



Donald Thoeni

May 26, 1932 - November 26, 2009

Donald J. Thoeni, 77 year old resident of Hillman, MN, passed away Thursday, November 26, 2009 at the Pierz Villa in Pierz, MN. A Memorial Service for Don Thoeni will be held at 11 AM Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at Lakeview Community Church in Hillman, MN, with Rev. David Gouldin officiating.

Donald Joseph Thoeni was born on May 26, 1932 in Dubuque, IA to the late Salomon and Viola (Stoeckel) Thoeni. He grew up and attended school in Dyersville, IA until enlisting in the U.S. Army, First Calvary Division, 8th Regiment out of Iowa. Don served overseas during the Korean conflict from 1950-51. He distinguished himself on the frontlines of many major battles including at Pork Chop Hill, Heartbreak Ridge and the Chosen Reservoir. From wounds received in battle, Don was the recipient of three separate Purple Hearts, as well as the Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge and four Bronze Stars. Don was united in marriage to Linda Goodman on February 9, 1974 in Dubuque, IA. Together they lived in many places, as Don worked as an over the road truck driver and Linda would travel with him. He also drove a charter bus for Reichert Bus Service until retiring in 2003 due to health. Don enjoyed camping, fishing and woodworking. He enjoyed meeting new people on the road, and visiting and trading stories with his friends and his church family. Don was a longtime member of the Hillman American Legion Post #602.

Don is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Donlynn (Mike) Jore of Slidell,

LA, Lori (Stu) Schweyan of Plymouth, MN, and Elise Smith of Hutchinson, MN; step sons, Micheal Peterson of Hillman, and Mark Peterson of Portland, OR; sisters, Shirley Taylor of Grove, OK, Carol (Greg) Brimeyer of Dyersville, IA, and Susie (Butch) Tittle of Dubuque, IA; 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters and brothers-in-law.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeview Community Church
25538 370th Avenue
Hillman, MN 56338

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Thoeni*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dad:*

My favorite memory is seeing you fishing with Aaron on the end of the dock. It reminded me of how much I loved fishing with you when I was a little girl. I love you, dad. I'm thankful that you are fully at peace now.

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“ *To My Dad*

I will always cherish my memories. I know that you are now at peace. i Love '

you~ Your Daughter Lori##imported-begin##Lori Thoeni Schweyen##imported-end##

November 28, 2009 at 10:54 AM