



## Donald Richard Fink

August 19, 1940 - May 28, 2023

Donald Richard Fink passed away peacefully with his wife and children by his side on May 28, 2023 at Franklin Country View in Hampton.

Public visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 31, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton, IA. Funeral services will take place at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 1, 2023, also at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home is caring for Don and his family.

He will be laid to rest in Trinity Lutheran Church cemetery in Hampton.

Don was born on August 19, 1940 to John and Cecelia (Lubkeman) Fink in Hampton, Iowa. He graduated from Hampton High School in 1958 and spent his entire life farming the land that he loved. He married Beth Heifner of Clear Lake, on June 26, 1965 and together they raised three children on their Heritage Farm.

Don's life centered around God, his family, and his farm. His faith was as strong as his work ethic, and his family was his love. He was baptized, confirmed, and a faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church. For decades, he scooped snow off the lot with Wendell Schmitt in the wee hours of the morning so that everyone entered safely. He had a compassion for helping others while expecting nothing in return. Even though he would never admit it, he

took pride in the compliments from the neighbors on his hay crop. One of his passions was helping maintain the beauty of the church cemetery, where he would eventually be laid to rest. Don never missed any of his childrens' events despite working from sun up till sun down on the farm. Don's grandkids were his pride and joy and he created memories of a lifetime for them. He made the best snow piles to sled down, gave long gator rides, and loved taking them to the creek. Even as his memory faded, he remembered the traits of each of his beloved grandchildren and smiled with love and pride. He was a loyal Hawkeye fan, proudly sporting his gold cap, despite living amongst a family of Cyclones. Upon retirement three years ago, Don kept busy. He attended his grandchildren's games and concerts, chopped wood, planted flowers, and mowed the yard, the ditch, the grove, the waterways, well, you get the picture. Despite his failing health, his faith remained steadfast and his caretakers were drawn to his humor and kindness. One of his final blessings was getting to hold his first great-grandchild, Kayleigh Mae.

He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Clair and Florence Heifner, brothers-in-law Dan Kirkham, Larry Windelow, and Alan Abel.

Left to carry on his memory is his beloved wife of 57 years, Beth, children Kristy (Matt) Abbas of Alexander, Jolie (Lee) Crawford of Sigourney and Jason (Becky) Fink of Hampton, Grandchildren Drew (Emily) Abbas, Tyler and Levi Crawford, and Abigail and Elijah Fink, great-granddaughter Kayleigh Abbas, sisters Dolores Kirkham, Joan Windelow, brother Dean (Judith) Fink, sisters-in-Law Ina Lee Abel and Judy Heifner along with many other special nieces and nephews.

The family would like to express their deepest appreciation to the staff at both Franklin Country View and Care Initiatives Hospice for their compassionate love and care for Don.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
16 12th Ave NE  
Hampton, IA 50441

## Service

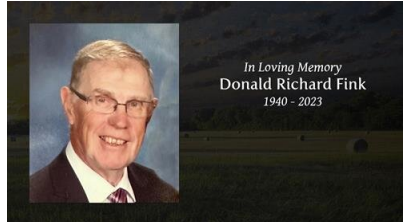
JUN 1. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
16 12th Ave NE  
Hampton, IA 50441

# Tribute Wall



“ Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Richard Fink



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - May 31, 2023 at 12:17 PM

DC

RIP my dear friend ❤️

Dianne Christeson - June 02, 2023 at 07:37 PM

DC

“ Dianne Christeson lit a candle in memory of Donald Richard Fink



Dianne Christeson - June 02, 2023 at 07:36 PM

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“ Alan S. purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donald Richard Fink.



Alan S. - May 31, 2023 at 02:14 PM



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



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May 30, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Fink.*



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May 30, 2023 at 06:40 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Fink.*



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May 30, 2023 at 01:45 PM



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



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May 30, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Fink.



May 30, 2023 at 08:44 AM



“ Betty & Ed Etnier lit a candle in memory of Donald Richard Fink



Betty & Ed Etnier - May 30, 2023 at 08:18 AM



“ Denny & LeAnn Strother purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald Richard Fink.



Denny & LeAnn Strother - May 30, 2023 at 07:43 AM



“ Denny & LeAnn Strother planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Richard Fink.

Denny & LeAnn Strother - May 30, 2023 at 07:43 AM

LH

“ Linda H. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Richard Fink.



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Linda H. - May 29, 2023 at 11:53 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Fink.



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May 29, 2023 at 10:15 PM




“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Richard Fink.

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May 29, 2023 at 10:15 PM

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“ I'm sure gonna miss you Don! I'm glad I was able to give you your last cup of vanilla ice cream! My thoughts and prayers go out to you Beth and your family! Sending lots of hugs!   
Chrissy Taylor

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Chrissy Taylor - May 29, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Fink.*



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May 29, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Our sympathies to Beth and family for this loss after a long goodbye. Blessings of comfort through this difficult time. - Brian & Robbi*

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**Brian & Robbi Stevens** - May 29, 2023 at 04:52 PM



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



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May 29, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to you and your family, Beth. We couldn't have asked for better neighbors than you and Don. He rescued my sis Jane, me, and baby Robyn back in 1983 when we slid off the road in a terrible storm the day before Thanksgiving. We'll always remember his kindness . Sending prayers for comfort and a bug hug.*

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**Kathy Hotchkiss** - May 29, 2023 at 03:53 PM

RW

*You have our sincerest sympathy & condolences Fink family. Holding you up in prayer 🙏*

**Ron & Diane Weldin** - May 29, 2023 at 06:50 PM