

Going Home

*When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
why cry for a soul set free.*

*Miss me a little, but not too long
and not with your head bowed low,
remember the love that we once shared,
miss me, but let me go.*

*For this journey we all must take
and each must go alone,
it's all part of the master's plan,
a step on the road to home.*

*When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know
and bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
miss me, but let me go.*



Welcomed to God's Country



Donald "Don" R. Rhoades

March 5, 1918 ~ May 2, 2018

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Donald “Don” Raymond Rhoades, lifelong Reinbeck resident, passed away at the age of 100 at the Parkview Manor in Reinbeck on Wednesday, May 02, 2018. Memorial visitation for Don will be held on Friday, May 4th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Reinbeck. The memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 5th at 10:30 AM at the church. Inurnment will follow services at the Reinbeck Cemetery with military honors performed by the Reinbeck American Legion Post #242. Memorials may be directed to Parkview Manor, 1009 Third St., Reinbeck, IA 50669 or to Sunrise Hill Care Center, 909 6th St., Traer, IA 50675.

Don was born on March 5, 1918, at his family’s home to his mother Lena Willer. Lena raised Don and his sister in Reinbeck, where he attended school, graduating from Reinbeck High School in the class of 1938. He was very active in basketball, football and track—even setting a track record that could not be beat for 23 years!

On October 7, 1939, Don was united in marriage to June Lapham at the First Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. Shortly after the two were married, Don and June welcome 2 children into the family while Don had been overseas serving in the United States Navy with the Seabees. He served in Okinawa, Japan and later returned home after his honorable discharge, welcoming 3 more children. After returning home from the Navy, Don began farming, working part time at Voorhies Grain and later began his career in the printing business, working at Hawkeye Corrugated Box Company; he retired after 27 years of service. In his later years, he worked at Truncks Country Foods in Reinbeck.

While working at Voorhies Grain, Don joined their basketball team, where he played competitively. He loved sports and loved to watch the Gladbrook- Reinbeck kids of all ages play many different sports. He enjoyed being around the people of Reinbeck and was a “Salt of the Earth” man. He simply enjoyed the company of others and being active in his community. In his last 2 years, his transition to Parkview Manor was enjoyable, thanks to the wonderful staff there, whom he adored.

In his younger years, Don enjoyed going out dancing with his wife June. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, being a part of the Oak Leaf Country Club and was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan. He especially loved his family and being around his grandchildren, helping them in any way that he could. Don was proud to be a lifelong member of Reinbeck and often referred to his hometown as “God’s Country”. His family will miss him terribly but their memories of his long life bring them comfort and one particular memory the family will never forget was his favorite line, “Save your money and buy a farm.”

Don is survived by his children Allan (Linda) Rhoades of Reinbeck, Donna (Allen) Korte of Reinbeck, Steve (Elaine) Rhoades of Oak Grove, MO, Linda (Max) McCoy of Norwalk, IA and Rick (Michelle) Rhoades of West Salem, WI; grandchildren Shanon (Paula) Rhoades, Torry (Amy) Rhoades, Jason (Sherri) Korte, Gary (Angela) Korte, Emily (Colby) Reinbold, Travis Schultz, Josh (Jennifer) Schultz, Matt Schultz, Ross (Amy) Thede, Brie (Dave) Starkey, Aaron (Silvia) McCoy, Shannon (Jill) McCoy, Brandy (Matt) Sealman, Judson Rhoades and Tanner Rhoades; 21 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild; nephew Mike Mennenga and niece Angie (Kelly) Gray. He was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 70 years; his sister Celeste (Chuck) Mennenga.

In Loving Memory
Donald “Don” R. Rhoades
March 5, 1918 ~ May 2, 2018

Memorial Service

Saturday, May 5, 2018
10:30 AM
Union Congregational
United Church of Christ

Reinbeck, Iowa

Officiating

Rev. Joel Love

Organist

Brian Scheumann

Organ Solos

“Ivory Palaces”

“Because He Lives”

Special Recessional Music

“On a Clear Day (You Can See Forever)”

Johnny Mathis

Honorary Casket Bearers

Shanon Rhoades	Torry Rhoades	Jason Korte
Emily Reinbold	Gary Korte	Ross Thede
Brie Starkey	Jud Rhoades	Tanner Rhoades
Matt Schultz	Josh Schultz	Travis Schultz
Aaron McCoy	Shannon McCoy	Brandy Sealman

Ushers

Dean Snow & Harold Storjohann

Honorary Ushers

Richard & Romagene Volkens

Floral Committee

Ann Rae Billerbeck & Shirley Ramundt

Lunch Host & Hostess

Darren & Sue Trunck

Military Honors Performed by

Reinbeck American Legion Post #242

Committal Service

Reinbeck Cemetery

Don’s family would like to invite those in attendance to join them in the church Fellowship Hall following the committal service for lunch and time with the family.