



Don Richter

May 27, 1930 - January 14, 2014

The Mass of Christian Burial for Donald “Don” Richter of Wadena, will be held at 11:00 a.m on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at St. Ann’s Catholic Church in Wadena with Father Aaron Kuhn as celebrant. Friends may call on Friday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ann’s Parish Center, with Prayers at 6:00 p.m. Visitation will resume at the church on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Don passed away unexpectedly, on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at the age of 83 years.

Donald Hugo Richter was born to Peter and Margaret (Hopp) Richter on May 27, 1930, in Wadena County, MN.

Don was united in marriage with Margaret Ann Brockpahler on July 15, 1952 in Bluegrass. He honorably served his country during the Korean War from 1951-1953. In 1957 he purchased his dairy farm in Compton Township and resided there until his passing.

Don was a member of Saint Ann’s Catholic Church, was regional director of FGBMF and involved in mission trips to Russia, England and Central America. He was elected to the House of Representatives and served three terms from 1984-1990. Don was also an active member of Farm Bureau.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Margaret; siblings,

Ray, Bob, Ed, Ellie Roggenkamp; and grandson, Brett Richter. He is survived by sons, Larry (Ruth), Jerry, Randy (Vicki), of Wadena, Eugene (Sherry) of Sioux Falls, SD., Kevin of Halstad, Leon (Kathryn) of Ramsey and Chuck (Kay) of Cold Spring; daughters, Cheryl (Joseph) Smith of Blaine, and Beth (Paul) Singh of Rogers; 31 grandchildren, 2 great-grandsons; siblings, Jim (Ginny), Jack (Judy), Arnie (Caroline); Veronica Behmen, Mary Lehmkuhl, Jane (Ervin) Weber, and Sophie Roser.

Honorary Pallbearers are his grandchildren. Active Pallbearers are Joshua Richter, Nathan Richter, John-Paul Singh, Leon Ford Richter, John-Mark Singh, John-Luke Singh, Ian Olson and Andrew Richter.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

The family requests all memorials be made to Reach Out Village Ministries in honor of Don Richter. Reach Out Village Ministries, Foundation For Hope In Africa, Inc., 2411 Bloedel Ave., Weston, WI 54476 (with "Reach Out Village" on the memo line) or go to reachoutvillage.org

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Franklin Dr. & 6th St SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Parish Hall
514 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

JAN 18. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
514 1st St. SE
Wadena, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Richter*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - January 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *I remember going to the Businessmen’s Fellowship meetings as a kid with my Dad, and then Don’s service in the State House. Rest in Peace.*

Marty Heinze - January 24, 2014 at 10:36 AM



“ *I did not know Don, personally, but knew his daughter Cheryl from FHA Camp many years ago. Her father raised her well. So Bless Cheryl and her family.*



Kim Smith - January 19, 2014 at 09:42 PM

KL

“ *Dear Don! I will always remember him for his simple wisdom and sly sense of humor when I worked with him at the MN House of Representatives. We don't have statesmen like him anymore.*

Kim Lind - January 18, 2014 at 10:20 AM

PA

“ I remember going out to Don & Margarets when I was a child with my Dad and visiting with them , those will always be some of my fondest memories when I was growing up my condolences go out to Dons family on your great loss



polly anderson - January 18, 2014 at 02:30 AM

JR

“ My family and I send our most heartfelt sympathies to the Richter family. So sorry for your loss. We all loved and respected Don very much.

Judy Richter, Jason Richter and family, Justin Richter and family and Matthew Richter

Judy Richter - January 17, 2014 at 07:24 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don Richter.



January 17, 2014 at 10:56 AM

SS

“ I met Don in McDonalds where he loved to spread The Word Of God . Much sympathy to his family.
Sally Schaffhausen



Sally Schaffhausen - January 17, 2014 at 10:36 AM

SM

“ Steve Maxfield lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Steve Maxfield - January 17, 2014 at 08:52 AM

DO

“ He was a good man. His life made a difference in our world. Our sympathy to Don's family.

Danny Ottoson - January 16, 2014 at 11:54 PM

MJ

“ My sympathy to the Richter Family! I visited with Don often when he was in the Legislature and at Farm Bureau events.
Marvin D. Johnson, Independence, MN

Marvin D. Johnson - January 16, 2014 at 10:50 PM

MB

“ Mike & Veronica Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Mike & Veronica Bondzin - January 16, 2014 at 09:59 PM

JB

“ *Jim And Lorie Baron lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Jim and Lorie Baron - January 16, 2014 at 08:13 PM

DM

“ *Dave & Sharon Mertens lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Dave & Sharon Mertens - January 16, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Don Richter.*



January 16, 2014 at 04:10 PM

 Alan Schumacher

“ *Alan Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Alan Schumacher - January 16, 2014 at 04:07 PM

MO

“ *Mark D Olson purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Don Richter.*



Mark D Olson - January 16, 2014 at 12:58 PM

DR

“ *Dave & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



dave & barb rousslang - January 16, 2014 at 12:30 PM

TF

“ *My memories of Don and Margaret go back to the sixties when they became close friends with my grandparents, Merle and Dorothy Fleener, who lived on an adjoining farm. The friendship has been constant over the years. Don was always full of love and kindness toward me and all my family members. My oldest granddaughters called him Uncle Don. This past summer we shared a breakfast and a couple of campfires. He was a true warrior of God and his presence on earth made a difference. He walked the walk God intended. Rest in peace Don.*

Ted Fleener

Ted Fleener - January 16, 2014 at 10:29 AM

SS

“ You made a difference in my life Uncle Don, and I will miss you. My prayers are with your family. Sheila Siler

sheila siler - January 16, 2014 at 08:57 AM

JL

“ Jim And Mary Landes lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Jim and Mary Landes - January 16, 2014 at 08:11 AM

AK

“ Annette Kehn lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Annette Kehn - January 16, 2014 at 07:50 AM

DS

“ Dave Schumacher lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Dave Schumacher - January 15, 2014 at 09:48 PM

BD

“ *Bob And Kathy Derby lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Bob and Kathy Derby - January 15, 2014 at 09:17 PM

DA

“ *Diane Schiller Anderson lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Diane Schiller Anderson - January 15, 2014 at 07:24 PM

MD

“ *Mary And Gene Denny lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Mary and Gene Denny - January 15, 2014 at 07:05 PM

LH

“ *Larry And Diane Hahn lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Larry and Diane Hahn - January 15, 2014 at 03:19 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Don Richter.*



January 15, 2014 at 02:57 PM



“ *Mark & Brenda Reger lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Mark & Brenda Reger - January 15, 2014 at 02:46 PM



“ *Michelle Hughes (Richter) lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Michelle Hughes (Richter) - January 15, 2014 at 01:07 PM



“ *Leo Haisman lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Leo Haisman - January 15, 2014 at 10:14 AM

VB

“ Veronica And Mike Bondzin lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Veronica and Mike Bondzin - January 15, 2014 at 10:07 AM

JR

“ Jack & Judy Richter sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Richter



Jack & Judy Richter - January 15, 2014 at 08:37 AM

MF

“ Mike And Marie Fraune sent a virtual gift in memory of Don Richter



Mike and Marie Fraune - January 15, 2014 at 07:54 AM

ST

“ Sue Theisen lit a candle in memory of Don Richter



Sue Theisen - January 15, 2014 at 06:44 AM

DK

“ *Dan Kern lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Dan Kern - January 15, 2014 at 04:59 AM

JR

“ *Taking me to catch sunfish as a kid at pelican bay. I love and miss you grandpa. Your grandson Josh Richter.*

Josh Richter - January 15, 2014 at 01:18 AM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Don Richter*



Dixie Murray - January 14, 2014 at 10:34 PM

GC

“ *So sorry to hear about Don - I knew him for many years and had many conversations with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Gladys Hansen Chase*

Gladys Hansen Chase - January 14, 2014 at 08:20 PM

JU

“ *JOHN USELMAN lit a candle in memory of
Don Richter*



JOHN USELMAN - January 14, 2014 at 07:53 PM