

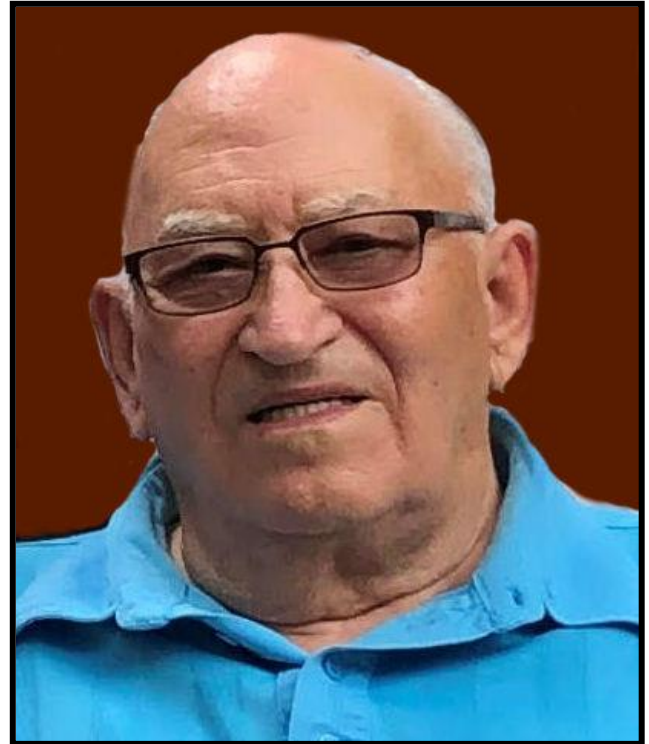
Donald J Beseke (82) of Alexandria, went to his heavenly Lord on January 5, 2023. He suffered an unfortunate event leading to cardiac arrest. He received excellent emergency care by the staff and management of Angelina's Restaurant and Bar, first responders eating at the restaurant and Emergency Medical Services. He was eventually transferred to Centra Care in St Cloud and was cared for by a very compassionate, skilled and knowledgeable team. He was surrounded by his loving family and at the time of his passing.

Don was born June 15th, 1940 to Herbert and Estelle Beseke of Mountain Lake, MN. His family moved to Sedan, MN in 1955 and he later graduated from Glenwood High School in 1958. He then went on to serve in the US Air Force returning to Minnesota in 1962 where he rekindled his relationship with the love of his life, Bonnie, who he had met the night before leaving for service. He attended jet mechanics training while in the military and was the first employee at Douglas Machines who was not related to the owners. Following this he spent most of his career in the maintenance department of 3M designing and prototyping machinery. He retired in June of 1999.

Don has always enjoyed being active. He has been a lifelong gardener and there are likely few people in the area that have not enjoyed a taste of his delicious melons. He has always had a passion and amazing talent for carpentry and woodworking, and has built many of their community game boards that he designed. He enjoyed fishing, both by boat and fish house, with his sons and grandsons. He enjoyed camping, square dancing and traveling earlier in his retirement with Bonnie and met many amazing friends along the way. In his later years he was passionate about playing games and cards with friends and family and crafted his skills at cheating so well that we still don't know his secrets! He has enjoyed a beautiful life filled with belief in his Lord, family including Bonnie, his wife of 59 years, four children, nine grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Don is survived by his wife Bonnie, and three of his children; Steve (Patty) of Casa Grande, AZ, Brenda (Eric) of San Diego, CA, Becky (Dean) of Alexandria, MN; his nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son Jeff; his twin brother Dave who passed on the same date eight years prior; and both of his parents.

In Loving Memory Of



Donald James Beseke

1940 ~ 2023

The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.
Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.
He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.
For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

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Donald James Beseke

June 15, 1940 † January 5, 2023

Memorial Service

Alexandria Covenant Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Wednesday, January 11, 2023
11:00 AM

Officiant

Pastor Gregg Donnelly

Musical Selections By

Larry Johansen
Keith Martinson
Jennifer Martinson

Inurnment

St. Mary's Cemetery
Alexandria, Minnesota

Arrangements

Anderson Funeral Home
Alexandria, Minnesota