



## Donald Christians

July 21, 1956 - December 15, 2020

Donald Christians, 64, of Iowa Falls, passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at his home, surrounded by his family and under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 PM on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the National Guard of Iowa Armory in Iowa Falls. He will be laid to rest at the Hampton Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until service time on Monday, December 21 at the Armory. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be strictly adhered to. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Don and his family.

Donald "Don" Wayne Christians was born July 21, 1956 to Simon Fred and Ella Julia (Ulrich) Christians in Charles City, Iowa. Don graduated from Allison-Bristow. After graduation in 1975 he enlisted in the Iowa Army National Guard and was active until 2005. In April of 1985, Don became a full-time Supply Sergeant and served that position for over twenty years. After retiring from full-time duty with the National Guard, he drove semi for Robert Dean Trucking in Aplington, Iowa. He also drove a truck for Feedliner out of Iowa Falls, Iowa, for Kent Krause, when they were first starting. Don was united in marriage to Dianne Marie Siems on December 8th, 1984 at the First Christian Church in Hampton, Iowa.

Don loved to hunt and fish. He was the type of person who would stop

whatever he was doing and help anyone who needed and asked for his help. Don could fix almost anything mechanical, such as a car, lawnmower – anything with an engine. Don was proud to be a member of the Iowa Army National Guard. While still on active duty in 1997, he went up against other active-duty Supply Sergeants across the country for the Supply Excellence Award. Winning that honor for his attention to detail and exceptionally low loss per man in equipment in a job that he loved doing.

Don is survived by his wife, Dianne Christians of Iowa Falls, Iowa; two children, Devon Christians (Chris Stober) of Ankeny, Iowa and Daniel Christians (Carolyn DuVall) of Iowa Falls, Iowa; grandchildren: Lilly, Lyla, Synister, Jase and Zypher. Other survivors include Bob (Alberta) Christians of Swaledale, Iowa, Dennis Christians of Clarksville, Iowa, Diane (Richard) Schoonover of Fredericksburg, Iowa, Ron (Donna) Christians of Fairbank, Iowa, Connie (Calvin) Rottink of Clarksville, Iowa, Karla (Bryan) Voss of Clarksville, Iowa, Dale (Noreen) Christians of Urbandale, Iowa, Steve (Missy) Christians of Dunkerton, Iowa and many nieces and nephews. Don was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beverly Westendorf; brother-in-law, Ronald Westendorf; sister, Mary Ellen in infancy and nephews, Landon Schoonover and Greg Rottink.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampton Cemetery

Hampton, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

National Guard of Iowa Armory  
217 Georgetown Rd  
Iowa Falls, IA 50126

## Service

DEC 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

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217 Georgetown Rd  
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# Tribute Wall

MI

“ 1985. I (Mike) was a new-grad, career-start-up at the Iowa Falls ING-AGR Armory with Don. Immediately, Don took a personal responsibility to repeatedly train me on “every” weapon within that Armory's Gun Vault in so far as to met His standard of proficient! Also Don accurately trained me in map reading and the in the troop leading procedures by using his colorful military acronyms as this insured I would pass my MOS 11B Military Testing. Later on at my NG-PLDC training, I was above the class standard who “knew” the true required leading procedures and the most professional at map reading. Eventually I became a Supply Sergeant in HHC133, and due to Don earlier expertise in training me, Don and I were the ING's top statewide Supply Sergeants! Together, we enjoyed Deer Hunting and had a great time every year. Don and I had a close trusting kinship on duty and outside of the military. To this day, I have considered Don a rare loyal friend of a rarer fearless, generous Heart in his lifetime of self-less opportunity to help befriend any person of need..

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**Mike Ites** - December 21, 2020 at 12:47 PM

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*In Honor of Don & Family, Mike Ites*

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**Mike Ites** - December 21, 2020 at 12:48 PM

KS

“ Don told me this story many years ago, I'm paraphrasing. He was pulled over while driving a National Guard woodland camouflaged pickup or Chevy Blazer. Rookie Patrolman "I pulled you over for going \_\_\_ in a \_\_\_ mph zone. Don "You didn't clock me" Patrolman "Yes I did." Don "You mean to tell me that Uncle Sam's \$10,000 radar-proof paint job doesn't work! " I still laugh every time I remember that story.

Kent Siems - December 20, 2020 at 11:09 PM



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



December 19, 2020 at 09:04 PM

PH

“ Sharing in your sadness as you remember Don. We are holding you near in our hearts.  
Kevin and Patty Hummel

Patty Hummel - December 19, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Christians.



December 18, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Christians.*



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December 18, 2020 at 08:25 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Christians.*



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December 17, 2020 at 10:24 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss! Hugs and prayers to all!!*

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**Marilyn Stirling** - December 17, 2020 at 05:43 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to the family and friends left here on earth to grieve.*

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**Butch & Gwen Groen** - December 17, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ *Dianne, Devon & Daniel,  
So sorry for your loss. Enjoyed your dad in high school and as a parent 🙏  
Mrs. Lynn Uuben*

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**Lynn Ubben** - December 17, 2020 at 04:51 PM

DB

“ *Sympathy and prayers for all of you from your friends dean and deb*

Dean and Deb Brase - December 17, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Christians.*



December 17, 2020 at 02:27 PM

MI

“ *May our Heavenly Father sustain in the Christians' Family, the Peace that passes all understandings.. til we shall meet again..*



Mike Ites - December 16, 2020 at 12:15 PM

MI

*Respectfully, Brenda Ites*

Mike Ites - December 16, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ *Ghirardelli Galore was purchased for the family of Donald Christians.*



December 16, 2020 at 11:20 AM

KR

“ *You loved your family, and your grandchildren made you so happy.  
You were blessed to have so much love. You will be missed.*

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**Karen Rasmussen** - December 15, 2020 at 07:35 PM