

Donald Charles Fall, 73, of Crookston, MN, passed away at RiverView Health in Crookston on Sunday, March 24, 2024, with loving family at his side.

Don was born in Bemidji, MN on January 12, 1951 to Robert and Marie (Forckenbrock) Fall. He attended St. Philip's Catholic School through the 8th grade followed by Bemidji High School, graduating with the Class of 1969. Don then attended Bemidji State University where he formed many good friendships that only grew stronger over the years.

In 1972 Don moved to Crookston where he worked at Brent's Music and Hugo's for a short time. He began his best life at this time when he met the love of his life, Patrice Falkingham. Don and Patrice were united in marriage on April 7th, 1973, in Browns Valley, MN. This spring they would have celebrated 51 years of marriage, two best friends walking side by side.

In 1973 Don started a job that truly was his calling in life as for 34 years he became a 911 dispatcher for the Polk County Sheriff's Department. During much of this time he also served part-time with the Fertile Police Department.



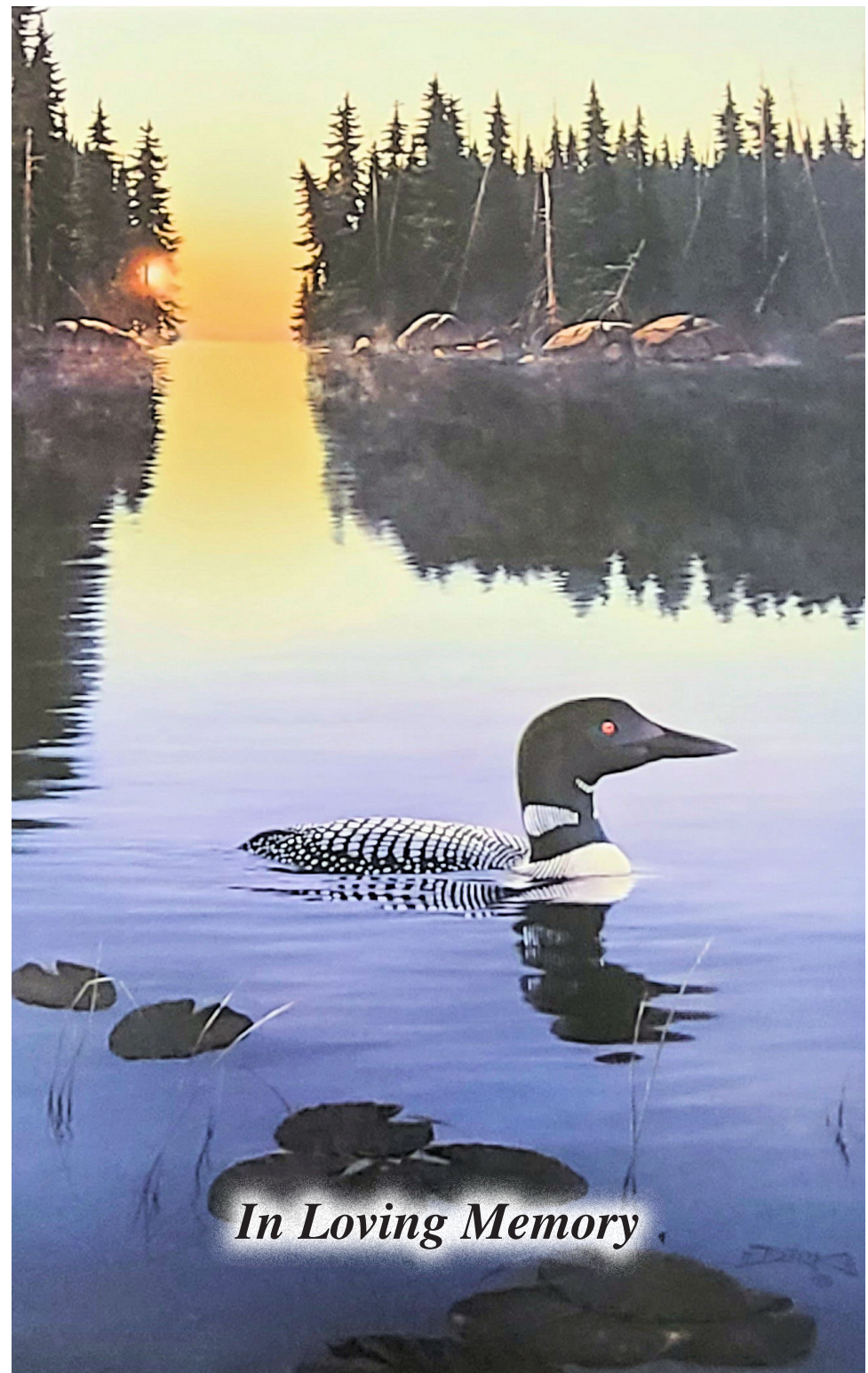
Don and Pat were blessed with the births of their 2 children, Ben and Anne. He loved being a father and loved his children unconditionally. His greatest gifts were yet to come; his grandchildren- Lennon, Odin and Marie Prudhomme brought him so much joy. He was blessed to see them every day and was proud to share what he taught them; everything they should know and everything they shouldn't know.

Despite his occasional stern exterior and cutting but hilarious remarks and stubbornness, there is actual evidence that he was a loving, giving and caring person. That evidence is shown by the deep sorrow and pain in the hearts of his family and friends. The courage and humor he provided during the most unlikely moments were crucial to his inimitable personality. He had a good life and a peaceful death, but the years of transition brought us memories that we will cherish forever.

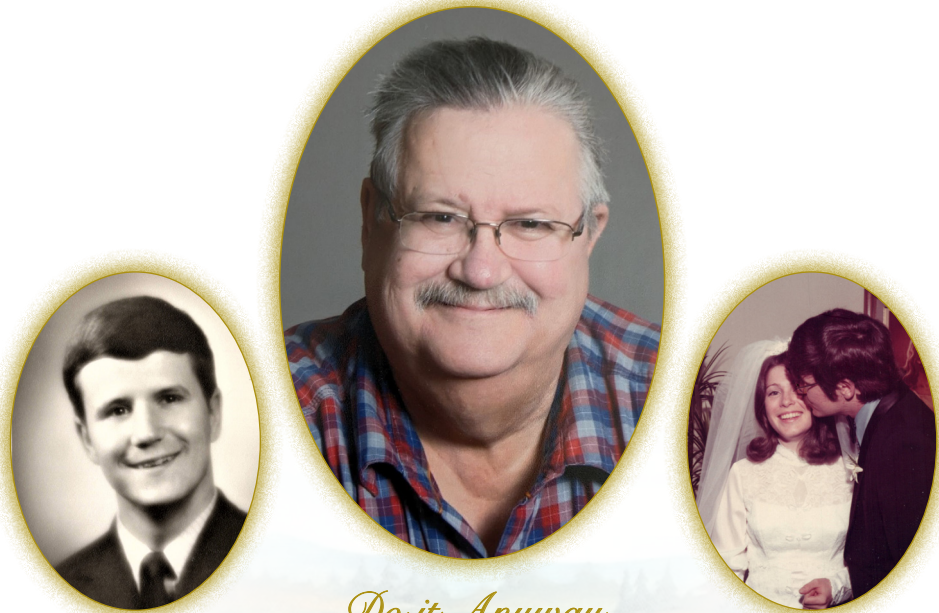
Don is survived by his beloved wife, Patrice; son and daughter-in-law, Ben and Erin Fall of Twin Valley, MN; daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Randy Prudhomme of Crookston; 3 precious grandchildren: Lennon, Odin, and Marie Prudhomme of Crookston; brother and sister-in-law: Mike and Vicky Fall of Cold Spring, MN; sister-in-law, Eleanor Falkingham of Browns Valley, MN; brother and sister-in-law, Jeff and Bonnie Falkingham of Eden Prairie, MN; and his nieces and nephews: Amanda (John) Thomas, Roberta (David) Frahm, Carmen (Matt Goodhart) Hills, Austin (Leah) Falkingham, Karen (Jeremiah) Larsen, and Amy (Will) Barnett; and many friends including those in law enforcement throughout the area.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Marie Fall; parents-in-law, Wayne and Marrison Falkingham; brother-in-law, Mike Falkingham; and nephew, Erik Falkingham.

God Bless the memory of Donald Charles Fall.



In Loving Memory



Do it Anyway

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered; *Forgive them anyway.*

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives; *Be kind anyway.*

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; *Succeed anyway.*

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; *Be honest and frank anyway.*

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; *Build anyway.*

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; *Be happy anyway.*

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; *Do good anyway.*

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;

It was never between you and them anyway.

- Saint Teresa



IN LOVING MEMORY

Donald "Don" Charles Fall

January 12, 1951 - March 24, 2024

Prayer Service and Memory Sharing

Friday, April 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Stenshoel-Houske Funeral Home

Crookston, Minnesota

Led by Msgr. David Baumgartner

The Mass of Christian Burial Honoring Don's Life

Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Crookston, Minnesota

Msgr. David Baumgartner, presiding

Urn Bearers

Don's Beloved Grandchildren

Lennon – Odin – Marie

Honorary Urn Bearers

Greater Area Law Enforcement Personnel

First Responders

Current and Retired

Inurnment

Calvary Cemetery

Crookston, Minnesota

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your very kind expressions of sympathy that have meant so much and will never be forgotten.

Thank you also for your presence, whether in body or spirit, as we Celebrate

The Life of a Wonderful Husband and Best Friend Ever,

Dad, Grandpa, Brother, Uncle, and Cousin.

With Love,

Pat – Ben and Erin – Anne, Randy, Lennon, Odin, and Marie

Mike and Vicky – and Family

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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Procession

#600 "Be Not Afraid"

First Reading

Revelation 21: 1-5a, 6b-7

Responsorial Psalm

#606 Psalm 91 "On Eagle's Wings"

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Gospel

Luke 23: 39-43

Gospel Acclamation

"I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord, whoever believes in me will never die."

Preparation of Gifts

"Precious Lord Take My Hand" - Instrumental

Communion Procession

#767 "Isaiah 49"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
Accompanist and Soloist - Monica Winter

Incensing of the Cremated Remains

#439 "O Loving God"

Recessional

#694 "How Great Thou Art"
Lennon Prudhomme - Vocalist