



## Donald Wesley Richardson

September 19, 1923 - October 2, 2018

Don Richardson, age 95, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald Wesley Richardson, the son of Lester and Esther (Zinn) Richardson, was born September 19, 1923 in the country home he lived all but sixteen years of his life.

In his youth, Don was baptized and confirmed in the Methodist faith. He attended country school until the 8th grade and graduated high school from Storm Lake in 1941.

In 1943, Don enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps to serve his country during World War II as a flight deck crew chief mechanic and was honorably discharged in 1945. After being discharged Don returned to the family farm. In 1949 Don moved his farming operations to Canby, Minnesota.

On December 10, 1950, Don was united in marriage to Betty Jean Bruns in the Presbyterian Church in Canby, Minnesota. The couple was blessed with four children: Bruce, Paul, Danny and Neal. The couple moved back to Iowa in 1964 to the family farm which became a century farm in 1995.

Don was a farmer most of his life. He was most proud of the Registered Polled Herefords herd he ran for seventy plus years, selling breeding stock, occasional 4H calves and mentoring several young farmers to starting their own herds.

Throughout his life, Don was very active in the United Methodist Church in Storm Lake serving on numerous boards. He also was a member of the Farm Bureau, National Corn Growers Association, and American Polled Hereford Association.

In his free time Don loved sports, golf, playing pitch, the Iowa Hawkeyes and it was important to take time to attend his sons many sports and activities. He also was fortunate enough to see his grandkids and great grandkids in their many activities.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Betty; his children: Bruce (Deb) Richardson, Paul Richardson, and Dan (Molly) Richardson, and Neal (Teri) Richardson; brother LeRoy (Delores) Richardson; sister-in-law Arlene Fliss, grandchildren Jeremy (Andrea) Richardson, Jenny (Paul) Magnussen, Matt (Megan) Richardson, Katie (Josh) Lindgren, Kris (Dove) Foster Dewey, Sean (Andrea) Richardson, Matty Richardson, Abby (Matt) Jacobson, Connor Richardson, Elly Richardson, Zachary (fiancé Avani) Richardson, Danielle Richardson; great grandchildren Rylan Richardson, Braxton Richardson, Allie Magnussen, Tyler Magnussen, Luke Richardson, Cole Richardson Emma Richardson, Colton Lindgren, Levi Lindgren, Cash Lindgren, Lyra Song Foster

Dewey, Ruby Rose Foster Dewey, Dallas Richardson and Hunter Richardson; and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; sister Carolyn (Francis) Wiley, nephews Roger and Lyle Wiley, parents-in-laws, Theodore and Susie Bruns; brothers and sisters-in-laws: Harold Fliss, Archie Bruns and Shirley (Allen) Petersen.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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>

## Service

OCT 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Storm Lake  
211 East 3rd Street  
Storm Lake, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 04, 2018 at 02:49 PM

BC

“ *To the family of Don Richardson, I'm so sorry for your loss of a great man. I remember seeing his picture in the paper for being Farmer of the Year. I appreciated the help he gave to our mother, Ruth Gravenstein when she needed it. My deepest sympathy.*

*Barbara Carlson*

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**barbara Carlson** - January 05, 2019 at 12:52 AM

Jon Swanson

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Betty, Bruce, Deb and the entire Richardson family. I have such fond and fun memories of so many years growing up and working and learning from Don and Bruce on the farms. Blessings for a wonderful life lived and God's comfort to the family for our Earthly sadness. Now he is home.*

*Jon, Ginger, Kylie*

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**Jon Swanson** - October 04, 2018 at 06:00 PM



“ 77 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - October 04, 2018 at 01:45 PM



“ *Lots of Love, Craig, Carolyn and Nance Jo purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Donald Wesley Richardson.*



**Lots of Love, Craig, Carolyn and Nance Jo** - October 04, 2018 at 12:59 PM



“ *Thanks Uncle Don for teaching me how to golf and the wonderful talks we had about serving in the military! I will miss you!  
Your loving niece, Nance Jo*



**Nance Petersen** - October 04, 2018 at 12:22 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 04, 2018 at 11:56 AM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Richardson.



October 04, 2018 at 10:50 AM



“ From TNT Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Donald Wesley Richardson.



From TNT Family - October 04, 2018 at 10:45 AM



“ Randy Mason lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



Randy Mason - October 04, 2018 at 09:30 AM

DM

“ *Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson*



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**Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten** - October 03, 2018 at 02:33 PM

CR

“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson*



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**connie roche** - October 03, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Wesley Richardson.*



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October 03, 2018 at 10:00 AM

TC

“ *Tim And Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson*



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**Tim and Pegi Cavanaugh** - October 03, 2018 at 08:34 AM

DW

“ Dale And Doris Wiley lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



Dale and Doris Wiley - October 03, 2018 at 12:12 AM

JD

“ John And Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



John and Connie Demers - October 02, 2018 at 08:57 PM

JM

“ Jeff Myers lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



Jeff Myers - October 02, 2018 at 07:18 PM

TD

“ Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance Department lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



Tyson Fresh Meats Maintenance Department - October 02, 2018 at 05:21 PM

DW

“ Dale And Doris Wiley lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



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**Dale and Doris Wiley** - October 02, 2018 at 05:19 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF DON. OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO BETTY & FAMILY. MAY DON RIP.



LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA

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**Patty Gunville** - October 02, 2018 at 04:53 PM

CJ

“ Connie And Shawn Jesse lit a candle in memory of Donald Wesley Richardson



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**Connie and Shawn Jesse** - October 02, 2018 at 04:49 PM