



## Donald Behrens

March 13, 1924 - January 20, 2019

Donald Behrens, 94 of Carroll died Sunday, January 20, 2019 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, January 25, 2019 at St. John Paul II Parish – Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Marcy Anderson and Michaela Behrens. Lectors will be: Matthew Behrens and Kaitlyn Gipple. Gift Bearers will be: Tracie Lorenzen, Kristy Behrens, Stephanie Pauly, Michaela Behrens and Kaitlyn Gipple. Eucharistic Minister will be Ken Behrens. Casket Bearers will be: Ryan Eischeid, Michael Behrens, Cole Feldman, Marc Behrens, Alex Eischeid, Matthew Behrens, Eric Feldman, Mitchell Behrens, T.J. Feldman, Grant Olberding and Carter Olberding. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Thursday where there will be a rosary at 5 p.m. by the Templeton Knights of Columbus and a Christian Wake Service at 6:30 p.m. The casket will be moved to Holy Spirit Church on Friday morning where additional visitation will be held from 9-9:45 a.m.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Don's family at [www.sharpfuner](http://www.sharpfuner)

al.com.

Donald Behrens was born on March 13, 1924 to Mayme (Heithoff) Behrens and Henry Behrens. He grew up on the family farm near Roselle and attended Holy Angels School.

On April 25, 1950, Don was united in marriage to Arlene Hansman at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Willey, IA with Fr. H.J. Drees officiating. The couple made their home southwest of Roselle and were blessed with 5 children. Don was engaged in livestock and grain farming. In addition to farming, he was active in St. Augustine Parish committees, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

The couple moved to Carroll, in 1986, however, Don continued to work on the farm for many years. After moving to Carroll, Don and Arlene were members of Holy Spirit Parish. Don enjoyed playing cards with friends and family, golfing, traveling with friends and socializing at morning coffee. Most of all, Don loved to spend time with family and attending family events. Don was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather. His family are left to cherish his quiet, mischievous sense of humor. Don left his family with a legacy of faith, generosity and selfless love through his quiet, humble demeanor.

Left to celebrate Don's life is his wife of 68 years, Arlene, of Carroll, his children: Duane (Deb) Behrens of Omaha, Diane Eischeid of West Des Moines, Vern (Becky) Behrens of Carroll, Rhonda (Tom) Feldman of Carroll and Kathy (Keith) Olberding of Granger; 16 grandchildren: Tracie (Jason) Lorenzen, Ryan (Brooke) Eischeid, Kristy Behrens, Michael (Julie) Behrens, Stephanie (Nick) Pauly, Cole Feldman, Marc (Angela) Behrens, Alex Eischeid, Michaela Behrens, Matthew Behrens, Eric Feldman, Kaitlyn (Chris) Gipple, Mitchell Behrens, T.J. Feldman, Grant Olberding and Carter Olberding; 15

great grandchildren; Sister-in-laws Margaret Behrens and Virgene Behrens of Carroll, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents: Mayme and Henry Behrens; his parents-in-law, John and Rose Hansman; his son-in-law, Vern Eischeid, his daughter-in-law, Jana Behrens; his brothers and sister-in-laws: Harry (Dorothy) Behrens, Virgil (Louise) Behrens, James Behrens and in infancy, Robert Behrens; his sisters and brother-in-laws: Marie (Ed) Siepker, Florine (Harold) Eich, and Rita (Erwin) Vonnahme; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Melvin (Florence) Hansman, Marcella (George) Grossman, Edward (Corrine) Hansman, Robert (Betty) Hansman, Phyllis (Peter) Sibenaller and in infancy, Leroy Hansman.

# Tribute Wall

CI

“ Our sympathies to Don's family at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Brad and I lived on Virgil's farm when Brad worked for Don and Vern. We both treasure the friendship that was made with the Behrens family. Don was a good man and always had a smile and time to chat for a bit when he was at the farm. We are both sorry to see that he has passed. May you treasure the memories during this time and always.  
*Brad & Carrie Irlbeck*

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**Carrie Irlbeck** - January 24, 2019 at 03:26 PM

JG

“ *Jake Greczek purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Behrens.*



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**Jake Greczek** - January 24, 2019 at 12:46 PM



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



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January 24, 2019 at 09:50 AM

MF

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" - John 11:25

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**magallon family** - January 24, 2019 at 08:34 AM

VC

“ VA Audiology Clinic purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Behrens.



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**VA Audiology Clinic** - January 24, 2019 at 08:26 AM

DS

“ Thoughts and prayers to your family during this difficult time. I worked for Don and Vern when I was in high school and remember Don's smile and laugh. Was blessed growing up getting to know the Behrens family...they were great neighbors. Don was a truly genuine and caring person.

*Thinking of you Arlene, Vern/Becky, Kathy/Keith, and the rest of the Behrens family.*

*Dave & Patty Stitz*

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**Dave Stitz** - January 23, 2019 at 05:51 PM

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*Thank you for the kind words We appreciate your thoughts.*

**Kathy Behrens Olberding** - January 23, 2019 at 08:25 PM



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



January 23, 2019 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ *Jerry and Pat Schomers purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Behrens.*



**Jerry and Pat Schomers** - January 23, 2019 at 12:39 PM

MF

“ *Mary Feldman & Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Behrens.*



**Mary Feldman & Family** - January 22, 2019 at 04:34 PM

PK

“ Sympathies to the Behrens family~ Sorry to hear of your loss. Growing up on the same trek of gravel, I recall most the nights when Don/Arlene - and other friends would come over to our house to play cards. Loved it!! That meant we could hang a little and get a few chuckles out of the group....AND get grasshopper/ice cream.

*I enjoyed helping babysit Vern/Becky's kids through the years - and running past Don here/there on the farm. Super nice fellow - GREAT people.....cherished friends.*

*May Don's light continue to shine bright in you all~  
Pam (Stitz) & Chris Kitt*

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**Pam Kitt** - January 22, 2019 at 02:10 PM

JM

“ As I pause, remembering how our family's lives overlapped along Hawthorne Ave. over the years, I recall walking beans, trapping your creek, sharing rides with your girls to piano lessons, and riding the bus - trying not to back over your mailbox. But when it comes to Don I most remember his laugh while playing cards with my folks and the rest of the neighbors. Peace to Don and your family.

*Janet (Stitz) and Rick Muhlbauer*



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**Janet Muhlbauer** - January 22, 2019 at 11:14 AM

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*Thank you Janet for sharing those memories- - some of which I had forgotten, but they gave me a smile.*

**Kathy Behrens Olberding** - January 22, 2019 at 11:24 AM

MS

“ *Michelle Schuette lit a candle in memory of Donald Behrens*



**Michelle Schuette** - January 21, 2019 at 10:50 PM

BB

“ *We remember the many Birthdays and Anniversaries we celebrated together. We had a great group and had a lot of fun. Going out to eat and then back to the house and playing pitch until the wee hours. Many laughs and jokes and enjoyed them all. Also remember the crazy Halloween costumes we all came up with and the fun we had trick or drinking??? You were also great neighbors!! Sympathy and prayers to the family! Bob and Audrey*

**Bob and Audrey Behrens** - January 21, 2019 at 06:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Behrens.*



January 21, 2019 at 10:34 AM