



God saw him getting tired,
a cure not meant to be,
So He put His arms

AROUND HIM, AND WHISPERED...

“Come With Me.”

Celebrating THE *Life* OF
Don Bursken

MAY 5, 1941 – FEBRUARY 5, 2024

Services At:

Pedersen Funeral Home - Morris, Minnesota
Sunday - February 18, 2024 - 11:30 a.m.

Celebrant:

Father Todd Schneider

Readers:

Wendy Irons and Lize Shaw

Pallbearers:

Troy Mehlhaf, Cody Mehlhaf
Koel Seifert, Kode Seifert, Kore Seifert
Alan Irons, Luke Irons

Honorary Pallbearers:

Special Honorary Pallbearer - Dakotah Mehlhaf
Dick Bluth, Howard Jaeck
Don's Hunting & Fishing Buddies
Don's MNDOT Coworkers
Dawson Berning, Chase Berning
Cambrie Parker, Colton Parker

Interment:

Appleton City Cemetery
Appleton, Minnesota

My dad was a very private, hardworking man. He cared deeply for myself and my boys, and would light up with the mention of pictures of his great-granddaughter, Dakotah.

Don was born May 5, 1941, and grew up on a farm with three sisters. He told me his first job, his foreman had to come and start the heavy machine and his moving dirt began. In 1966, he got a job with MNDOT and was known as the best crane operator around. Dad didn't miss a family gathering at my home. He loved to fish and hunt, with many trophy walleye and didn't go a season without shooting a deer. So, you know, he out fished and hunted me and many in the family.

I have many more memories of dad from his quick-witted personality to his stubbornness. Couldn't take him anywhere without someone knowing him.

I have now realized what it means to lose a parent. So grateful we had a close relationship.

He left behind me, Michelle, Troy and his family along with Dakotah and Cody Mehlhaf; his first wife, Rosie, and second wife, Deb; his sisters, Geraldine and Rita. Margie met him in heaven along with so many friends and extended family.

Thank you for being a part of my dad's life.

RIP Dad, Love you
Michelle

Don died at his home in Morris on Monday, February 5, 2024. He was 82 years old.

Don is survived by his daughter, Michelle Mehlhaf of Barrett; grandchildren: Troy (Alayna) Mehlhaf, and Cody Mehlhaf; one great grandchild: Dakotah Mehlhaf; Lee Seifert and his sons: Koel, Kode (& friend, Tejah), and Kore; sisters: Geraldine Woodard, and Rita (Jerry) Irons; Geraldine's children: Richard (Jolene) Woodard & family, Ronald Woodard, Janice Tetro & son, and Larry Woodard; Rita's children: Alan (Wendy) Irons & family, Lizze (Devin) Shaw, and Luke (Brianna) Irons; Margie's daughter: Denyce (Jason) Comstock; Denyce's children: Chloe Comstock, Justin (Josey) Beyer & family, Jenna (Mason) Hegstad & family; his first wife, Rosie; his second wife, Deb; extended family: David Berning, and Dianne Parker; extended grandchildren: Dawson Berning, Chase Berning, Cambrie Parker, Colton Parker. He is preceded in death by his parents: Henry and Isabelle (Klimek) Bursken; and sister, Margie Tenney; nephew: Daryl Woodard.



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