



## Donald "Tuffy" Breon

October 12, 1928 - June 30, 2017

Donald "Tuffy" Breon, age 88, of Fonda, Iowa, passed away Friday, June 30, 2017 at Loring Hospital in Sac City.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 5, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Varina. Burial will be at a later date at the Cedar Cemetery in Fonda. Visitation will take place Tuesday, July 4, 2017 from 5-8:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Varina. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Donald "Tuffy" Breon was born on October 12, 1928, to Lester and May (Hewitt) Breon. Tuffy was the second child to this union, his siblings included: Arzetta, Dorothy, Marlin, Keith, Verla, Verlin "Toad", and his half-brother, Jeff. Tuffy was baptized at the Varina Methodist Church on September 6, 1942, where he remained a lifelong member.

Tuffy attended the Varina Consolidated School in his youth and graduated in 1946.

On December 18, 1955, he was united in marriage to Darlene Horne. To this union, three children were born: Brad, Greg, and Barb. Darlene died on November 16, 1973.

Tuffy served in the army for 18 months from 1947 to 1948. He was stationed at Ft. Louis, Washington for training and stationed at Presidio Army Base in San Francisco and worked at the Letterman General Hospital. When he returned home, he worked for Harry Horne Construction and then later started farming. After retiring he was a janitor at Fonda Public School. During this time, his wife hired him to drive school bus. The kids all loved him and thought he was so much fun.

On August 18, 1979, he married Marie (Voss) Larsen at the Methodist Church in Varina. With this union, six more children joined the family: Brian, Kenny, Diane, Denise, Kim, and Kevin.

Throughout his life, Tuffy played baseball and basketball. He was also a little league baseball coach. Tuffy enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events throughout the years. Family was very important to Tuffy and he often enjoyed traveling around the country to their homes to visit.

When he completely retired, he mowed for many people in the town of Fonda. He loved doing this and this was the first year that he did not mow. He taught his wife how to mow this year with his riding lawn mower.

Tuffy is survived by his wife: Marie (Voss) Breon; children: Brad Breon of Milford, IA; Greg (Lisa) Breon of Indianapolis, IN; Barb (Paul) Rebhuhn of Fonda, IA; Brian (Kristi) Larsen of Fonda, IA; Ken (Carol) Larsen of Cedar Rapids, IA; Diane (Jim) Harrison of Pocahontas, IA; Denise (Barry) Tegels of Des Moines, IA; Kim Siddall of Phoenix, AZ; and Kevin Larsen of Fonda, IA; 19 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Tuffy is preceded in death by his first wife: Darlene Breon; his parents: Lester and Mae (Hewitt) Breon; Casey Koonts; Dorothy and Dean Husted; Ed Mylon; Jeff Breon; Terry Siddall; and Elijah Morgan.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Varina  
321 Main Street  
Varina, IA 50593

## Service

JUL 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church -- Varina  
321 Main Street  
Varina, IA 50593

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - July 03, 2017 at 12:42 PM

ST

“ *Sherry Winebrinner Tourtillott and Jack Tourtillot purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.*



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**Sherry Winebrinner Tourtillott and Jack Tourtillot** - July 06, 2017 at 10:28 AM

JM

“ *Tuffy you were a wonderful man and you will be greatly missed. I always enjoyed when you would substitute for bill voss when he would drive bus. You were always a kind friend*

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**Jayne Mohr** - July 06, 2017 at 10:06 AM

BR

“ My family would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to Marie and the kids through this difficult time.

*Tuffy was a wonderful man, who always had a smile to share.*

*God Bless each one of you!*



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**Brenda** - July 05, 2017 at 07:10 PM

ST

“ Prayers of comfort and healing to Denise, Barry and family from the 3E team in Des Moines. Were thinking of you.

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**Steve** - July 05, 2017 at 04:21 PM

TF

“ Todd Koonts And Family lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon



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**Todd Koonts and family** - July 05, 2017 at 01:37 PM

TK

*Marie and family- So sorry to hear of Donald's passing. I have many fond memories of Tuffy while growing up. He was always so kind to me as a child and adult. I never remember hearing a cross word or negative statement from him. He was such a sweet and humble man. I will always remember him dressed in his overalls and his John Deere trucker hat tipped to the side with a big smile. I will always remember Tuffy's story he told me about being knocked off his feet back into his garage by a lightening strike that hit a pole near by. Whenever I'm in a thunderstorm, I think of his story and run for cover! Your whole family is in our thoughts and in our prayers. Todd,Becky,Rachel and Sarah Koonts*

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**Todd Koonts** - July 05, 2017 at 01:50 PM

TK

“ Todd Koonts lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon



Todd Koonts - July 05, 2017 at 01:36 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.



July 03, 2017 at 02:51 PM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - July 03, 2017 at 12:18 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.



July 03, 2017 at 11:35 AM

J(

“ John And Connie (Swenson)Demers lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon



John and Connie (Swenson)Demers - July 03, 2017 at 11:32 AM

J(

Tuffy was a great friend to my parents, Swen and Vallie Swenson. Our sympathy to the family.

John and Connie (Swenson)Demers - July 03, 2017 at 11:34 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.



July 03, 2017 at 10:28 AM

DN

“ David & Linda Nase lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon



David & Linda Nase - July 02, 2017 at 10:13 PM

ER

“*"Tuffy" graduated from Varina several years ahead of me so I did not get to know him that well. One thought that keeps popping into my head is a basketball game during the late spring of 1950 that took place in the old St. Columbine's Hall under the trees down on the corner of main street.*

*It was between the "Harlem Globetrotters" before they became famous and the Varina Alumni. I can still vividly recall seeing one of the Globetrotters lifting "Tuffy" up to the basket so he could drop the ball in.*

*"Tuffy", you had a much varied and very interesting life with many descendants that will surely miss your humor and presence as much as we all will.*

*Fair Winds & Following Seas*

*Ed Ressler  
PO Box 4319  
Dowling Park, FL 32064*

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**Edmund A Ressler** - July 02, 2017 at 09:58 AM

SS

“*Sharon, Jim, Bill, Dan, Brian and Lisa Schachtner purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.*



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**Sharon, Jim, Bill, Dan, Brian and Lisa Schachtner** - July 01, 2017 at 07:38 PM

DT

“ *Doug & Dee Kuklenz, The Colony, TX purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.*



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**Doug & Dee Kuklenz, The Colony, TX** - July 01, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.*



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July 01, 2017 at 08:47 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Palmer lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon*



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**Bonnie Palmer** - July 01, 2017 at 06:56 AM

LJ

“ *Louis Shirley Stauter & Jason lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon*



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**louis shirley stauter & jason** - June 30, 2017 at 10:41 PM

DO

“ *Dorie lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon*



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**Dorie** - June 30, 2017 at 09:15 PM

 Shelly Jensen

“ *Shelly Jensen lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon*



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**Shelly Jensen** - June 30, 2017 at 08:20 PM



“ *Marie, Barb and family; so sorry to hear of your loss. Duffy will always hold a special place in the hearts of Fonda children past and present. So many memories. One year when our girls were small and quite naughty. Duffy gave us three chunks of coal from the school supply so we could have them in their stockings Christmas morning. Kim Krier Karsjen*



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**Kim Karsjen** - June 30, 2017 at 07:49 PM

RS

“ Marie and family,  
Words are inadequate to express our sympathy. Our prayers are with you all. We remember all the great bus trips with both Tuffy and Marie. Such fun. The kids truly loved Tuffy and so did our entire school family. He made our days so optimistic and often helped lessen the stresses of the day. What a gift he gave us all! And after retirement, the waves, the " hi, kiddos" and the smiles did not stop. He kept brightening our days. God's blessings on a fine man and a wonderful family. Randy and Marilyn Schmitt

Randy and Marilyn Schmitt - June 30, 2017 at 05:26 PM

PK

“ Paul Kelly lit a candle in memory of Donald "Tuffy" Breon



Paul Kelly - June 30, 2017 at 05:13 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Tuffy" Breon.



June 30, 2017 at 03:14 PM

SH

“ Marie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I enjoyed visiting with Tuffy. He will be missed dearly. You have my sympathy and prayers.

Sandi Huster - June 30, 2017 at 02:13 PM

Leigh  
Schultz

“ *My sympathies to Tuffys family a great kind caring man.*



Leigh Schultz - June 30, 2017 at 01:27 PM

ML

“ *My deepest sympathy is expressed to Marie and family. May he rest in peace and God be with you all during this time. I will miss him coming around the corner and honking his horn, and his smile.*



mary lange - June 30, 2017 at 11:33 AM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF DONALD "TUFFY" BREON. PRAYERS FOR HIM AND MARIE & ALL THE FAMILY. LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE STORM LAKE, IOWA*



PATTY GUNVILLE - June 30, 2017 at 11:08 AM