, Missouri, and Larry (Beth) Arendt of Clive, Iowa.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.

There will be a celebration of Don's life on Friday, March 28, 2025, at the American Legion Post #34 in Oskaloosa. Friends and family from every part of Don's life are invited to gather together at 3:00 p.m. There will be a Service of Celebration and Remembrance (Rev. Angie Arendt officiating) at 4:00 p.m., immediately followed by food, drink, and the kinds of feel-good stories at the table that Don would love. Please note that Don would also love to wear his jeans to this kind of event, so we ask that you do the same: casual wear is encouraged.

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory has been entrusted with Don's final arrangements. A private burial of Don's ashes at Forest Cemetery in Oskaloosa will be held at another time. The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

MAR 28. 3:00 PM (CT)

Harry L. Anderson American Legion Post #34
302 High Ave. East
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

You can visit with the family until the service begins at 4 p.m.

Service of Celebration and Remembrance

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Rev. Angela Arendt will officiate. The family welcomes you to stay for food and refreshments following the service.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ Don was a great man, a great friend, and I have many fond memories of boating with Don and Donna. The world is now short one awesome man, but Heaven gained a wonderful Angel. I will miss you "Uncle Don". Love, Christy (I just learned of Don's passing today, March 31st so unfortunately missed his Celebration of Life).

Christy Smith - March 31, 2025 at 05:42 PM

BL

“ Britt L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Arendt.

Britt L. - March 26, 2025 at 03:19 PM

TW

“ Don was a great friend to our friend Chuck Cunningham while he was at Mayos. I was so impressed with him friend ship of Chuck. Donna he will be missed, prayers to you and Family.

tom walling - March 24, 2025 at 07:49 PM

KH

“ So sorry for your loss Todd.



Kristin Holdeman - March 24, 2025 at 06:32 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Arendt.*



March 24, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *So very sorry for your loss Donna. Sending thoughts and prayers.*

Emily B Wallace - March 24, 2025 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dean And Barbara Bone lit a candle in memory of Donald Arendt*



Dean and Barbara Bone - March 23, 2025 at 10:12 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Donna and all of Don's family. He was always so kind and friendly.*

Doug and Mary Ruffridge - March 22, 2025 at 04:12 PM



“ *I worked with Don at the Gibson Savings bank after I Graduated from High school. Don, Larry, Louie and Janet were fantastic people n Bosses. It was a great learning experience for me. Angie was our flower girl 50 years ago at our wedding. A lot of Memories with the Arendt family. Blessing to you all. Carol Renaud*

Carol Renaud - March 22, 2025 at 11:46 AM

BT

“ Angie, My deepest sympathies. Thoughts and prayers to all of the family. Don never forgot your face or name.



Brenda S Thomas - March 21, 2025 at 08:54 AM

DR

I worked with Don at Iowa Trust in 1963 till 1966. Hewas so much fun to be around.

Dena Roorda - March 21, 2025 at 12:26 PM

JM

So sorry to learn of Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Donna.

Wes and Kathy Moore

J. Wes Moore - March 24, 2025 at 01:59 PM