



Donald Behsman

March 1, 1942 - March 22, 2022

The Open House celebrating the life of Donald Behsman of Verndale will be held from noon until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, at the Community Center in Hewitt. The Time of Prayer and Remembrance will begin at 3:00 p.m. led by Pastor Eric Clapp.

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Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom event.

Donald Behsman Celebration of Life

Time: Thursday, Mar 31, 2022 03:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88379188021>

Meeting ID: 883 7918 8021

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Don, age 80, passed away on March 22, 2022, at the hospital in St. Cloud, MN.

Donald Paul Behsman was born on March 1st, 1942, in Waseca, MN, to Paul and Eileen (Yess) Behsman. Don attended Waseca Central High School and graduated in 1960. He enlisted with the US Navy and was stationed in New London, Connecticut. He was an engineman on a minesweeper during the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962 and was honorably discharged in 1964.

While Don was in the service, he married Tessa and they welcomed three children, Marty, Kris, and Holly. They returned to Waseca where Don worked as a diesel mechanic for a few years. They traveled back to Massachusetts to be closer to Tessa's family. Don worked at a fish market on the coast before returning to Minnesota. After his return, he began working for various trucking companies, most recently for Tony's Transfer, traveling across the country.

On December 7th, 1989, Donald married Louise Wiltscheck (née Bebensee) and welcomed her four children into his life. In 1990, they purchased a farm and moved to rural Aldrich, where they built their retirement home. Being an over-the-road truck driver for most of his life, he transported anything and everything, including some of the granite pieces for the 9/11 Memorial in New York.

Driving, farming, hunting and fishing trips with his brother and sister-in-law were some of Don's passions. He loved visiting with friends, family and neighbors, and driving around the countryside. He was well-known, not only in the Amish community, but also around town as someone who was always willing to lend a helping hand when needed.

Don is preceded in death by his wife, Louise (2016), parents, Paul and Eileen; brother, Jim Behsman and an infant great-grandson.

Donald is survived by and will be dearly missed by his sons Marty (Julie) of

FL, Kris (Luisa) of MA; daughter Holly of MO; step-children Robert (Cathy) White of OK, Bill (Sue) White of Hewitt, Sandy White of CO, Debra (John) Kaiser of Staples; brother John (Joanie) Behsman of Grey Eagle, and sister MaryAnn Mundt of Owatonna; along with 20 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and his two beloved cats, Charcoal and Mountain Lion.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Open House

MAR 31. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Hewitt Community Center
512 Wisconsin Street (4th Avenue)
Hewitt, MN 56453

Time Of Remembrance

MAR 31. 3:00 PM (CT)

Hewitt Community Center
512 Wisconsin Street (4th Avenue)
Hewitt, MN 56453

Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Behsman



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 29, 2022 at 12:39 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.schullerfamilyfh.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Donald Behsman.

March 31, 2022 at 08:16 PM



“ Our Cowboy! It's been such an honor to know you and be apart of your family. It so saddens my heart that we have lost these next years. You were such an amazing person and taught me so much about family. Miles may separate family however our heart never does! You will be forever missed. ❤️

Luisa Behsman - March 29, 2022 at 08:29 PM



“ 40 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - March 29, 2022 at 12:40 PM

TJ

“ Tony & Jan Jares lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman



Tony & Jan Jares - March 28, 2022 at 09:49 AM

TJ

“ Don was always there for us. It didn't matter if he was driving tractor while we picked rock, sorted and worked the cattle with us, or packing the silage pile when we chopped. If we asked, Don always made sure he was available. Last summer Don stopped by with his daughter-in-law and family to show them the big tractor he used packing the silage pile. I felt honored that he took the time out to stop by with them. Don and I had a barter system where I would call him before he went to see his brother and sister-in-law, John and Joanie to pick up eggs to take with him and he'd return with fish for us. We will miss him.

Tony & Jan Jares

Tony & Jan Jares - March 27, 2022 at 03:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Behsman.*



March 26, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ *Love you and miss you Dad. Don't have many memories to share but wanted to say how grateful I am for the time we spent with you and Louise. It warms my heart to learn how good of a man you are. Love, Butch*

Marty Behsman Sr - March 26, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Prayers go to all the family. Don has helped our family farming for many years. From spring farming to fall chopping. Our boys loved to ride with Don while packing pile. We know our Elliot was saying "come on Don let's go pack the pile" when you entered heavens gate.*

JARES - March 25, 2022 at 06:21 PM



*He loved helping out at your place! He'd always come back with some sort of story. I know he was more than thrilled to have Elliot greet him and go about their farming shenanigans together.
-Nicole, Don's granddaughter*

Nicole White - March 25, 2022 at 09:35 PM

JC

“ Jim And Janell Carr sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Behsman



Jim and Janell Carr - March 25, 2022 at 10:56 AM

JC

“ Our sincerest condolences to Don's family. He was the nicest, kindest, gentle person around. We feel so blessed to have known Don & Louise. Their love story is one for the books. I can only imagine seeing his amazing smile when he walked into Louise's beautiful flower garden up in heaven and seeing her again. We are fortunate to have some of their "ponies" growing in our yard and will forever think of the 2 of them when we see them in bloom. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. *hugs*

Jim & Janell Carr - March 25, 2022 at 10:55 AM

NW

Thank you so much for sharing! Peonies were Louise's favorite. I can only imagine that their reunion in heaven was also one for the books.
- Nicole, Don & Louise's granddaughter

Nicole White - March 25, 2022 at 03:39 PM

LS

“ Lea And Mike Snyder lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman



Lea and Mike Snyder - March 25, 2022 at 09:23 AM

ES

“ I had the great privilege to work with Don in his years of trucking at Can Am Express.
He was one of the "Good Ones" who never complained and would always help out when we had any problems. He was the best,
I will have Don and his family in my prayers
If the good Lord needs a good driver he has one on his way up.
Esty Mike Estenson

Esty - March 25, 2022 at 08:45 AM

NW

Thank you so much for sharing, Mike! I'm sure Don is driving a big ol' semi on heavens streets of gold. God bless!
-Nicole, Don's granddaughter

Nicole White - March 25, 2022 at 03:37 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Behsman.



March 25, 2022 at 12:56 AM



“ Very hard to swallow. Going to miss Gpa so much.

James Schultz - March 24, 2022 at 09:27 PM



“ *James Schultz lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman*



James Schultz - March 24, 2022 at 09:17 PM



“ *David & Barb Rousslang lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman*



david & barb rousslang - March 24, 2022 at 08:24 AM



“ *James Weaver lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman*



James Weaver - March 24, 2022 at 07:31 AM



“ *Joe And Yvonne Horstmann lit a candle in memory of Donald Behsman*



Joe and Yvonne Horstmann - March 23, 2022 at 05:39 PM