



Don Biggins

May 31, 1926 - March 8, 2016

Don Biggins, age 89, of Sheldon, Iowa formerly of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, March 8, 2016 in Sheldon.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the Storm Lake Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 9:30 a.m. until the beginning of the service at the funeral home. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald John Biggins was born May 31, 1926 in Storm Lake, Iowa, the son of John and Bernice (Robinson) Biggins.

In his youth, Don was baptized and confirmed at the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake.

He attended Hayes Consolidated School, where he graduated in 1944.

Don joined the United States Army Air Force in 1944. He served his country through World War II and was honorably discharged in 1945.

On October 6, 1946, Don married the love of his life, Lois Reed in Storm Lake. Together, they were blessed with two children, Sherry and Pat.

Don was a member of the Lakeside Presbyterian Church in Storm Lake.

In his early years, Don worked as a hog buyer, stationed in Storm Lake and Sheldon. Later, Don worked as a sales representative for Latham Seeds and HyVigor Hybrids. He also was a self-taught carpenter, building over ten homes in the Sheldon, Storm Lake, and Lakeside areas.

Throughout his life, Don and Lois traveled to all fifty states, England, and even treated the whole family to a trip to Hawaii. Don and Lois loved camping in the Black Hills, and they spent over twenty-five winters in Arizona. Most of all, Don cherished the memories he made with his family, especially at Christmas. Don will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Sherry (Marlin) Lode of Cherokee, Iowa; Pat (Randy) Merrill of Sheldon, Iowa; grandchildren: Shawna (James) Myers of Johnston, Iowa; Nathan Merrill of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Missy (Chris) Jenness of Cherokee, Iowa; Matt (Rachel) Lode of North Liberty, Iowa; Katie Merrill (special friend, Cody Peterson) of Clarion, Iowa; great grandchildren: Josh and Anna Lode, Carson and Adyson Jenness, Paxton and Rowen Myers; sister-in-law, Joan Reed of Lakeside, Iowa; many nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Lois; brothers: Melvin (Ruth) Biggins, Clayton (Marian) Biggins; brother-in-law, James Reed; and infant grandson, Mark Lode.

Cemetery Details

Storm Lake Cemetery

Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,
Storm Lake, IA 50588
(712) 732-1911
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

Service

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Interment

MAR 12 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Don Biggins.*



March 23, 2016 at 05:12 PM



“ *I truly thought I'd have more time to visit with Uncle Don. I always enjoyed my visits with him, and my Aunt Lois, of course, in Arizona and Iowa. I grew up in one of the houses he built!!!!*

He made my laugh. I can remember driving by Hy-Grade with him and my siblings I were complaining of the smell. He said, "That is the smell of money." :)

He had a devoted wife in Lois, two wonderful daughters who with their husbands gave him and Lois many grand children and great grandchildren. They were always beaming with pride and sharing stories about their family.

He lived a full life. He had many adventures with Lois as they traveled the nation and even over seas.

With the passing of Lois, Don spent time at her resting place which was his gift to her as he knew she loved the lake. Now, he will rest with her there in the shade and through the beautiful seasons of Storm Lake. They will always be in my thoughts and prayers.

Donna Magee - March 21, 2016 at 02:22 PM

LM

“ I was saddened to see that Don had passed away. I also met him at the cemetery where he visited Lois every day when he was here - loved her so very much. I am glad they are together again but also send my sincere sympathy for your loss.

Linda Miller

Linda Miller - March 14, 2016 at 12:34 PM

KS

“ We enjoyed our visits with Don whenever we saw him. He was so kind, gentle, and was a wonderful man!! He and Lois were a "match made" here on earth and now in Heaven. He is truly a legacy to all of us always!

Ken and Janet Strouse - March 13, 2016 at 03:47 PM

CM

“ I met Don at the cemetery where he would sit and visit with his wife, he was an amazing person. I told him that I hope that I mean as much to my husband as his wife did to him. Don you will be able to hold your wife's hand just as you wanted.

Christine Madden - March 12, 2016 at 03:23 PM

SF

“ My deepest sympathies to your entire family. Don was a very sweet, generous, and supportive person. His kindness to Roger and me will never be forgotten.

Susan Fry

Susan Fry - March 12, 2016 at 07:00 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall




Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 11, 2016 at 03:35 PM

CI

“ So sorry to hear of your loss; Don was a generous supporter of Faith, Hope and Charity, and our landscaping around the Storm Lake sign near the highway on FHC property is in memory of his wife, Lois. Very good people, you have our deepest sympathy.

Cindy Wiemold
ED
Faith, Hope and Charity

Cindy - March 11, 2016 at 11:00 AM

 Sherri Morgan

“ Pat, Randy, Nate, Katie and Family we are so sorry to hear about Dad/Grandpa!
May God comfort you with memories and give you strength!
Blessings my friends!

Sherri Morgan, Shirley Muecke and Family

Sherri Morgan - March 11, 2016 at 08:27 AM

SW

“ Pat, Randy, Nate and Kate-so sorry to hear about your dear father and grandfather. Holding all of you close in prayer during this time of sorrow.

Steph Wolf

Steph Wolf - March 10, 2016 at 01:28 PM

JR

“ Sending sympathy to Sherry and Marlin and Pat and Randy during this difficult time and thinking of all the time I spent with your Mom and Dad in Sheldon.

Jane (Piece) Rowland

Jane (Pierce) Rowland - March 10, 2016 at 12:46 PM

DH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathies. Dave and Deb Haugen

Dave and Deb Haugen - March 10, 2016 at 11:36 AM

TJ

“ My condolences to Pat and Randy and all the rest of your family in this time of sorrow !!

Tim Jones - March 10, 2016 at 09:25 AM

KW

“ Our sincere sympathy to all of you at this time of sorrow, may you feel God holding you close in the days, weeks and months ahead. We'll be lifting you up in prayer.
Jerry & Kim Wolthuizen and family.

Kim Wolthuizen - March 10, 2016 at 07:33 AM

KS

“ Ken And Janet Strouse lit a candle in memory of Don Biggins



Ken and Janet Strouse - March 09, 2016 at 11:07 PM

KS

Will miss all our "talks" and memories will be remembered of this wonderful man we treasure as a friend!

Ken and Janet Strouse - March 09, 2016 at 11:08 PM

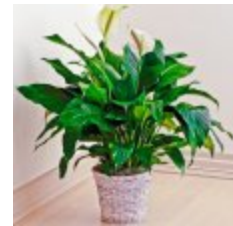
WK

Will surely miss this grand guy. Liked going out for those buffalo wings with don & travis. Wow Kooiker

Wilferd Kooiker - March 10, 2016 at 07:34 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Don Biggins.



March 09, 2016 at 04:52 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Don Biggins



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - March 09, 2016 at 04:07 PM

EB

Our sympathy to the Biggins family, he will be missed Ev and Phil Buren

Ev Buren - March 10, 2016 at 04:50 PM