



Donald F. Tigges

April 16, 1930 - December 28, 2020

Donald F. Tigges, 90 of Carroll, died early Monday morning, December 28, 2020 at Accura Healthcare of Carroll. He was surrounded by close family and those who cared for him.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, December 31, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish - Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. The Celebrant will be Fr. Kevin Richter. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lectors for the Funeral Mass will be Tyler Tigges and Rachel Tigges. Casket Bearers will be Don's family. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll with Military Honors conducted by the Carroll American Legion.

A public viewing without greeting the family will be held from 9:30-10 a.m. on Thursday at the church. Those attending are required to wear a face covering and abide by current social distancing guidelines.

Should one desire, memorials may be mailed to Donald F. Tigges Family, c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, IA 51401.

A recording of Don's funeral will be available 24 hours following the service at Sharp Funeral Home, Carroll, Iowa YouTube page.

Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Sharp Funeral Home in

Carroll and online condolences may be left for Don's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Donald was born on April 16, 1930, at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll, Iowa, to Alphonse and Elizabeth (Scharfenkamp) Tigges, and grew up on a farm north of Willey, Iowa. He attended grade school in Willey and graduated from Carroll High School in 1948. Don worked on the family farm until he was drafted into the Army, serving from January 1952 until his honorable discharge in December 1953, with active duty in the Korean War. He remained a dedicated and active member of the Carroll American Legion, where he frequently served as an honor guard member, and for a term, the role of Commander.

After his return from the war, Donald met Mary Hanlon in Omaha, NE, and they were married on November 19, 1955 at St. John's Church at Creighton University in Omaha. They moved to a farm north of Willey, Iowa. Don was a dedicated farmer while Mary worked as a registered nurse in Carroll for many years. His life was full, with many close family members nearby on the farm, as well as many visits to his in-laws, nieces, and nephews in Omaha. His life was defined by dedication to the farm, his family, and many great friends.

After years on the farm, Don and Mary moved to Carroll. He continued to be connected to farming and eventually took employment at Frigidaire Transmission in Jefferson for a number of years. In retirement, he enjoyed working as a delivery driver for the Carroll Apothecary until 2009, when he suffered a stroke. He was cared for at home for a number of years and entered the nursing home in 2014. The family is extremely grateful to the many loving and dedicated workers who took care of him. His interest and engagement in life on the farm remained until his last days. Don's sense of humor and mischievous grin will be fondly remembered by all who loved him.

Donald is survived by: his wife of 65 years, Mary, and their four children, Brian Tigges and his wife Michelle(Rupiper) of Johnston, Marty Tigges of Arcadia, Kristie Tigges, of Minneapolis, MN, and Anne Tigges of Carroll; two grandchildren, Tyler Tigges and his wife Meaghan of Urbandale, and Rachel Tigges of New York, NY; four great- granddaughters, Mairin, Sloane, Camryn, and Quinn Tigges; his sisters, Ruth Ann Tigges of Carroll, Carolyn Sovich of Ormond Beach, FL, Mary Jane (Morrie) Schenkelberg of Sioux City, and Rosalie (Jon) Davis of Reed Springs, MO; and his sisters-in-law Mary K. Tigges, and Velma Tigges; and many extended family members, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alphonse and Elizabeth, brothers Walt and Jerry Tigges, mother-in-law Bernice Hanlon, brothers-in-law Frank Sovich and Edward Hanlon, and sister-in-law Alyce Hanlon.

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ *Lovely Neighbors,
Don's humor was a balm to my soul when I was very homesick. He
and Mary hold such a special place in my heart & Greg's. Don will
be greatly missed.
Love All of You,
Ann Zacker
& Greg*

Ann Zacker - January 01, 2021 at 12:28 PM

JD

“ *We remember Don on the Carroll American Legion Honor Guard,
he was always very friendly. Also enjoyed working with son Brian.
he was very helpful to me. You all have our sympathy. Jim &
Darlene Eich*

Jim & Darlene - December 30, 2020 at 02:51 PM

MF

“ *My condolences to Kristie and her family. I can only hope that by
sharing your grief, it will be lessened. My prayers are with you and
your family.*

MARY F FRATTO - December 30, 2020 at 02:48 PM

TF

“ *The Carolyn Sovich Family purchased the Simply
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald F.
Tigges.*



The Carolyn Sovich Family - December 30, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JR

“ Jennifer, Audrey and Rod purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Donald F. Tigges.



Jennifer, Audrey and Rod - December 30, 2020 at 10:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald F. Tigges.



December 30, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald F. Tigges.



December 29, 2020 at 11:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Tigges.



December 29, 2020 at 06:31 PM

KK

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Uncle Don! Your entire family is in our thoughts and prayers! Your family taught me lots of important things: Uncle Don taught me how to ride on the front loader of a tractor, Brian taught me to drive way before I was 16, and Marty taught me how to drink, Kristie and Anne were great to play with! Your family holds a special place in my heart. I have so many special memories on your farm! With love, Kari and Steve Kleinsmith

Kari Kleinsmith - December 29, 2020 at 03:25 PM

DO

“ My condolences to family and just a great guy and friend!

Denny O’Grady - December 29, 2020 at 11:47 AM

RM

“ Keeping you in our thoughts & prayers. With our sympathy, Darrell & Renee Mueggenberg

renee mueggenberg - December 29, 2020 at 10:42 AM

SS

“ Uncle Don was such a great guy! I remember once when I was very young, we were at Grandpa & Grandma Tigges’s for Christmas and I pulled on his pants leg - wanting him to pick me up (thinking it was my dad - Jerry.) Of course he picked me up and held me and shared his Christmas cookie with me! He and your mom helped Bill & me get started when we were first married, too! I have always appreciated that & have never forgotten! Sending our thoughts, prayers and hugs to you all - hoping the memories will bring smiles! Shelly & Bill Schreck

Shelly & Bill Schreck - December 29, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MC

“ Thinking of all of you during this difficult time. Sending hugs & prayers. When I think of Uncle Don I think of his laugh & it makes me smile. I hope great memories soon fill the void you are feeling. Love & Prayers, Nick & Melissa Collison



Melissa Collison - December 28, 2020 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ Mark Schon lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Tigges



Mark Schon - December 28, 2020 at 09:05 PM

MS

Sending our deepest sympathy to the Tigges Family

Mark Schon - December 28, 2020 at 09:06 PM



“ I often look back on life and realize that I have been so blessed to have great people around me besides my parents to help shape my life in a positive way. People like neighbors, teachers, priests, coaches, relatives, and friends that have lived their lives in a way that showed me how to be a good person and citizen. Near the top of the list of people is my Uncle Don Tigges. I don't know how I got so lucky to have him in my life.

Don's wife Mary is my dad's sister, so he is not even a blood relative, but he always treated siblings and me like we were! When growing up in the 50's and 60's in Omaha, nothing excited me more than to go visit Uncle Don's farm in Carroll, Iowa. My parents would load up the car with my brother and sisters and head to Carroll. As a youngster, it was all fun and games getting to take tractor rides with Don at the wheel! We'd run around the farm, climb around in the barns, feed the cattle and pigs, and take walks in the fields, getting lost in the tall corn. And as we got older, we actually got to drive the tractors. For a kid from the city, how cool was that?! Don was always so willing to let us have the run of the place.

But as I got older, I realized that this is what Don did for a living, and how amazing it was that he was so willing to take the time from his busy day to give us those tractor rides - and to make sure we were safe! I learned to appreciate how important his hard work was to our way of life.

I don't know if I have ever told Don how much that meant to me. I just hope he understood that by simply seeing how much fun we were having visiting Uncle Don's farm.

Thank you, Don, for your service to our country and for being a wonderful example of living life in a good way. You showed the next generation how we should live our lives.

And to my Aunt Mary and cousins Brian, Marty, Kristie and Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. Thank you for sharing your Husband &

Dad with us. Love you guys!

Edward Hanlon

Ed Hanlon - December 28, 2020 at 07:06 PM

LB

“ *Larry/Lynne Brincks lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Tigges*



Larry/Lynne Brincks - December 28, 2020 at 04:47 PM

LB

We hold many memories dear to our heart for Don..especially when he came to AZ. May he rest in peace

Larry/Lynne Brincks - December 28, 2020 at 04:49 PM

CS

Rest in Peace. Will be praying for his soul and your entire family.

Carole Schmidt - December 28, 2020 at 10:20 PM

LB

So many great memories of Don and Mary and the kids as we were growing up. We will miss you, Don!

Lori Thein Brody

Lori Thein Brody - December 29, 2020 at 07:49 PM