



Donald L. Koehn

July 5, 1920 - April 14, 2015

Donald L. Koehn, 94 year old resident of Upsala, MN passed away Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, MN. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN with Rev. Ken Bowman officiating and Rev. Craig Johnson co-officiating. Burial will take place in the Gethsemane Lutheran Church Cemetery. A visitation will be held from 4-7 P.M on Friday and from 10-11 A.M. on Saturday at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Upsala, MN.

Donald Louis Koehn was born on July 5, 1920 in Langdon, North Dakota to the late William and Emma (Schlueter) Koehn. They moved to Albany, MN when Donald was 1 year old and in 1927, moved to Upsala, MN where he grew up and attended school. Donald served in the U.S. Army in the European Theater, during WWII, from August 1942 to December 1945. He initially served in the 394th Infantry Division and then transferred to the 692nd Tank Destroyer Battalion under the 99th Infantry Division. Donald landed on Omaha Beach after D-Day, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and received four battle stars. He was united in marriage to Janet Dettler on June 22, 1952. They were initially blessed with a set of twins, Linda and Ronald, and later another son Joseph. Donald was always involved in farming; he also drove feed delivery truck for the Upsala Co-op Feed Store for 30 years, until retiring at the age of 79. He was a member of the Holdingford VFW, Upsala American Legion, and Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Upsala. Donald loved playing

cards, dancing, reading, mowing lawn, bird watching and being surrounded by his grandchildren.

Donald is survived by loving wife of 62 years, Janet; children, Linda (Randy) Pepin of Upsala, MN; Ronald (Cheri) Koehn of Cheyenne, WY; and Joseph (Cindy) Koehn of Otsego, MN; grandchildren, Tricia Pepin (Chris Jannings), Kristi Pepin, Scott (Jessica) Pepin, Donald (Crystal) Koehn, Brent Pepin, Bryant Pepin, Emma Koehn, and Amanda Koehn; great grandchildren, Nolan and Anna Pepin; brother-in-law and sister-in-law; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Emma; siblings, Melvin (Lorna) Koehn, and Violet (Gene) Quade.

Memorials preferred to Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Upsala, MN or Helping Hands of Upsala, MN.

Cemetery Details

Gethsemane Lutheran Cemetery

Upsala, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
155 Walnut Ave. West
Upsala, MN

Visitation

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

APR 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald L. Koehn*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *DOUGLAS & KAREN MACARTHUR purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Donald L. Koehn.*



DOUGLAS & KAREN MACARTHUR - April 16, 2015 at 03:40 PM

DA

“ Many fond memories of visiting with Don and Janet at their place for the past 30 years.

I admired Don for his integrity. He had a way of showing his strong belief in God without "wearing his religion on his sleeve". It was shown in the way he lived.

He had pride in his children and grandchildren and it was a 2 way street as they showed pride and love back.

Great to listen to Don talk about his younger days working with Linus Hagstrom on the threshing crew. Don had memories of threshing at my home farm near Holdingford before I was born and when my dad was still single .

Every time I stopped in to visit Don and Janet, I always left in a better mood and with a better outlook on life.

I admired Don for his service in Europe during WWII.

Sympathies to Janet.....the children.....grand children.....great grand children

I will end with what someone stated years ago....." the best tribute that can be left is to sincerely be able to say....." He was a good man"

Don was a good man !

Douglas MacArthur

Douglas Mac Arthur - April 16, 2015 at 03:28 PM

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DeWayne - April 15, 2015 at 12:32 PM

PD

This picture was taken February 2015. It was such an awesome visit. I am so happy we got to see uncle Don. Our prayers to you Aunt Janet. See you in Heaven Uncle Don. Love Peggy Dettler

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Together Now & Forever. Love you Uncle Tim & Barb

Barb Dettler - Tim Petermeier - April 15, 2015 at 12:11 PM