



Donald Stemson

October 3, 1929 - July 15, 2017

The funeral service for Donald Stemson will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Nate Loer presiding. Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 5:00 - 7:30 PM at the Johnson-Schuller Chapel in Wadena. Visitation will continue at the church from 9:30 AM until the time of service.

With family by his side, Don, age 87, passed away on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at Tri-County Healthcare Hospital in Wadena, MN.

Donald Ivan Stemson was born to Henry Bennett and Ida Bertina (Aldahl) Stemson on October 3, 1929, in Austin, MN. He entered the US Army on January 18, 1952 and served during the Korean Conflict until his honorable discharge as a Corporal on January 19, 1955, at Ft. Sheridan, IL. He was a member of the VFW Post 3922, in Wadena.

Don was united in marriage with Charlotte Ruth Aagard on Valentine's Day in 1969 in Wadena, MN. In addition to his adventures as an over-the-road truck driver, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and playing cards. He had an avid interest in anything to do with old-time cowboys! He was especially fond of spending time with family and friends who will all miss his quiet clever wit and tender-hearted spirit.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Henry and Ida; son William Stemson; brothers Harlan, Conwell and Stanley Stemson; and sister-in-law Ruth Stemson.

Left to miss him are his wife of 48 years, Charlotte of Wadena; daughters

Gloria (Joseph) Mason of Morrison, CO, Barbara (Terry) Farland of New Hope, and Mary Dubois of Champlin; sons Roger (Lori) Dubois of Emerado, ND, Michael (Mary) Dubois of Elk River and Gregory Dubois of Watertown, SD; as well as many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law LeRoy (LaVon) Aagard of Wadena and sisters-in-law Menetta Stordahl of Northfield and Ardis Aagard of Backus; nephew Robert (Janet) Stemson of Woodland, WA along with a host of other family and friends.

Pallbearers will be Robert Stemson, Joseph Mason, Terry Farland, Roger Dubois, Michael Dubois and Gregory Dubois.

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, near Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **19**. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

Johnson-Schuller Chapel
205 4th Street Southwest
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

JUL **20**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Service

JUL **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Wadena
403 2nd St. SE
Wadena, MN 56482

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 19, 2017 at 11:09 PM



“ *Charlotte and family.
We are sorry to see of Dons passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.
Milt and Shirley Porter*

Milt Porter - July 19, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 18, 2017 at 09:16 PM



“ *Bill & Nancy Schwartz lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Bill & Nancy Schwartz - July 18, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 18, 2017 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 18, 2017 at 07:00 PM



“ *Beverly (Anderson) Butler lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Beverly (Anderson) Butler - July 18, 2017 at 06:03 PM



“ *Beatrice Beyer lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Beatrice Beyer - July 18, 2017 at 12:29 PM

YP

“ *Your Friends at Thrivent Financial Event Planning purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Donald Stemson.*



Your Friends at Thrivent Financial Event Planning - July 18, 2017 at 12:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 17, 2017 at 10:31 PM

KM

“ *Karen Munson lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



karen munson - July 17, 2017 at 06:50 PM

RL

“ *Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Ruby Lynk - July 17, 2017 at 03:45 PM

YC

“ *Your Ti Family in Colorado purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Donald Stemson.*



Your Ti Family in Colorado - July 17, 2017 at 12:29 PM

MF

“ *My sympathy to the family of Don. I laugh when I think of some of the little things Don would say and how serious he could be as he'd say them.. Don sure was a special guy and will be missed.~~~*



Marie Fraune - July 17, 2017 at 07:58 AM

MB

“ *What a wonderful man that loved his family dearly. He will be greatly missed by all.*
Mary Ellen Brauch

Mary Ellen Brauch - July 17, 2017 at 07:37 AM

DO

“ *Deb Olson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Stemson*



Deb Olson - July 17, 2017 at 06:36 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Stemson.*



July 16, 2017 at 08:17 PM



“ *Peter & Margaret Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Peter & Margaret Van Erp - July 16, 2017 at 06:34 PM



“ *Jerry And Kathy Peterson lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - July 16, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ *Jerry And Kathy Peterson sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Stemson*



Jerry and Kathy Peterson - July 16, 2017 at 06:23 PM

MW

“ *Myron And Karen Winkelman lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Myron and Karen Winkelman - July 16, 2017 at 04:38 PM

RR

“ *Rocky Reese lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Rocky Reese - July 16, 2017 at 02:28 PM

DH

“ *Darrell & Peggy Haman lit a candle in memory of Donald Stemson*



Darrell & Peggy Haman - July 16, 2017 at 12:58 PM