



## Donald Ralph Meyer

April 19, 1934 - April 10, 2023

Donald Ralph Meyer, 88, of Hampton, passed away Monday, April 10, 2023, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City. Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Memorial services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Monday, April 17, 2023, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Inurnment will take place at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in rural Hampton. Counsell Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Hampton is caring for Donald and his family.

Donald was born on April 19, 1934, to Rudolph and Florence Meyer in Hampton, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hampton. Donald attended Maysville Country School in Hampton and graduated from Geneva High School in 1952.

Donald started his love for farming at a young age doing chores and milking Butson's dairy cows and walking from Hampton to Butson's to work and enjoyed every minute of it. After graduation, he helped Rudolph farm at Latimer and started working for Clarence Plagge. On June 7, 1957, Donald and Barbara (Kellison) were united in marriage and lived on Clarence Plagge's farm as a dairy farmer. In 1959, they moved to Hampton and started milking 100 Holsteins for Orval and Asta Marts. In 1961, they moved to a farm near Dougherty and started their own dairy farm to raise their two children. In

1973, Donald lost his right arm in a farming accident helping a neighbor. Big change of way of life for the family. Donald could do almost anything even though it was a challenge. In 1991, they bought Jean's Café in Rockwell and made many friends that are now considered family. Donald loved visiting and telling many stories.

Donald loved to play horseshoes and attended the World Horseshoe Tournament in Cedar Rapids in 2010. Donald received numerous trophies and medals. Besides horseshoes he loved going to horse shows on weekends with his family during the summer, which was basically their family vacation. Donald's true enjoyment was spending time with his family. Donald was proud of his family and every accomplishment he could be a part of.

Donald is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Barbara Meyer; children, Scott (Mary) Meyer of Dougherty, April (Keven) Swenson of Rockwell; four grandchildren, Kyle (Emily) Swenson, Justin (Lena) Meyer, Morgan (special friend Jalen Ohnesorge) Meyer, Haley (Aidan) Sullivan; five great grandchildren, Kason, Theodore and Shane Swenson and Kael and Archer Sullivan; sister DonnaMae (Garth) Willis; along with numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Rudolph, and Florence Meyer; brother, Wayne Meyer; sister, Leona Taylor; brother-in-law, Lester Taylor; mother-in-law, Georgia Kellison; father-in-law Lafie Kellison.

# Cemetery Details

## Trinity Lutheran Cemetery

1347 165th Street  
Hampton, IA 50441

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **16**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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

## Memorial Service

APR **17**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I always looked forward to Donnie’s morning visits to Fareway to get supplies for the restaurant. He was the sweetiest person and always had a smile and a laugh. Then when I moved over to Kwik Star we would joke about the rib patty sandwiches and how much he and his wife loved them. Always so happy and cheerful and brought a smile to so many faces. You are already greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Kristina Raisch - April 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM

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“ I’ll never forget the fun show at the West Fork Riders arena when he won a race with a time of 0:00! I think it was the Texas barrel race. His gray jumped the timer light going in and coming out. I don’t think there were many riders in the group that would have been in the saddle on that first jump!! Donnie was a good rider and had two great horses. :) Darla Krukow

Darla - April 13, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Ralph Meyer.



April 11, 2023 at 07:13 PM



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April 11, 2023 at 06:23 PM



“ *Betty & Ed Etnier lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Meyer*



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**Betty & Ed Etnier** - April 11, 2023 at 06:04 PM