



Donald Dykstra

August 21, 1937 - May 11, 2024

Donald Dykstra, 86, of Oskaloosa and formerly Eddyville, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2024, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House.

Don was born August 21, 1937 to Alva and Nellie Fern (Denburger) Dykstra, in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He attended rural school Jefferson #7 and then graduated from Bussey High School in 1955. Upon graduation, he worked as a farm hand and road construction worker.

He was united in marriage to Annie Orfield on June 22, 1958, at the Allerton Nazarene Church. Don and Annie made their home on a farm between Bussey and Eddyville. In addition to farming, Don had a 27-year career with the Norfolk and Southern Railway company, working from the Bussey Depot and later from the Moulton Depot. They provided eggs, farm-raised chicken, and fresh sweet corn from their grain and livestock farm, and Annie started a cake decorating business. After Don retired from the railroad, he and Annie worked side by side in the growing cake decorating business and managed the farm.

He was a North Bethel Christian Church member in rural Eddyville, a Tri-Star Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star member, and a 50-year Masonic Lodge #584 member. He enjoyed watching baseball and was always ready to play catch or for a quick game of about any ball.

His family includes his son, David (Lori) Dykstra of St. Charles, IA, and a daughter, Marilyn (Jim) Gann of Boonville, MO; three granddaughters: Chelsea, Callie, and Abigail, and a grandson, Riley; his sister, Janet Miller of Marion, IA.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his wife, Annie, their infant son, Ronald, and his brother, Arthur.

Don's family would like to extend their sincerest appreciation for the friendship and support

of the farm neighborhood and extended community, including railroad retirees. We are infinitely grateful for each and every one of you. And a special thanks to Connie Van Polen and Peggy Lettington for recent help with his care and support.

Funeral Services for Donald will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 17, 2024, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Beth Loomis of the North Bethel Christian Church. The burial will be in Coal Creek Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Langkamp Funeral Chapel; the family will greet visitors from 4-6 p.m. Memorial contributions can be made to Coal Creek Cemetery or Mahaska Health Foundation for the Hospice Serenity House.

Cemetery Details

Coal Creek Cemetery

1479 290th ST
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Donald Dykstra*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 17, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ *Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Dykstra*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 15, 2024 at 09:32 AM

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“ *Sandra (Lyle) Clark & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Dykstra.*



Sandra (Lyle) Clark & Family - May 15, 2024 at 03:36 PM

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“ *Sandra (Lyle) Clark & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Dykstra.*

Sandra (Lyle) Clark & Family - May 15, 2024 at 03:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Dykstra.



May 15, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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“ It was a honor to care for Donald . He always had story or trivia quote to tell me.he has no more worries or pain .Rest in peace



Deb DeWitt - May 15, 2024 at 12:37 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Dykstra.



May 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM

MP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Don . He an Annie were always ready to visit each time I would stop by. I do miss them both . My thoughts go out to you all and may the Lord grant you his peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.



Mary Pinegar - May 14, 2024 at 02:40 PM



“ 113 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - May 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Dear Anne and family, Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, Don. I have fond memories of our dinner meetings and Picnics here in Ottumwa that we shared with other Railroaders. May Don Rest in Peace, dear friend. Faye Elliott

Faye Elliott - May 14, 2024 at 08:07 AM



“ My fondest memory is going with my family to the farm. And seeing real, live turkeys for the first time. Don said that they could talk. And I just could not believe that! He offered to show me. So he turns and faces the flock of turkeys and proceeds to make the weirdest gurbly-burbly, musical gobble-gobble-turkey noise to the turkeys. And in near-perfect chorus, all the turkeys gobble-gobbled back. It tickled me to no end!

I am deeply sorry for your loss. I am sending all my love.

Rachael Hastings - May 13, 2024 at 06:44 PM



“ 7 files added to the album *Don Dykstra*



Marilyn Gann - May 13, 2024 at 06:08 PM