



Donald J. Tegels

June 8, 1935 - September 26, 2022

Donald J. Tegels, age 87, of Fonda, Iowa died on September 26, 2022, at his residence in rural Fonda.

Funeral Mass will be held Monday, October 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Fonda, Iowa. Burial will be in the Mount Zion Catholic Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 4-6:00 p.m. with a prayer vigil at 6:00 p.m., all at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of arrangements. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital by clicking on the following link: https://www.stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html?sc_icid=header-btn-donate-now.

Donald Joseph Tegels was born on June 8, 1935 to Andrew and Regina Tegels. He grew up on a farm near Fonda. He was baptized in Christ and confirmed in the Catholic Faith at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Don received his education at the country school and OLGC school. He received his 12th grade GED in the U.S. Army. Don served two terms in the Army from 1957-1959, then was recalled and served in Korea from 1961-1962. Don was then honorably discharged from the Army.

Don was united in marriage to Bernadine Duncan on October 12, 1963. The couple was blessed with three children: Michael, Michelle, and Mark. Don and

Bernadine were approaching 59 years of marriage on October 12th.

All of his life, Don worked in farming, construction, and with heavy equipment. Don also worked as a Double A welder for several years at Nobles in Sac City, Iowa. Don worked for Pocahontas County for 23 years. He then worked for Wells Brothers trucking for eight years. Don was very active in the Fonda community and served on the fire department. He belonged to the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He served as school board President for Our Lady of Good Counsel. In his free time, he loved riding his motorcycle and belonged to GWRR and Western Cycle Club. More than anything, Don enjoyed being with his family. He was a loving and caring husband, father and grandfather. He loved watching his children and grandchildren play sports. Don will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Bernadine (Duncan) Tegels of Fonda, Iowa; children: Michael (Lisa) Tegels of Urbandale, Iowa; Michelle (Stuart) Tegels Giegling of Moseley, Virginia; Mark Tegels of Urbandale, Iowa; grandchildren: Elin Tegels of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joe Tegels of Urbandale, Iowa; Cade Giegling, Chase Giegling, and Cole Giegling of Moseley, Virginia; Drew Tegels and Lauren Tegels of Urbandale, Iowa; nieces and nephews; extended family and friends.

Don was preceded by his parents, Andrew and Regina Tegels; brothers: Robert (Bob), Leonard and Reuben; sisters: Phyllis (Tegels) Redlinger and Dorothy (Tegels) Heisterkamp; parents-in-law: Bernard and Mary Duncan; brothers and sisters-in-law: Ray Redlinger; Edgar Heisterkamp; Maude (Bob) Tegels; Lillian (Leonard); Louis Demers; Curt Erickson; Louis and Evelyn Duncan; Norene (Duncan) Didier; James (Jim) Duncan; and niece: Kim (Tegels) Ellis.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Zion Catholic Cemetery

Fonda, IA 50540

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Prayer Vigil

OCT 2. 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

OCT 3. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.



September 30, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.



September 30, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 30, 2022 at 02:09 PM



“ With sincere sympathy, sorry for your loss.

Richard Merten

Richard Merten - September 30, 2022 at 11:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



September 29, 2022 at 04:37 PM



“ *Barry and Denise purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



Barry and Denise - September 29, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



September 29, 2022 at 11:13 AM



“ *Our prayers and thoughts to Bernadine and family as Don is called Home. We have always said that as a family, you are simply the finest. Warm, friendly and always a smile. We know that beauty as a family came with Don and Bernadine's guidance through the years. God's Peace to you now and in the days ahead.*

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - September 28, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



September 28, 2022 at 07:04 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the Tegels family. Don always had a smile and a great hello. Heaven gained a great one!*



Rae & Jim Miller - September 28, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ *Our sympathies to you all. Don was a wonderful man and my memories of him abound. We wrap our arms around you in Christian love and loving thoughts. Stan and Rhea Sybesma*

Stan Sybesma - September 28, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Elin purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



Elin - September 28, 2022 at 01:49 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



September 28, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Milli Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Tegels*



Milli Anderson - September 28, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ *Carol McCartan and Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donald J. Tegels.*



Carol McCartan and Family - September 28, 2022 at 10:50 AM



“ *Sympathy to Bernadine and family. Don was such a friendly person. God bless you and comfort you.*

Wilbur & Karen Triplett - September 28, 2022 at 10:34 AM

MT

“ 2 files added to the album *Don Pictures*



Michael Tegels - September 28, 2022 at 09:41 AM

PG

“ *OUR SYMPATHY & PRAYERS TO YOU
BERNADINE & ALL YOUR FAMILIES. MAY
DON RIP.*

*JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY
GUNVILLE--STORM LAKE, IOWA*



PATTY GUNVILLE - September 27, 2022 at 07:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Donald J. Tegels.*



September 27, 2022 at 04:42 PM

SV

“ *My heartfelt condolences to you and your
family*



Sreenath Vela - September 27, 2022 at 02:13 PM

DH

“ Duane/Eldona Hornor lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Tegels



Duane/Eldona Hornor - September 27, 2022 at 01:31 PM

DI

“ God Bless you Bernadine & Family RUSS DIANE MEYER

Diane - September 27, 2022 at 12:29 PM

DI

“ Diane lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Tegels



Diane - September 27, 2022 at 12:27 PM

BR

“ Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Donald J. Tegels



Bev Reis - September 27, 2022 at 11:42 AM

MA

We wish to send our heartfelt sympathies to Don's family. I worked with him @ Pocahontas County for many years & always felt he was a nice, upstanding man. May God carry you through the grieving process. Milli & Howard Anderson

Milli Anderson - September 28, 2022 at 10:51 AM

PM

*Bernadine and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a really nice man and he'll be missed. Death of a loved one is so hard to get through, I'm sorry. Memories will get you through.*

Peggy McCartan - September 28, 2022 at 10:55 PM

MC

Bernie and family, you and Don were present so many times when John and I were home in Fonda and we always loved visiting with you. Such a nice man and I'm sure such a loss for your family. Prayers for all of you who are missing him. Marlene and John Cimpl

Marlene(Lampe) Cimpl - September 30, 2022 at 12:35 PM