



Donald G. Kestel

January 28, 1924 - September 10, 2019

Donald George Kestel, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, September 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Schaller with Father Brent Lingle presiding. Burial will be in the St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Schaller. Visitation will take place on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. with a rosary at 3:45 p.m. and vigil at 6:00 p.m. all at the CHURCH. Should friends desire, in lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to the family. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Schaller is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Kestel, son of Joseph and Katherine (Neinhaus) Kestel was born January 28, 1924 in Buena Vista County on the family farm. He attended a country grade school for two years and then attended and graduated from Hayes High School in 1941.

On February 11, 1947, Donald married Gladys Elaine Grundmeier at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Schaller, IA. They lived a short time in Schaller then moved to the Kestel farm southwest of Storm Lake in 1950. For many years, Don played the drums in the band called the "BK Combo" with his brother, Gene, and the Bloyers, Everett, and his son, Dick. He was a member

of the Knights of Columbus and the longest living member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Schaller, IA; and had an unwavering faith in God. He devoted his life to being a farmer and had a passion and gift for restoring antique tractors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, traveling and gardening. He had an amazing memory, great sense of humor and no one he meant was ever a stranger for long. He loved and enjoyed his family of seven children, 20 grandchildren and 41 great grandchildren.

Left to cherish his memory are his dear children and spouses; Ronald (Jeannie) Kestel of Waterloo, IA, Diane (Dan-dec'd) Patera of Ida Grove, IA, Paul (Gaylene) Kestel of Storm Lake, IA, Thomas (Renea) Kestel of Lake Crystal, MN, Joseph Kestel of Denver, CO and Karen (Mike) English of Omaha, NE and brother, Gene and sister-in-law, Doreen of Storm Lake and many nieces and nephews.

Don is preceded in death by his loving wife, Gladys and daughter, Joan. His parents, Joseph and Katherine Kestel and his sister Dolores (John) Gaffney; granddaughter, Jill Kestel; brother & sisters-in-law; Ervin (Mildred) Grundmeier, Harold Grundmeier, Art (Arlene) Grundmeier, Viola (Curt) Dills, Mel (Agnes) Grundmeier; and son-in-law Dr. Daniel Patera.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery -- Schaller

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 15. 3:45 PM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church -- Schaller
408 S Main St
Schaller, IA 51053
(712) 275-4238

Visitation

SEP 15. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Vigil Service

SEP 15. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **16**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

PM

“ Heartfelt sympathy upon the loss of your dear Dad. He was a wonderful man and was such a joy to be around. May he and your mom Rest In Peace. I was blessed to share a little time with them.
💖💙 Love, Pam McClannahan

Pam McClannahan - September 20, 2019 at 01:01 AM

JP

“ Jennifer, Matt & Kaylee Peters lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Kestel



Jennifer, Matt & Kaylee Peters - September 16, 2019 at 08:37 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.



September 16, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.



September 13, 2019 at 09:20 PM

BG

“ Blessings, Karen & Laura (Jack Kestel's girls) purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Donald G. Kestel.



Blessings, Karen & Laura (Jack Kestel's girls) - September 13, 2019 at 06:40 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 13, 2019 at 05:33 PM

SH

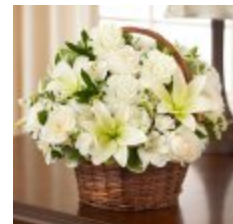
“ ShannonMcGuire lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Kestel



ShannonMcGuire - September 13, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.



September 13, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.*



September 13, 2019 at 12:01 PM



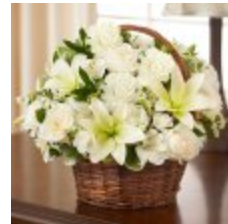
“ *The Georgia Boys purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Donald G. Kestel.*



The Georgia Boys - September 12, 2019 at 07:22 PM



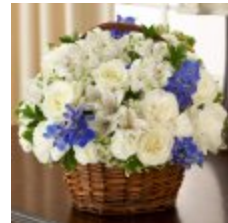
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.*



September 12, 2019 at 03:42 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald G. Kestel.*



September 12, 2019 at 10:22 AM

PG

“ *Peg Grundmeier lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Kestel*



Peg Grundmeier - September 12, 2019 at 10:12 AM

AP

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Uncle Don! You were a wonderful man. May God reward you greatly!*

Amy Pautsch - September 12, 2019 at 08:57 AM

JR

“ *Joyce Roling. lit a candle in memory of Donald G. Kestel*



Joyce Roling. - September 11, 2019 at 07:20 PM

PW

“ *Project Management and Data Warehouse purchased the Yellow & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Donald G. Kestel.*



Project Management and Data Warehouse - September 11, 2019 at 06:39 PM

DM

“ *Our Best Prayers & thoughts are with our
True Friend & Neighbor Don
Many yard visits to guide fixing the Farmall
bought from his farm!
Russ & Diane meyer*



diane meyer - September 11, 2019 at 06:39 PM