



Mark "Don" Achtermann

May 30, 1933 - April 26, 2023

Mark "Don" Achtermann, 89, long-time Ackley resident, passed away Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Grand JiVante in Ackley. Memorial services will be 2:00 PM Monday, May 1, 2023 at the St. John's United Church of Christ in Ackley. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until service time on Monday at the church. Woodley Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iowa Falls is caring for Don and his family.

Mark Donald Achtermann, 89, passed on to his next adventure on April 26, 2023 due to complications from a fall. Known to everyone as Don, on May 30, 1933 he was born in Cleves, Iowa to Mark and Hattie Achtermann. He graduated from Ackley High School in 1951. He graduated from Gates Business School in 1952 and then served in the Army Corps of Engineers until 1955 where he discovered a knack for engineering. He graduated from Iowa State University in 1959 with a degree in chemical engineering. After graduation he moved to Yorktown, Indiana where he worked for General Motors designing car batteries until 1992.

Mark married his soulmate Anita Hunt in 1991. After retiring, he and Anita found their way back to Ackley to enjoy the town he loved as a boy. Don loved people and knew no greater pleasure than talking with a friend. Don loved cars, especially the Corvettes he had over the years. He was a faithful member of St. John's United Church of Christ. With Anita, he loved to travel,

met people, fiddle in the yard, have a quiet afternoon tea and enjoy their two cats, KC and Simone.

Don is survived by his wife, Anita Achtermann; son, Jeff (Kati) Achtermann of Austin, Texas; daughter, Jean (Tom Sessions) Achtermann of Cleveland, Ohio; grandchildren, Garrett and Grant Culbertson of Ohio and Emily and Will Achtermann of Texas; as well as nieces, nephews and special friends: Lynn, Kris, Jamie, Jodie and Jacob Johnson of Ackley, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vern.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. John's United Church of Christ
716 3rd Avenue
Ackley, IA 50601

Service

MAY 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EK

“ I really enjoyed talking with Don and Anita the past few years on my visits to Ackley. I having lived and worked in Cleves when I was younger and spending a lot of time at Kruse Grain Co. growing. We know a lot of the same people and history of Cleves. I remember the Cleves store of course. I will miss our talks.

*Blessings,
Edwin Kruse
San Diego CA*

Edwin Kruse - May 04, 2023 at 04:19 PM

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“ Connie Schipper lit a candle in memory of Mark "Don" Achtermann



Connie schipper - April 30, 2023 at 12:52 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mark "Don" Achtermann.



April 29, 2023 at 10:28 AM

VW

“ Vicky Wood lit a candle in memory of Mark "Don" Achtermann



vicky wood - April 28, 2023 at 08:31 PM



“ Full Heart was purchased for the family of Mark "Don" Achtermann.



April 27, 2023 at 08:46 PM

PA

“ Penny Anderson lit a candle in memory of Mark "Don" Achtermann



Penny Anderson - April 27, 2023 at 03:14 PM

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Such a very kind, good person

timothy ubben - April 30, 2023 at 10:31 PM