



Donald Mikkelsen

March 13, 1939 - November 19, 2020

Donald Mikkelsen, age 81, of Carroll, died Thursday, November 19, 2020 at St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Monday, November 23, 2020 at St. John Paul II Parish - Holy Spirit Church in Carroll. Music will be by Jane Heithoff. Lectors will be Steve Mikkelsen, Mark Mikkelsen, and Scott Mikkelsen. Honorary Gift Bearers will be Summer Mikkelsen, Aliyah Mikkelsen, and Alec Mikkelsen. Eucharistic Minister will be Steve Mikkelsen. Casket Bearers will be Adam Mikkelsen, Brittney Mikkelsen, Lance Mikkelsen, Julia Mikkelsen, Dylan DeMey, Aaron Haubrich, Marissa Haubrich, and Emily Haubrich. Burial will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carroll.

A public viewing without greeting the family will be held from 10:15-10:45 a.m. at the church.

Those attending the funeral mass are required to wear a face covering and abide by social distancing guidelines.

Those wishing to send a memorial please mail to Don Mikkelsen Family, c/o Sharp Funeral Home, 226 W. 8th St. Carroll, Iowa 51401.

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.

Born in Dedham, Iowa of March 13, 1939, Donald was the son of Edward and Mary (Becker) Mikkelsen. He attended St. Joseph's School and later

graduated from Kuemper Catholic High School. On April 15, 1961, Don was united in marriage to Louise Gross at St. Francis Catholic Church in Maple River, Iowa. The couple made their home near Dedham where Don was engaged in grain and livestock farming his entire lifetime. A gifted and self-taught carpenter, Don constructed several barns and structures on his farms that are still there today. In addition to farming, he was an active coach and was one of the first high school level girls' athletic coaches in the areas of basketball and softball. In 2009, Don and Louise moved to the Carroll Community.

Don served on numerous boards in his lifetime including first lay director at St. Joseph's Parish, President of Dedham Cooperative Board, numerous school boards, including 6 years on the Carroll Community School Board. He enjoyed relaxing with his family and friends, and time away to do a little gambling whether a friendly game of cards or a trip to the casino.

More than anything Don was a loving husband, caring father and grandfather, and a devoted Christian.

Left to cherish Don's memory is his daughters: Jane (Mark) DeMey of Carroll, and Kay Lynn Haubrich of Carroll; sons: Steve (Mary) Mikkelsen of Dedham, Mark (Laurie) Mikkelsen of Dedham, and Scott (Brook) Mikkelsen of Halbur; eleven grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild; his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Vince (Lenora) Gross of Carroll, Bernice Drees of Mapleton, Joey (Diane) Gross of Carroll, Cecilia (Mike) Simpson of Cedar Rapids, Dolores (Leroy) Boes of Carroll, Ben (Vickie) Gross of Breda, Aggie (Denny) Grossman of Glidden, and Joleen (Dave) Sander of Carroll, Norma Gross of Carroll and Andrew Kirsch of Carroll; as well as many nieces, nephews, and other extended family.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Louise in 2019; his son-in-law, Russell Haubrich; his sister, Joan Mikkelsen; his sister-in-law, Mary Ann Kirsch; and his brothers-in-law, Walter Gross and Dick Drees.

Tribute Wall

BB

“*Sorry for your loss " ! Only knew DON for a short time but made a nice friendship ! Nice, Nice man !! May he now rest in peace ! BOB and VICKIE BOES*



BOB BOES - December 01, 2020 at 08:49 PM

JR

“*Don was a great leader with dreams of making things better. You can be proud of your dad n family ! To all of your families. Our condolences Jerry n Reen*

jerry rupiper - November 23, 2020 at 11:23 AM

BM

“*My sympathy to the family. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all.*

Becki Miller - November 22, 2020 at 10:49 AM

CS

“*Seeing this makes me sad and yet joyful for Donnie. He has been set free from his earthly pains. Donnie and Louise were our neighbors growing up but not just that they were good friends with my parents, and oddly enough when our Mother went to the nursing home, who were her neighbors up there, Donnie and Louise. I guess some things are just meant to be. Good neighbors and good friends. Now they will be partying up in Heaven. I am sure he is so happy being back with his beloved Louise. RIP Donnie. Steve, Mark, Jane, Kay Lynn and Scott you have my deep sympathy. He loved you all so much.*

Cindy Sporrer - November 22, 2020 at 08:28 AM

DK

“ My condolences I met both Don and Louis through the nursing home , he kept us all on our toes. Sending heart felt prayers to the family and know he is now in Gods hands now and has his angel wings. Deb Kuehl

Deb Kuehl - November 21, 2020 at 02:11 PM

VH

“ To the Mikkelsen family, I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I first met Don when he ran for School Board at the Carroll Community School. He won the election and turned out to be a valuable member of the board. There were times when I came to the home of Don and Louise and we sat in the living room and talked "school business". I sure valued his advice. I also enjoyed going to a local establishment after a board meeting and having a beer with him, other board members. and a few administrators. May Don rest in peace.

Vern Henkenius - November 21, 2020 at 11:36 AM



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



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