



Donald Dirks

September 23, 1940 - November 20, 2024

The memorial service celebrating the life of Donald Dirks of Wadena, will be held at a later date.

At the age of 84, Don passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on November 20, 2024, at his home in rural Wadena, MN.

Donald Roger Dirks was born to Herman and Fannie (Ennenge) Dirks on September 23, 1940, in Slayton, MN. He graduated from high school and later met Shirley Ann Freitag. They were married on June 26, 1965, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha, MN, and made their home in rural Wadena. Don struck up a partnership in 1976, becoming an owner of Verndale Custom Homes and headed the purchasing department. He devoted many hours to its growth, always treating employees, vendors and customers in a respectful manner. Sadly, in 2010, when the economy forced the business to close, Don felt discouraged.

A quiet and humorous man, Don loved his family deeply and often used his time to help others when needed. Reading filled quiet hours, especially when Stephen King was the author. He enjoyed teaching his boys how to fish and camp. His grandkids held a special place in his life, and Don said, "Were our kids this much fun?".

Preceding Don in death were his parents Herman and Fannie; brother Allen "Bud" Dirks; and parents-in-law, George Freitag and Leona Sinkler.

Forever remembering Don will be his wife of nearly 60 years, Shirley; sons, Colin Dirks of Fargo, ND and Jason Dirks of Wadena; grandchildren Taylor (Mitchel) Haman of Wadena and Connor (friend Ashley Boyer) Dirks of Fargo, ND; sister Carol McRoberts of Herman; along with a host of friends, neighbors and happy homeowners.

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Our sympathy to you and your families.* ”



Scott & Vicki Jahnke - December 12, 2024 at 12:48 PM

GP

“ *Sorry to hear of Don's passing. He always had a great smile, May God Bless his family.* ”



Gerald and Peggy Porter - November 28, 2024 at 03:34 PM

MD

“ *Margaret (Cooney) Dukowitz lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks* ”



Margaret (cooney) Dukowitz - November 27, 2024 at 01:20 PM

SJ

“ *Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one.* ”



Scott Vicki Jahnke - November 27, 2024 at 09:44 AM

SW

“ We are so sorry to hear about Don’s passing.
Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Dick & Sue Wirta



Susan Wirta - November 26, 2024 at 06:57 PM

MS

“ Mike Stokes lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks



Mike Stokes - November 25, 2024 at 01:37 PM

MS

“ Mike and Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks



Mike and Lea Snyder - November 24, 2024 at 08:58 AM

JC

“ So very sorry to hear of one of my favorite customers passing. Always so kind and gentle. Rest in peace Don. Sincerest condolences to the Dirks family. 🙏



Jim and Janell Carr - November 22, 2024 at 10:31 PM

LJ

“ *Lee and Helen James lit a candle for Donald Dirks*

Lee and Helen James - November 22, 2024 at 09:19 PM

CO

“ *Shirley, keeping you and your sons in my prayers.*

Carol Osborn - November 22, 2024 at 08:12 AM

CO

“ *Carol Osborn lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks*



Carol Osborn - November 22, 2024 at 08:10 AM

LW

“ *Louie and Tina Wegscheid lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks*



Louie and Tina Wegscheid - November 21, 2024 at 06:20 PM

JJ

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Don was such a nice and good man. John and Marie Johnson.*

John and Marie Johnson - November 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks*



Patty Desrocher - November 21, 2024 at 10:13 AM

JJ

“ *Jon Johnson lit a candle in memory of Donald Dirks*



Jon Johnson - November 21, 2024 at 07:55 AM