



Donald Mc Creery

October 2, 1931 - March 16, 2020

Donald Mc Creery, 88, of Pella and formerly of Oskaloosa passed away Monday, March 16, 2020, at The Cottages in Pella, Iowa.

Donald Dean Mc Creery, was the son of Lote and Dollie (Pearson) Mc Creery, was born October 2, 1931, at the home of his parents in rural Fremont, Iowa. Donald attended a country school his father helped build before moving with his parents to Des Moines, where he attended school through the 8th grade. During the war years, the family moved to Washington State, where his mother worked in the shipyards. Donald had fond memories of living in the Seattle area attending movies with new friends. After the war, Donald returned to Oskaloosa, where he lived with his sister and brother-in-law. While living with them, he met their neighbor girl, Betty Ellen Edwards. They married April 3, 1949, in Davenport, Iowa. Donald and Betty soon made their home in Des Moines, where Donald attended trade school to learn radio and T.V. repair. When the Korean War began, Donald enlisted in the Marine Corps on February 14, 1952, in Des Moines. He served over five months in Korea and was discharged on February 8, 1954. Donald returned to Iowa and decided to pursue a career in electronics. He joined the Burlington Local Lucky 13 Union of the I.B.E.W. and served an apprenticeship. He soon became a journeyman electrician, and his work took the family to numerous states including, Washington, Arizona, and Texas, with Oskaloosa, always being their home base. Donald retired in 1993 after serving 30 years as a journeyman. He and Betty enjoyed 20 years of wintering in Tucson, Arizona. Donald was always

mechanically inclined; after his retirement, he loved welding and building. Don was happiest when he had a repair project that required some mechanical know-how. The love of movies he acquired as a teenager never left him, and he always enjoyed a good western. Donald continued his membership in the I.B.E.W., and he was a life-long member of the V.F.W.

His family includes his daughters: Rhonda Hart of Oskaloosa, Sonja DeRose of Kansas, City, Missouri, and Tonia Mc Creery of Altoona; eight grandchildren: Richie Hart Jr. of Oskaloosa, Bridget (Dan) Woodworth of Oskaloosa, Lesa DeRose (Ronda Law) of Kansas City, Geoffrey DeRose of Kansas City, Jeremy DeRose of Kansas City, Christina (Joey) Le Clair of Raytown, Missouri, Elizabeth (Gene) DeRose-Moses of Kansas City, and Samantha DeRose of Underwood, Minnesota.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his wife, Betty, on May 28, 2016, and his siblings: Holly, Lawrence Mc Creery, Freeda Benscouter, Wanda Warner, Wayne Mc Creery, Daniel Mc Creery, and Madge Goughnor.

Private family services will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2020, at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel with Pastor Elaine Jones of Wesley Life Hospice officiating. Burial will be in Abel Cemetery near Hedrick, Iowa with the Oskaloosa Honor Guard officiating. Langkamp Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Wesley Life Hospice.

Previous Events

Burial

MAR 19 (CT)

Abel Cemetery
130th Ave
Hedrick, IA 52563

Private Family Service

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Tribute Wall



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



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DB

Wonderful, I especially love the Family with Ronda in the Middle, with her Sisters by her sides, an Mom and Dad, I remember meeting at the house many times, either before school or work, Good Man with a good family.

Deb Beal - March 18, 2020 at 09:27 PM

JW

What an awesome tribute to a good man. He always reminded me so much of my own dad. No nonsense, but loved his family with all his heart.

Joyce (Burke) Webb - March 18, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *Donald Mc Creery*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM

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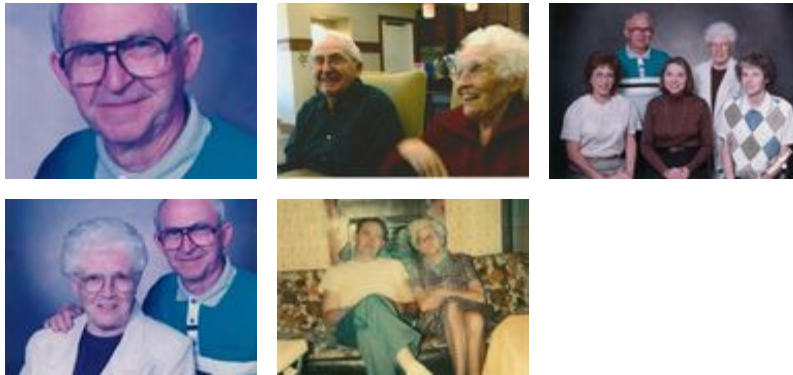
“ Linda Posadas lit a candle in memory of Donald Mc Creery



Linda Posadas - June 01, 2020 at 07:32 PM



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“ Frank & Phillip Sheeley families. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald Mc Creery.



Frank & Phillip Sheeley families. - March 18, 2020 at 08:47 AM