



Donald W. Reiling

September 4, 1936 - August 6, 2025

Donald W. Reiling, age 88, of Storm Lake, Iowa, died on Wednesday, August 6, at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Mass of Christian Burial will take place Monday, August 11, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 5-7:00 p.m. with Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m. followed by Rosary, all at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Reiling was born September 4, 1936, to Theodore and Anna Reiling. Don spent his childhood on the family farm west of Carroll, Iowa. He was baptized, confirmed and attended school at St. Francis Catholic Church in Maple River, Iowa.

Don was attending a friend's wedding when he met bridesmaid, Rose Marie Odendahl. They were married November 8, 1958, and were blessed with three daughters and a son: Cheryl, Julie, Paul and Diane.

Don's life was defined by hard work, volunteering and spending time with family and friends. Early in his working life, Don was a long-distance truck driver, mainly traveling to the west coast. With a second baby on the way, it

was time for a change and Don began driving truck locally for Iowa Public Service in Carroll, eventually ending in a transfer to Storm Lake in November 1962.

In 1974, Don left Iowa Public Service (now Mid-American) and began his own construction business, mainly erecting grain bins. By this time, Don and Rosie had also developed an interest in rental real estate. To add to their rental business, Don designed and built two duplexes and a triplex. He helped each of the kids with major home projects over the years. He also designed the home where he and Rosie lived for over 30 years, with many of his ideas sketched on the back of a napkin—a testament to his ingenuity and hands-on approach.

A man of many talents, Don enjoyed woodworking, rebuilding bicycles, snowmobiling, especially with Paul, making yard decorations, playing cards, particularly with the kids and grandkids, and visiting the casino. He looked forward to Wednesday night poker club for many years. He loved camping, starting in 1974 when he and Rosie purchased their first of four motor homes. They spent many weekends at local campgrounds and took their older grandkids on vacations with them. Some of their trips with the grandkids included Wisconsin Dells, Branson, Iowa State Fair and Valleyfair. Don never lost his love of driving and was always ready to jump in the car, resulting in many spontaneous road trips.

Don's favorite holiday was the Fourth of July. He loved helping his grandchildren decorate wagons, trikes and bicycles for them to ride on in the parade. He also built a few larger floats (including a mini boat) for the parade, creating memories that his grandkids will cherish forever. He had quite a large collection of old bikes, thinking he needed to have a bike for all the grandkids at every age. He also loved his special red Schwinn bike and could often be seen pedaling around town and listening to his radio while riding it.

Don generously gave his time to the community. A member of the Knights of Columbus for 51 years, Don served as treasurer for 15 years and was named Knight of the Month multiple times. He volunteered extensively for St. Mary's School and Church, building props for school plays and helping with countless other projects. Don was deeply touched when he received the St. Mary Volunteer of the Year award. Alongside his dear friend Don Schmitt, the pair affectionately called "The Dons" were known for their dedication and creativity, whether it was for repairs or decorating for the Gala. He contributed extensively to the SOS store, building all the racks for the original store, repairing bicycles to be sold, hauling numerous things, volunteering many hours. Don and Rosie also delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. Don is survived by his wife Rose Marie, children Cheryl (Richard) Lange, Early, IA; Julie (Tab) Deal, Johnston, IA; Paul (Mary) Reiling, Eden Prairie, MN, and Diane (Jerome) Glaser, Prior Lake, MN; grandchildren Adam Lange, Patrick (Allison) Lange, Maggie (Jacob) Jeppeson, Matthew (Sarah) Lange, Jodi (Anthony) Calamito, Jason Deal, Brad (Summer) Reiling, Nicole Reiling, Maureen Reiling, Fr. Ryan Glaser, Abigail (Samson) Dollerschell, and Katelyn (Michael) Walerius; and great-grandchildren Nora and Crosby Lange, Emma, Isaac, Aubrey and Owen Jeppeson, Ava Lange, Juliet Calamito, Eden Dollerschell, and Clara Walerius.

Don is also survived by in-laws Ray Pottebaum, Ray Huegerich, Mardy Snyder, Alice and Gerald Baumhover, Wayne Anderson, Mary and Ron Reineke, Norma and Dennis Schleisman, John and Diane Odendahl, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Don is preceded in death by granddaughter Emily Reiling, his parents Theodore and Anna Reiling; siblings and in-laws: brother Ray (Bernie) Reiling, sisters Darlene (Roy) Moore, Dorothy (Gene) Dales, Agnes Pottebaum and

Rosemary Huegerich; in-laws Wayne Nepple, Betty Anderson and Dennis Snyder.

Don's legacy lives on in the love he shared, the lives he touched, and the countless ways he made the world a better place through his volunteering. He will be dearly missed but forever remembered.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

1238 600th St.
Storm Lake, IA 50588

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Prayer Vigil

AUG 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Followed by Rosary

Funeral Mass

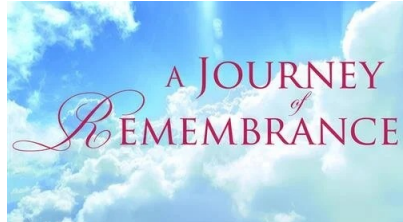
AUG 11. 10:30 AM (CT)

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 W. Reiling*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 09, 2025 at 01:34 PM

CS

“ *My Sympathy to Don's Family. May He Rest In Peace.*



Carleen (Nieland) Schwieso - August 12, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DS

“ *Prayers to Rosie and family* 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Doug Sutton - August 10, 2025 at 09:21 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - August 10, 2025 at 05:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald W. Reiling.



August 10, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald W. Reiling.

August 10, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald W. Reiling.



August 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald W. Reiling.

August 09, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ Our condolences to the Reiling family. Kevin & Julie McKinney



McKinney - August 09, 2025 at 10:41 AM



“ Love from the Galloways purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald W. Reiling.



Love from the Galloways - August 08, 2025 at 10:49 PM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald W. Reiling.



August 08, 2025 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ *Reiling Family Thoughts & Prayers for ya Family Rose*
Russ Diane MEYER



diane meyer - August 08, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling*



John/Connie Demers - August 08, 2025 at 08:11 AM

TF

“ *The Lacko family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald W. Reiling.*



The Lacko family - August 08, 2025 at 12:59 AM

TF

“ *The Lacko family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald W. Reiling.*

The Lacko family - August 08, 2025 at 12:59 AM

JW

“ *Joan Whitney lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling*



Joan Whitney - August 07, 2025 at 09:00 PM

BR

“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling*



Bev Reis - August 07, 2025 at 03:26 PM

BO

“ *RIP Don! What a great man! My sincerest condolence's to the entire family.*

Bob Odendahl - August 07, 2025 at 02:11 PM

DP

“ *I have such fond memory of Don and his tireless work for the church and school. Just loved "the Dons" and their contributions to St. Mary's.*

Dawn M Prosser - August 07, 2025 at 02:10 PM

SC

“ To the Reiling family, so sorry for your loss. Don's addition to the fine arts department at St. Mary's will always be remembered during my time teaching and directing. I will always treasure his willingness to donate his time and talent building the sets for high school plays. From a 4-door set to designing a working elevator, Don skills were unmatched.

Sara Carlson - August 07, 2025 at 12:54 PM

JC

“ Jeff and Jean Chindlund lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - August 07, 2025 at 12:53 PM

PF

“ Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling



Peg Flynn - August 07, 2025 at 10:29 AM

WT

“ Sympathy to the family of Don. May he rest in peace.



Wilbur and Karen Triplett - August 07, 2025 at 09:32 AM

KM

“ So very sorry for your loss.



Kay Snyder Marvin - August 06, 2025 at 10:21 PM

PB

“ *Pat BARNETT lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling*



Pat BARNETT - August 06, 2025 at 06:01 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Donald Reiling*



Connie Roche - August 06, 2025 at 05:06 PM