



Donald Dean Sliefert

July 8, 1936 - October 25, 2015

Donald Dean Sliefert, age 79, of Alta, Iowa passed away Sunday, October 25, 2015 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Church of Christ in Alta. Burial will follow in the Buena Vista Memorial Park Cemetery in Storm Lake with full military rites by the Alta VFW Post #6172. Visitation will take place Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 6-8:00 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 was born July 8, 1936 to Dolly (Hemn) and Arthur Sliefert in Storm Lake, Iowa. Donald graduated from Storm Lake High School and served four years in the United States Air Force as a jet mechanic. Following his discharge, Donald continued to serve his country in the National Guard. He later became a member of the Alta VFW Post 172. Donald worked at HyGrade Food Products for 24 years and then BilMar Foods for 10 years. After many years of hard work and 15 years at Wells Blue Bunny in LeMars, Iowa he chose to retire at age 70.

Donald was a member of the Alta Church of Christ since its inception, serving as a deacon and trustee. Donald loved the Lord with all his heart, and looked forward to serving often with a joyful heart.

Donald's favorite past time consisted of spending time with his family, fishing, rowing boats that had run out of gas, spending time in his garage, visiting with anyone and everyone, being a jokester and never resisting the opportunity to give a finger poke in the ears of others. Donald adored his grandchildren and made sure that their hands were washed following going to the bathroom, making sure all the lights were off, and supplying them with ample amounts of gum to chew at church and elsewhere.

Donald was married to his high school sweetheart, Dianne Barber on April 16, 1957. To this union six children were born. Daniel (Traci) Sliefert of Alta, Iowa; Debra (Michael) Swieca of Sugar Grove, Illinois; David (Sammi) Sliefert of Rothschild, Wisconsin; Darci (Steve) Sauter of Alta, Iowa; Darin (Kim) Sliefert of Peoria, Arizona; and Dawn (Greg) Spiess of Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Donald was survived by five of his children and their spouses, 28 grandchildren, and 5 great grandchildren, three sisters: Pat Herpst, Mary Hubell, and Shirley (Pete) Desotovich, sisters-in-law Vivian Sliefert and Sharon Sliefert; numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his son Darin Sliefert; parents: Dolly and Arthur Sliefert, his mother-in-law Alice Barber, his brothers: Arthur Jr. Sliefert, Harold Sliefert, and Jim Sliefert, one sister: Betty Kowalski; brothers-in-law Albert "Babe" Herpst and Alvis Kowalski.

Donald will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Until we meet again...

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake
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Storm Lake, IA 50588
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Service

OCT **29**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Church of Christ -- Alta
Alta, IA 51002

Tribute Wall



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



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - October 28, 2015 at 03:13 PM

KA

“ *Diane & Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you, doubly since you had recently lost Darin also. I always thought that you and Don had changed the least when we had our high school reunions. God is surely with you and will see you through. Stay strong.
Karen Allen*

Karen Allen - October 31, 2015 at 06:31 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Funeral Home - October 28, 2015 at 05:35 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Sliefert.*



October 28, 2015 at 12:23 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you,Dianne and your family.He was a good person, and always a smile when I would see him.I will always have fond memories of my high school classmate,Don.May God be your strength..*

Nancy Wolff - October 28, 2015 at 11:01 AM



“ *Our thoughts today are with Dianne, Don's family and relatives. We'll always remember those one liner jokes, the card games and all the fun with Don. There's a big hole in our hearts now without him. Our love, Jim and Syd*



Jim and Syd Barber - October 28, 2015 at 09:20 AM



“ *Don will be missed, he was a good friend. We enjoyed going to ball games and playing cards. With him and Diane. The girls always won in cards lol.*

Beverly Gustafson - October 27, 2015 at 08:46 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Sliefert.



October 27, 2015 at 06:11 PM



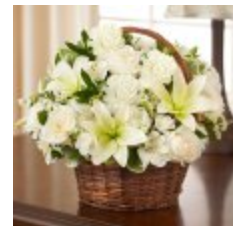
“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers* was purchased for the family of Donald Dean Sliefert.



October 27, 2015 at 05:43 PM



“ *Storm Lake Rent-All and New-Tec family* purchased the *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White* for the family of Donald Dean Sliefert.



Storm Lake Rent-All and New-Tec family. - October 27, 2015 at 05:39 PM



“ *TRACY JOHNSON* sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Dean Sliefert



TRACY JOHNSON - October 27, 2015 at 04:18 PM

AL

“ I met Don when I worked at Wells' Dairy. He always had a story to tell and could always make me laugh. Sorry for your loss and may God keep & bless you all.

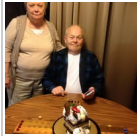
Anne Louison - October 27, 2015 at 12:08 PM

JC

“ Jeff & Jean Chindlulnd lit a candle in memory of Donald Dean Sliefert



Jeff & Jean Chindlulnd - October 27, 2015 at 10:13 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. Thinking of the good times we used to have.

*David & Joan Swanson
Topeka, KS*

David Swanson - October 27, 2015 at 09:14 AM

BK

“ We were so sorry to hear of Don's passing, but as your granddaughter said, Heaven received a wonderful new angel. It brought memories of years past in church fellowships, our times in your home with our groups and our one time trip to Omaha with our group. We had lots of laughs and those laughs continued for many years.

Our prayers for comfort and strength as you continue your journey of grief. Your faith in God has been an inspiration to us. Love Stan and Bonnie

Bonnie Kirkholm - October 27, 2015 at 08:01 AM

CL

“ *Praying for wonderful memories to sustain you and peace in the Lord.*



Carolyn Lessmeier - October 26, 2015 at 07:21 PM



“ *I am so sad to loose Uncle Don. He was such a bright light in the world. Every single memory I have of him brings a smile to my face. I was such a young girl when I lost my dad. Moving to Alta he stepped right into the fill in dad role for me. He always made me feel loved. He had this way of making everyone laugh and always loved to share stories of my dad with me. I will miss you Uncle Don. Until we meet again....*

Kathi Tobin - October 26, 2015 at 04:44 PM