



Donald Gustafson

April 14, 1928 - March 26, 2011

Donald Ernest Gustafson was born April 14, 1928, in Little Falls, Minnesota, to the late Hjalmer and Ruth (Nordholm) Gustafson. He spent much of his life in Minnesota. He learned the bricklaying trade from his father. He was blessed with one sister, Marjorie Annette, when he was 18 years old. He entered the Armed Services and served in the Korean War. He married Sherry Oscelia Lintner Abrahamson on Dec. 26, 1955 and remained married to her until her passing on Dec 5, 1993. Together, they raised five children who remain grateful for his gentle hand, wise counsel, love for learning, undying optimism and incredible patience. Donald worked in the block and bricklaying business until 1966 when he learned the floor covering business and began a partnership with Harold Johnson, establishing Gustafson - Johnson Floor Covering. The family business eventually expanded to include furniture. Camping, snowmobiling, waterskiing, fishing, hunting, and square dancing were just a few of his hobbies. He had an enormous appetite for lifelong learning. He received his pilot's license and was a member of the Little Falls Flying Club. Donald was a lifetime member of the Little Falls VFW Post #1112. He was active in the Little Falls Kiwanis Club. He was township clerk for Little Falls Township for many years. He participated in many church committees and loved being part of the choirs, both at Bethel Lutheran Church in Little Falls and in Harlingen, Texas. An active man who loved to use his hands, he was disappointed by the rheumatoid arthritis that limited the use of his hands, yet, he never complained about the disease. He just invented ways to get

around it. Donald is survived by his children, Sheryl (Mike) Brink, Little Falls, MN, Scott Abrahamson, Little Falls, MN, Steven (Barb) Gustafson, Herman, MN, Sheryce (Dan) Cook, Sioux Falls, SD, and Sonja Palm, Pequot Lakes, MN; sister, Marjorie (Steve) Kaiser, Aberdeen, SD; eleven grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and very special friend, Dorothy Stribling with whom he shared his last years. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sherry, and one grandson, Caleb Abrahamson.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Service

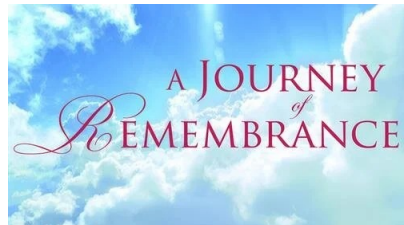
APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Bethel Lutheran Church - Little Falls
901 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Gustafson*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - March 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald Gustafson*

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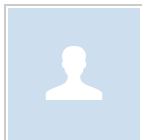


“ *Dear All,*

My heart is with you. He was a great uncle. He was always there as one of the Abrahamsons, he didn't have to be but he was. What a good man.

My sympathy, Love Linda##imported-begin##Linda Sanderson##imported-end##

April 04, 2011 at 09:51 AM



“ *Dan and Sheryce: You have my deepest sympathy in your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Debbie Headrick##imported-end##*

March 31, 2011 at 02:44 PM



“ *What a blessed life I have led to have had him in my life. He will be greatly missed. His kindness, his generosity, his helping hand, his wisdom, his faith has made me who I am. Growing up with him as my Dad was truly a blessing. He was also a wonderful Grandfather to my girls, who will miss him dearly. May you all find peace and comfort knowing that he is in heaven and will walk beside us forever - just think what a joyful reunion he had with our Mom and so many others! Take care and God bless!##imported-begin##Sonja Palm##imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 02:27 PM



“ *Our sincerest sympathies. Don was truly a gentle and adventurous man - what a wonderful combination. We shall miss him.##imported-begin##Dennis Heise and Rachel Flogstad-Heise##imported-end##*

March 30, 2011 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sheryce and all, I remember meeting your dad and seeing the joy in his eyes as he looked at you, Dan, Trevor and Spencer and how proud he was of all of you. You are in my prayers in this time.##imported-begin##Becky Thorp##imported-end##*

March 29, 2011 at 09:22 PM



“ We are so blessed to have called him "Dad". I will miss the many phone calls. He always wanted to keep in touch with us kids. I remember writing a tribute to him as a college assignment. How easy that was! And how fortunate I was that he modeled what a good man/husband/father was. My family has lost a great man from this earthly world, but I am confident he is in heaven, enjoying the view and the company. May God bless all of Dad's friends and family and may He provide healing for us all.##imported-begin##Sheryce Cook##imported-end##

March 29, 2011 at 07:06 PM



“ It's hard to say good bye to someone like Don. We each have our memories to cherish. We will each miss the role he played in our lives and look forward to being reunited one day. He was my "big brother" and the world isn't the same without him.##imported-begin##Marje Kaiser##imported-end##

March 28, 2011 at 10:35 PM