



Donald L. Koranda

April 17, 1943 - December 11, 2017

Donald Koranda, 74, of Bismarck and formerly of Wadena, died December 11, 2017, at CHI St. Alexius Health, Bismarck, ND. In Bismarck a visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, at Eastgate Funeral Service, 2302 E. Divide Ave. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church. Services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, December 15, at First Presbyterian Church, 214 E. Thayer Ave., Bismarck, with Rev. David Reiter officiating.

In Wadena, a visitation will be held on Monday, December 18, at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel, from 9:30 until 11:00 a.m. followed by a graveside service at Wadena Cemetery.

Donald Lesley Koranda was born April 17, 1943, the son of Donald D. and Averil M. (Thomson) Koranda. He attended school in Wadena, MN, graduating high school in 1961. Donald worked for Red Owl during his high school years and then began working for Super Valu where he stayed on for 20 years. He later worked for Tucker Sales, LB Hartz, and Mason Bros., where he retired. Don enjoyed golfing, fishing, bowling, and following the Minnesota Gophers, Twins, Vikings, and Timberwolves. Don was a member of the Wadena School Board, Jaycee's, Lion's, and the Wadena Park Board.

Donald is survived by his wife, Patti, Bismarck; daughters, Sheri (Randy)

Dalen, Dawn Koranda (John Holland), Lynette (Paul) Samuelson; son, Dane Koranda (Jana Millner); his siblings, Patricia Scott, Kermit Scott, Lola Puckett, Sandee Leighty, and James Koranda; his grandchildren, Sean Cordes, Amanda Hogenson, Blake Hogenson, Brittani Hogenson, Nick (Beth) Samuelson, Tim Samuelson, and Macy Samuelson; and great-grandchildren, Andrew Cordes and Jackson Hogenson.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are shared by the Eastgate Funeral Home in Bismarck, ND (www.eastgatefuneral.com) and the Schuller Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Johnson-Schuller Chapel, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Wadena Cemetery

Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482
(218) 631-3632

Graveside Service

DEC 18. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Wadena Cemetery
Franklin Drive & 5th St. SW
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *I grew up with the Koranda's ! They were my second family as a child. I love them dearly! I'm so grateful for their love and guidance! He will be deeply missed!
With all my love and prayers
Carol (Price) Behm*



Carol Behm - December 17, 2017 at 08:45 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Heltemes lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



kathy heltemes - December 17, 2017 at 02:25 AM

KA

“ *sending prayers larry & kathy heltemes & family*



kathyhwltemes - December 17, 2017 at 02:20 AM

GD

“ George&Julie Deiss lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda



George&Julie Deiss - December 14, 2017 at 10:10 AM

JB

“ I worked with Don at Archie's Super Valu when I was a senior in high school. What a true gentleman he was - always looking out for the employees and very kind to the customers. He taught all of us some very valuable life lessons such as kindness and respect for others. He was one-of-a-kind, and I am so grateful to have worked with him. Thank you, Don. My sympathy to the family.



Joyce (Roggenkamp) Boyne - December 13, 2017 at 06:12 PM



My thoughts and prayers are with Don & family...Lost touch with him over the years but remembering Don as a very, very nice man. He will be missed by many. Sympathy to the family...

Sandee Heltemes - December 18, 2017 at 01:04 AM

RS

“ Rick And Debbie Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda



Rick and Debbie Schwartz - December 13, 2017 at 05:48 PM

SH

“ Susan Heltemes lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda



Susan Heltemes - December 13, 2017 at 11:07 AM

DB

“ Don was our first boss and the best mentor ever !

The grocery days in the 70's and 80's were hard working days. Whether it was 3 in the morning or 10 @ night you didn't mind working for Don, because he was most likely right there alongside you.

He was never outspoken, comical, and never envious of others, always willing to listen and quite simply just a good guy.

Thank you Don for teaching us and subsequently our family the game of golf.

Take that '63 Pontiac to the course tomorrow, keep that chipper working and rest in peace!

Dorothy and Ray Beyer



Dorothy and Ray Beyer - December 13, 2017 at 10:30 AM

MF

“ Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda



Marie Fraune - December 13, 2017 at 08:51 AM

MH

“ *My sympathy to Don's wife, Patti, and his family.*

Don's dad, Don and my dad, Casper Schwartz worked together for REA, later known as Todd- Wadena Elec. for many years. They were the pioneers of the electric company. Us kids created a bond because our fathers were good friends as well as co-workers.

I got to be with Don again after I married Harry Harrison and Don was working for Mason Bros. We also spent some time together with the golf course activities.

Patti and family,.... Till you're together, forever in time, Thank God for the memories, Don left behind.



Marjorie Mohs-Harrison and Harry Harriso - December 13, 2017 at 08:08 AM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



Dixie Murray - December 12, 2017 at 11:07 PM

LM

“ *Liz (Loween) Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



Liz (Loween) Miller - December 12, 2017 at 07:09 PM

EF

“ *Esther And Alan Freitag lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



Esther and Alan Freitag - December 12, 2017 at 04:54 PM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



Jim Stoneman - December 12, 2017 at 04:25 PM

LG

“ *Lyle And Cindy Goeden lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda*



Lyle and Cindy Goeden - December 12, 2017 at 04:03 PM

KP

“ *I always thought very highly of Don. He was one of my first bosses back in high school at Archie's Super Valu. He taught us to have a strong work ethic and in return, I believe he was respected by all of us that were lucky enough to work for him. My deepest sympathies to all of his family and friends, I am sure he will be missed by many.*
Krista (Lien) Potter

Krista Potter - December 12, 2017 at 03:57 PM

GK

“ Gary & Barbara Kane lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Koranda



Gary & Barbara Kane - December 12, 2017 at 03:46 PM

BT

Don was a great friend and classmate.

Bob Tubandt - December 12, 2017 at 08:31 PM

LH

Don was a good friend all the years on the road and the last 6 years as co. workers at MBC. Hit down the middle Friend.

Lowell Halvorson - December 17, 2017 at 10:57 PM

RU

Don and I were classmates and we worked together at the Red Owl store in 1960-1961 .He was in the grocery and I was in the meat department. He was a good friend and will be missed by many. Rest in peace my friend. Ray and Glenda Uselman

Ray Uselman - December 18, 2017 at 03:15 PM

RP

Just a great guy with great kids.

Robert Peters - February 19, 2018 at 04:50 AM