



Donald E. Oelmann

July 3, 1928 - October 5, 2017

Donald Oelmann, 89, of Iowa Falls, passed away Thursday, October 5, 2017 at Hansen Family Hospital, under the care of Care Initiatives Hospice. Funeral services will be 10:30 am Monday, October 9, 2017 at the East Friesland Presbyterian Church, rural Ackley. Burial will be at the church cemetery. Visitation will be from 2-4 pm on Sunday, October 8 at the Woodley Funeral Home. Woodley Funeral Home, LLC of Iowa Falls is caring for Don and his family.

Donald Ernest Oelmann was born on July 3, 1928 on the family farm to Ernest and Florence (Jaspers) Oelmann. He attended country school and graduated from Ackley High School. On August 17, 1971 Don was united in marriage to Shirley (Swift) Oelmann.

Don was raised on his family farm which borders East Friesland Presbyterian Church, where he faithfully served and attended his entire life. He was a Trustee, served on the Session and sang in the men's and combined choirs. His passion was the family farm, and from a young age, worked for his father. Later, he would form a partnership with his brother Leonard until he retired at age 70. He served on the Board of Directors at the Ackley State Bank for several years. Don loved to golf and was in the men's golf league at the Ackley Country Club and was an active golf member of Highland in Iowa Falls. He enjoyed following football, especially the Packers and the Iowa Hawkeyes

as well as watching his grandchildren play. Don and Shirley routinely drove to their beloved condo at Lake of the Ozarks in Osage Beach, MO where he got a kick out of taking his family for a spin on the boat. The couple also loved to dance, and could really cut a rug! They were active members of the Iowa Falls Elks Lodge #1674 and enjoyed many evenings with friends and family there. Don always enjoyed the large family gatherings with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Donald Oelmann is survived by his wife, Shirley Oelmann of Iowa Falls, Iowa; his children, Deanna (Dick) Roelfs of Ackley, Iowa, Jane (Rex) Scatena of Saint Helena, California, Donald Scott (Linda) Oelmann of Waterloo, Iowa, Sinda (Chad) Mulford of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Alana (Les) Meyer of Ackley, Iowa; ten grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; a brother, Leonard (Marlene) Oelmann of Ackley, Iowa and two sisters, Myrle Lindaman of Iowa Falls, Iowa and Anna Mae Tharp of Peoria, Illinois. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Darlene Gerdes and a daughter, Sally Blanton.

The house in which Donald lived has a vacant chair. He has reported for higher duty in his eternal home. He has met the Master face to face!

Cemetery Details

East Friesland Cemetery

Ackley, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Iowa Falls - Woodley Funeral Home
516 S. Oak Street
Iowa Falls, IA 50126
(641) 648-7700

Service

OCT 9. 10:30 AM (CT)

East Friesland Presbyterian Church
11121 150th Street
Ackley, IA 50601

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald E. Oelmann.* ”



October 08, 2017 at 11:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald E. Oelmann.* ”



October 06, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *So many memories and so much fun, whether it was in Iowa Falls, at the Lake of the Ozarks or a couple times in Mexico. We cannot put into words what your friendship has meant. We will miss you Don, and our hearts go out to Shirley and the rest of the family.* ”

Judy and Jim Barhite - October 06, 2017 at 01:31 AM



“ *I am very sorry to have heard this news, i always loved seeing Don come to Elks or around town. He will be missed by many, but never forgotten. As he has touched hearts of many.* ”



Sasheen Benson - October 05, 2017 at 11:08 PM

RS

“ I had never been to Iowa or met Don until I went there to marry one of his daughters. From that day, when I first shook his hand on the doorstep of the farm house, until this day when Jane told me he was gone, I was honored that he was my Father-in Law. Always a friend; always with a warm smile; and always welcoming. My Father, and now my Father in Law, are both gone. That leaves a hole in my life that can never be filled.

Rex Scatena - October 05, 2017 at 10:39 PM

JL

“ We have so many memories, it would take pages. Trips to the Iowa games were special. Some of the memories are personal. We will miss you so, Don. You were a very special guy

Jo laMar - October 05, 2017 at 08:11 PM