



## Donald Emmett Behm

May 18, 1927 - November 17, 2015

Donald E. Behm, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa died Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, November 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will take place Sunday, November 22, 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a rosary prayed at 7:00 p.m. followed by a vigil service. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the St. Mary's Growing Our Faith Building Fund. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Emmett Behm was born May 18, 1927 in Mondamin, Iowa, the son of John and Elizabeth (McEvoy) Behm. He was one of twelve children.

As an infant, Don was baptized at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Missouri Valley, Iowa, where he was later confirmed.

Don attended school and graduated from Missouri Valley High School.

On July 23, 1945, Don enlisted into the United States Army. He proudly served his country as a radio operator, and received a Victory Medal. Don was honorably discharged on November 16, 1946.

On September 5, 1949, Don was united in marriage to Jean McCrickard at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Missouri Valley. Together they were blessed with five children: Pamela, Rod, Jeff, Tracy, and Mike.

Don worked as the grocery manager at Safeway in Storm Lake for many years. After its closing, he began working at Hy-Vee.

Don was currently a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. He was in the Knights of Columbus, and served as a former Grand Knight. Don was also a member of Kiwanis Club.

For over twenty-five years, Don enjoyed writing his column in the Storm Lake Times called, "Cracker Barrel". Don was an avid football fan, and especially enjoyed watching his favorite teams, Notre Dame and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He enjoyed riding bike and attending garage sales. Most of all, Don was a family man. He loved attending his grandchildren's ball games and activities. Don will be remembered as a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend to many.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Jean Behm of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Pamela (Ted Hesselguesser) Sutton of Omaha, Nebraska; Rod (Judy) Behm of Carroll, Iowa; Jeff (Julia) Behm of Alta, Iowa; Tracy (Ed) Bredvick of Storm Lake, Iowa; Mike (Norma) Behm of Storm Lake, Iowa; grandchildren: Mollie (Rick) Cornell, Heather (Jeramie) Hinote, Matt Behm, Mike (Ashley) Behm, Nick Behm, Reverend Patrick Behm, Tom Behm, Robyn Bredvick, Nicole Bredvick, Mark Behm, Jennifer Behm; nine great grandchildren; extended family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (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>

## Rosary

NOV **22**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Vigil Service

NOV **22**. 7:15 PM (CT)

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## Service

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake  
320 Seneca Street  
Storm Lake, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 21, 2015 at 12:09 PM

MK

“ *Sending my condolences to Don's family. I am the daughter of his brother John Behm. I remember saying hello to Don at uncle Bob's funeral. What a nice friendly smile he had.*

*Marlene Behm Klusaw  
Pearce, Arizona.*

**Marlene Klusaw** - February 13, 2016 at 10:41 PM

LM

“ *Lexi Moon lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**Lexi Moon** - November 22, 2015 at 08:29 PM

JB

*Thanks Lexi! Thank you so very much!*

**Julia Behm** - November 23, 2015 at 08:52 PM

TB

*thanks Lexi,,so very kind of you*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:12 AM

TB

*thanks Lexi,,so kind of you*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:27 AM

TM

“ *Terry Mason lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**Terry Mason** - November 22, 2015 at 08:10 PM

TM

*Tracy and family - you have my sympathy - your Dad was an amazing individual!!! Will miss his "cracker barrel".*

**Terry Mason** - November 22, 2015 at 08:12 PM

TB

*Thanks so much Terry,,he was a great man*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:13 AM

TB

*thanks you Terry. Dad loved it when people would say they enjoyed The Cracker Barrel*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:30 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Emmett Behm.*



November 22, 2015 at 07:15 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Funeral Home** - November 22, 2015 at 04:42 PM



“ *Sorry to learn of your loss. I have some vivid memories of Uncle Don, dad, and their other siblings being together, reliving childhood tales to the delight of nephews and nieces.*



*Randall Behm  
Papillion, Nebraska  
Son of Edward*

**Randall Behm** - November 21, 2015 at 05:40 AM



*thanks you much Randy,,I remember dad talking to Ed often on phone when they still lived on West 9th*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:16 AM

TB

*Thanks Randy. I remember when Dad would talk to Ed on the phone a lot, when they lived on West 9th years ago*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:32 AM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*

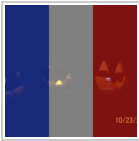


Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - November 20, 2015 at 01:11 PM

TB

*thanks so much Tim and Peg*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:19 AM



“ *Sally Rassler lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



Sally Rassler - November 20, 2015 at 11:28 AM

TB

*Thanks Sally so nice of you*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:33 AM

NB

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Norma Behm** - November 20, 2015 at 12:29 AM

MB

“ *Mark Behm lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*

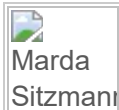


**Mark Behm** - November 20, 2015 at 12:22 AM

MB

*Grandpa, love you so much. You will always be in my heart. I told J.J. so she knows you are also in her heart.*

**Mark Behm** - November 20, 2015 at 12:25 AM



*Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Blessings to all of you.*

**Marda Sitzmann Mayhan** - November 22, 2015 at 08:50 AM

TB

*thanks Marda*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:20 AM

NO

“ *Norma lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



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**Norma** - November 20, 2015 at 12:20 AM

JB

“ *J J Behm lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



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**J J Behm** - November 20, 2015 at 12:17 AM

JB

*Grandpa, I love you so much. I will miss you, but Mark told me that I can have you in my heart forever. J.J.*

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**JJ Behm** - November 20, 2015 at 12:19 AM

JM

“ *Always enjoyed reading the Cracker Barrel in the paper. There was lots to be learned from Don's writings. Our sympathy to the entire Behm family.*

*Kevin & Julie McKinney*

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**Julie McKinney** - November 19, 2015 at 09:52 PM

TB

*thanks for kind words*

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**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:34 AM

MH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. he was a great man always had a smile for everyone and hugs God bless him.*

**Mary Heflin** - November 19, 2015 at 09:37 PM

JB

*Thank you Mary for your kind words. He enjoyed working with you.....well, sort of! Exercise is hard work! :) And happy retirement! Love, Julia*

**Julia Behm** - November 23, 2015 at 08:57 PM

CP

“ *Charlette Persoon lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**charlette persoon** - November 19, 2015 at 07:00 PM

TB

*thanks so much*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:35 AM

CB

“ *We were sorry to hear about Don's passing. Thinking of you during this time of his death and funeral. God Bless You. Sincerely, Cliff and Caite Bonham*

**cliff and caite bonham** - November 19, 2015 at 04:51 PM

TB

*thanks for kind words*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:36 AM

JD

“ *John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



John and Connie Demers - November 19, 2015 at 01:02 PM

TB

*thank you Connie and John so kind of you*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:23 AM

DM

“ *Dave & Lori Madsen lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



Dave & Lori Madsen - November 19, 2015 at 12:25 PM

TB

*so kind of you,,thank you*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:37 AM

MO

“ *Sorry to hear about Don's passing. Will miss those hugs and his articles in the Times. Our prayers are with your family.*



Mike and Kathy Ortmann - November 19, 2015 at 10:30 AM

TB

*thanks so much, dad liked it when people said they read his articles*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:38 AM

AF

“ Amy And Gene Frehse lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm



Amy and Gene Frehse - November 18, 2015 at 09:57 PM

TB

*thanks for lighting a candle for dad*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:39 AM

PG

“ Sorry,we are in Fla. visiting our son,Dale. Sad to hear of Don's passing. Our sympathy to Jean and the Behm family. You are all in our prayers. RIP Don.  
Love & Peace, Lary & Patty Gunville

Patty Gunville - November 18, 2015 at 08:49 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - November 18, 2015 at 06:15 PM

TB

*thanks so much Jeff and Jean*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:25 AM

MJ

“ *Mike Jones lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**Mike Jones** - November 18, 2015 at 05:58 PM

MJ

“ *I worked for Don at the Safeway Store after high school. He was very good to me through the years and always spoke when we met years after Safeway closed.*

*Our deepest sympathies to the Behm family for their loss.*

*Mike and Patty Jones*

**Mike Jones** - November 18, 2015 at 05:55 PM

TB

*thanks you for such nice words*

**tracy bredvick** - November 29, 2015 at 07:26 AM

HH

“ *Heidi Howard lit a candle in memory of Donald Emmett Behm*



**Heidi Howard** - November 18, 2015 at 02:29 PM

HH

*Sure will miss Don's contagious smile and big hugs. Prayers for Jean and ALL of Don's family!!!!*

Heidi Howard - November 18, 2015 at 02:30 PM

TB

*thanks so much Heidi,,he did love those hugs*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:41 AM

RO

“*Don was my boss at Safeway for many years, and one of my favorites. He was a wonderful man! Didn't see him often these past few years, but will definitely miss him. Rhonda Gude O'Bannon*



Rhonda O'Bannon - November 18, 2015 at 01:09 PM

TB

*thanks Rhonda, dad always talked highly of you.. You are one of the nicest people I have ever met..peace to you and your family*

tracy bredvick - November 29, 2015 at 07:43 AM