



Don Rowe

June 2, 1933 - March 7, 2022

Don Rowe, age 88, of Breda, died Monday, March 7, 2022 at his home in Breda.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Friday, March 11, 2022 at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Friedrichsen. Music will be by Marilyn Hundling and the St. Bernard's Choir. Lector will be Sue Ausman. Gift Bearers will be Don's Nieces and Nephews. Eucharistic Minister will be Mark Hoffman. Casket Bearers will be Tom Van Erdewyk, Daryl Reiling, Dale Reiling, John Koster, Rich Mueggenberg, Russ Knobbe and Josh Hoffman. Burial will be in the parish cemetery with military honors conducted by the Breda American Legion.

Visitation will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday at St. Bernard's Church in Breda. There will be a rosary prayed at 5 p.m. and a Christian Wake Service will be held at 6 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Friday morning from 10-10:45a.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in Breda and online condolences may be left for Don's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Don, the son of Harry C. and Mary A. (Pinnekamp) was born on June 2, 1933,

in Carroll County, Iowa. He received his early education from St. Bernard's Catholic School in Breda, graduating in 1950. After high school Don started his lifelong farming career. In 1958 Don was inducted into the United States Army honorably serving for nearly two years. Upon his honorable discharge he returned to the area and continued farming.

On November 19, 1977 Don was united in marriage to Mary Ann Van Erdewyk at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Breda. The couple made their home east of Breda where he operated his grain and Holstein Dairy Cattle Operation. Don would later move his cattle operation to a Cow-Calf Herd. In 1990 the couple moved into Breda. Although they moved to town, Don still was active with the grain operation. Don was a lifelong member of St. Bernard's Parish in Breda, the Breda American Legion actively volunteering with the Breda 4th of July Celebration, and Breda Catholic Order of Foresters.

Don is survived by his wife of over 44 years Mary Ann Rowe of Breda, his twin sister Donna Mae Reiling of Auburn, his brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law: Marlene Rowe of Harrison, Arkansas, Ruby (Frank) Rosener of Vail, Gerald (Katie) Van Erdewyk of Breda, Joyce Goetzinger of Denison, Leo F. (Deb) Van Erdewyk of Underwood; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended relatives.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; siblings: Katherine (Ray) Wernimont, Frances (Ed) Rosener Baumhover, Mary (Richard) Reiling, Lois Brown, Vernon Rowe, and Norman Rowe; brother-in-law Don Reiling, sister-in-law: Betty (Virgil) Neumayer, an infant brother-in-law Keith Van Erdewyk.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **10**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. Bernard Catholic Church
304 N. 2nd Street
Breda, IA 51436

Mass of the Christian Burial

MAR **11**. 11:00 AM.

St. Bernard'S Catholic Church

Tribute Wall

BH

“ When I was little, "Stub " was a neighbor to our family. He was always willing to help anyone in the neighborhood whenever they needed him. As I got older he and I worked together more and more and eventually had a cow calf herd together which he helped me start. When my parents passed away Don and Mary Ann became like my second parents. As time went on he became a dear and cherished friend. He will be deeply missed.

Brian Hoffman - March 10, 2022 at 03:26 PM

DW

“ Dale and Kathy Wulf purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Don Rowe.



Dale and Kathy Wulf - March 10, 2022 at 02:50 PM

KH

“ Don was always like a 'bonus grandpa' to Josh and I. He was kind, funny, and always willing to help out in any way he could. I hope he's up there having some Dr. Pepper and a slice of homemade apple pie right now and always watching over Mary Ann. We miss you Don.

Katelyn Hoffman - March 10, 2022 at 01:14 PM

“ Joyce Brown Willms

Message: Uncle Don was my God Father and favorite uncle, Uncle Don was a great person and loved by all. He was an outgoing, friendly, easy-going, generous, thoughtful, considerate, and honest man, and I will miss him. Uncle Don adored his wife, Mary Anne. You could see it in his eyes when he talked about her. The memories shared with and about Uncle Don are incredible. I want to share the story of Uncle Don's movie career with you. Uncle Don and Elvis Presley were stationed at the Army base in Germany around 1960. That's when Uncle Don became a movie star. Elvis Presley began the production of 'G.I Blues' in Germany. Don was upstairs of a house and happened to be looking out of the window. That was the beginning and end of him being a movie star. After Don served his country, he returned home to the farm where he and Granny lived for years. As I remember, going out to visit granny and Don at the farm playing in the barn, all six kids wanted to help Uncle Don milk the cows. For some reason, Don did not appreciate our willingness to help him milk the cows. I remember Uncle Don saying we were too loud and all that noise made the cows nervous. According to him, the cows wouldn't give as much milk when they were so nervous. I was always amazed how fast Uncle Don could run backward and how fast he would run from the barn to the house while holding a pan of milk without spilling a drop. Uncle Don was a remarkable man who will remain in our hearts forever, and we will miss him. My deepest condolences. Joyce Brown Willms Uncle Don was my God Father and favorite uncle, Uncle Don was a great person and loved by all. He was an outgoing, friendly, easy-going, generous, thoughtful, considerate, and honest man, and I will miss him. Uncle Don adored his wife, Mary Anne. You could see it in his eyes when he talked about her. The memories shared with and about Uncle Don are incredible. I want to share the story of Uncle Don's movie career with you. Uncle Don and Elvis Presley were stationed at the Army base in Germany around 1960. That's when Uncle Don became a movie star. Elvis Presley began the production of 'G.I Blues' in Germany. Don was upstairs of a house and

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Joyce - March 10, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Sending are deepest condolence to Mary Ann and to the Rowe family from Linda (Reiling) Butler, Rich Weber and family, Ronda (Weber) Hoss and family and Randy Weber and family.*

Linda Butler - March 09, 2022 at 11:46 PM

FE

“ *Family of Gerald & Katie Van Erdewyk purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Don Rowe.*



Family of Gerald & Katie Van Erdewyk - March 09, 2022 at 08:34 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Malm lit a candle in memory of Don Rowe*



Bonnie Malm - March 09, 2022 at 03:41 PM

BM

Mary Ann, I am so sorry for your loss.

Bonnie Malm - March 09, 2022 at 03:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Don Rowe.*



March 09, 2022 at 02:57 PM

LF

“ *Love Leo & Debbie Van Erdewyk & Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Don Rowe.*



Love Leo & Debbie Van Erdewyk & Family - March 09, 2022 at 11:19 AM

TF

“ *The Norman Rowe Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Don Rowe.*



The Norman Rowe Family - March 08, 2022 at 09:37 PM

PO

“ *Don was a guy every one relied on in our neighborhood, growing up. He was always there to help and be a friend to all. He will be missed greatly by a lot of people. Pat Oleson*

Pat Oleson - March 08, 2022 at 07:29 PM

PS

“ *Our deepest condolences to Mary Ann and the Rowe Family. We will miss our beloved Uncle very much. I remember very well when our Uncle Stub took my two older sisters and me to the Capri Movie Theatre in Lake City, Iowa. My sisters and I would go to the Rowe farm occasionally at summer time for a week or several days to help out and as a reward we were given beautiful memories of time spent with our Granny Rowe and Uncle Stub. We will treasure these memories always. What a great Uncle he was. Love, Patty & Charlie Scobba*

Patty Scobba - March 08, 2022 at 06:35 PM

DO

“ *My deepest condolences, Mary Ann. Uncle Don was such a wonderful person. He has been on my mind and in my heart all day. I shall certainly miss him.
Deb and Dan O'Connor*

Deb O'Connor - March 07, 2022 at 09:56 PM

SL

“ *I will miss you Uncle Don, from Sweet Pea Sandy.
Mary Ann you are in our thoughts*

Mike and Sandy Luckenbill

sandy Luckenbill - March 07, 2022 at 06:10 PM