



Donald Murphy

April 25, 1944 - August 9, 2015

Donald Murphy, age 71, of Huxley, Iowa and formerly of the Fonda, Iowa area passed away Sunday, August 9, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda. Burial will follow in the Mt. Zion Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place prior to the service from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, any memorial funds will be contributed to Camp Courageous and St. Luke's Hospital for Children. The Mahaney Funeral Home in Fonda is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald R. was born April 25, 1944 to William and Helen (Mackey) Murphy.

Growing up, he attended Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School in Fonda. Upon graduation, Don attended Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska and Colorado State University at Ft. Collins, Colorado.

On July 1, 1967, Don was united in marriage to Linda Hogan. They raised their three children on their farm in the Fonda area. Don farmed for 42 years and then retired in Huxley, Iowa and wintered in Mercedes, Texas.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren. In his spare time, Don enjoyed

golfing, boating, spending time outdoors, driving his convertible, and helping others. Don loved playing cards and cheering on the Iowa State University Cyclones.

Don was a 4th Degree Knight of Columbus. He also served as Grand Knight and District Deputy for the 3rd degree Council, Fonda. He had also served on the REC Board and the Calhoun County Fair Board.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Linda; three children and seven grandchildren: son, Jason and Tisha (Lake) Murphy; grandchildren: Miranda, McKayla and Mason Murphy; son, Thomas and Jodi (Schaefer) Murphy; grandchildren: Morganne and Abby Murphy; daughter, Christina Callahan; grandchildren: Kayleigh and Conor Callahan; brother, Jim (Sharon) Murphy; sister-in-law, Mary Ellen Murphy; extended family and many friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, William and Helen Murphy; brother, Robert Murphy; and granddaughter, Miriah Murphy.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church -- Fonda
513 North Main Street
Fonda, IA 50540

Service

AUG 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Fonda, IA 50540

Interment

AUG 13 (CT)

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery
Fonda, IA 50540

Tribute Wall



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



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 12, 2015 at 04:35 PM

EE

“ *Don And I were grade school, high school, 4-H'ers, Wayne State. Coll. attendees,, Colo.St. Univ.grads,, and frat brothers. We seen much together in our early years,but life took us separate ways the next 45 years, only passing paths very briefly 3 -4 times. Don was the best of the best. My error for not spending more time in his circles. He will only be gone from us for a little while. Don, our next meeting will be longer and be in a much greater place !!. Praise the Lord Jesus !!*

Ed and Mary Engler - WDM, Ia.

Ed Engler - August 25, 2015 at 05:50 PM

IM

“ Don was a very special nephew, he lived on a farm next to a road that when it rained would get very muddy bringing those that enjoyed mud bogging to get stuck and Don was called up-on what ever day or night was a willing helper.

Don's uncle Gene and family enjoyed special visits with him over the years keeping special family contact from Phoenix to Fonda. A very gracious host, Thank you Don.

Irma

Irma Murphy - August 16, 2015 at 04:29 PM

RF

“ Rafdal family purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Donald Murphy.



Rafdal family - August 12, 2015 at 03:07 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - August 12, 2015 at 02:59 PM

MN

“ *Special thoughts and prayers are being sent your way, Linda. May God be close to you and your family during this time of sorrow.*

MaryAnn Carey Nielsen



MaryAnn Carey Nielsen - August 12, 2015 at 10:27 AM

SC

“ *Steven C. purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Donald Murphy.*



Steven C. - August 12, 2015 at 09:56 AM

JM

“ *Uncle Don was an extraordinary guy that I had the privilege to grow up 1 mile from and have as a mentor as I helped on the family farm during my first 18 years. He was always there to ask how things were and to come to as many of my events as he could. I admire his focus on family, hard work, and his passion for those things he cared about or was involved in. I share in his love of a good homemade pie and will be eating plenty this week (in his honor of course)! We will miss you, Uncle Don.*

Jeff Murphy - August 11, 2015 at 02:43 PM

JW

“ *I could not have asked for a better cousin, friend , neighbor or person than Don. His great and loving family will be in my mind, thoughts and prayers for ever. .Jack Wall*

jack wall - August 11, 2015 at 01:42 PM

BP

“ *Bonnie McLaughlin Palmer lit a candle in memory of Donald Murphy*



Bonnie McLaughlin Palmer - August 11, 2015 at 12:02 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Donald Murphy.*



August 11, 2015 at 11:24 AM

MV

“ *I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Don. To his family, you have my condolences. May God help through this time of grief.*

Mary Vollrath - August 11, 2015 at 10:49 AM

ML

“ *Mary Lange lit a candle in memory of Donald Murphy*



mary Lange - August 11, 2015 at 10:46 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donald Murphy.*



August 11, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Steve & Rachel Rosenboom lit a candle in memory of Donald Murphy*



Steve & Rachel Rosenboom - August 11, 2015 at 06:04 AM



“ *Mark And Rita Fitzgerald lit a candle in memory of Donald Murphy*



Mark and Rita Fitzgerald - August 10, 2015 at 04:57 PM



“ *Our sympathy to you Linda and all the family. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Lary & Patty(Tiedeman)Gunville*



PATTY GUNVILLE - August 10, 2015 at 04:26 PM