



Donald Derby

November 6, 1942 - September 26, 2011

Donald Vincent Derby was born to Walter and Audray (Heddens) Derby on November 6, 1942 in Wadena, MN. Don passed away surrounded by his family, on September 26, 2011, at his home in Wadena. Don and Carol Kraemer were married at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bluffton on August 4, 1973. He found his livelihood as a carpenter for Anderson Custom Homes in Sebeka. He had a passion for collecting gas engines, working in his woodshop, and attending auction sales. Don was preceded in death by his parents Walter and Audray; and his father-in-law Francis Kraemer. Surviving Don are his wife Carol; son Chad (Dawn) of Fargo, ND; daughter Tina Mason (Ivan) of Apple Valley; four grandchildren; sisters Sandra (Norman) Cottrell of Wadena and Jody (Jay) Idzorek of Ironton; brother Theodore (Mary Ellen) Derby of Preston; and mother-in-law Margaret Kraemer of Wadena. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on September 29, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena, with Father Paul Folsom as celebrant. Pallbearers were Joseph Kraemer, Robert Derby, Jr., Jim Derby, Mike Fraune, Andy Kraemer and Ivan Mason. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Wadena.

Tribute Wall

NW

“ Carol and family- we are so very sorry about the passing of Donald. We are praying for you and the family. Carol-sure miss you at Walmart and all our "chatting" we did. Take one day at a Time and God is with you.

Nancy Walz - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ God saw you getting tired,
When a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you,
and whispered, "Come to me".
You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best
And when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.
(by Author Unknown)

Carol, Tina and Chad,
We are thinking of you and praying for you. Love, Shari, Jack,
Gavin, Grace, Gretta and Gloria

Shari Bergstrom - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Carol: Mike & Linda have kept us in the loop about Don's illness - we were very sorry to learn of his passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Life is a journey, and the map is in God's hands - keep the faith and memories close to your heart. Our favorite song is "Lead Me Lord" - we find the words comforting and inspiring. With our prayers -- Jack & Marcene

Marcene & Jack Malusky - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ So sorry...My prayers are with you and your family...

Ayesha Iqbal - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ A prayer for my Uncle Don -
Most faithful God, lively is the courage of those who hope in You. Your servant, Don, suffered greatly, but placed his trust in Your mercy. Confident that the petition of those who mourn pierces the clouds and finds an answer, we beg You, give rest to Don. Do not remember his sins, but look upon his sufferings and grant him refreshment, light, and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stephanie Derby - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. God bless your family with comfort and loving memories.

Vicki (Theisen) Chesney - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *Tina, Ivan, Tarek, Tia, Chad (family) and Carol:*

We are sorry to hear of your loss. May your family find peace during this difficult time.

Amy Rahman - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NK

“ *Prayers from my family to my Aunt Carol, my "older cousins" Tina and Chad, the Derbys, and all who loved Don. May God look favorably upon Don and offer him a great position in heaven. I ask God to offer comfort to all of us who grieve the loss of Don here on earth.*

I truly wish I could be physically present to offer my condolences and to there for my family.

*We Love You.
The Kraemers in Orlando*

Nathan F Kraemer - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Carol, Tina and Chad~ I am so sorry for your loss! Don was a great guy that I cared very much for. I always enjoyed our chats, especially at the Verndale gas station. I am sure they wanted to kick us out the time we chatted for about an hour! He loved you all very much and was so proud of Tina and Chad.*

Jodie Entinger - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Carol.....our sympathies go out to you and your family. Isn't it hard to understand the ways of the Lord? He only, has the answers to our difficult but child-like questions. Some day, maybe, we'll know the answers to them when we see Him. God Bless You, Carol. Diane and Larry

Larry and Diane Hahn - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Carol, Tina, Chad and Families ...
I know how hard it is to lose a loved one. Keep the good memories close to your heart, let the bad ones go. Donald is in a better place, we all know that. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jackie Hokanson - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I have fond memories of Don's interest in electronics. I recall seeing all the interesting circuitry in his room. We would visit the Derbys often, our farmsite being just south of Walt and Audrey's. I also recall his shop in Wadena.
My condolences to each of you. He was a good man
Tom and Kathy Sellnow

Tom Sellnow - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I will always remember the summers, in the 50's, when my sister (Jean) and I would spend a couple of weeks on the farm. We we're blessed to have such great childhood experience with Tito (sp?), Sandy and Donald. Don was different; he had all this electronic stuff every where. He was the smartest person I had ever known...I was 5. :) I will always think of Donald with a warm heart and a smile on my face.

Rick Gulseth - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Carol,
I only heard of Donald's passing tonight from Lavonne Arvidson.
After you shared with me about Donald not eating, I emailed you,
only to discover that it was not deliverable.
Anyway, just wanted you to know that you are in our prayers as you
try to sift through your life with Donald and make decisions
regarding your future. I will call you next week.
Love, Jane

Jane McCrery - September 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM