



## Don D. Goodenow

April 14, 1928 - October 28, 2019

Don D. Goodenow, 91, of Spirit Lake passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019 at Accura Healthcare of Spirit Lake.

A gathering of remembrance will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday, November 1, 2019 at the 1st Presbyterian Church in Spirit Lake. There will be a time of gathering where the family will greet friends following the service at the church in the parish hall.

Don Duane Goodenow was born on the home farm southeast of Battle Creek, Iowa, April 14, 1928, the third son of Russell Humes Goodenow and Hazel Manson Goodenow.

He attended Maple # 8 country school across the road from their home just a few months after his 4th birthday, through eighth grade, and enjoyed telling people that he was the smartest kid in his class, omitting the fact that he was the only one in the class. Once he started high school in Battle Creek, he participated in baseball and basketball, school plays, and especially in all instrumental and vocal music activities. He graduated with the class of 1945, spent the next year farming with his dad, and then enrolled at Morningside College, where he attended for two years, excelling in music.

In 1949, he was married to Jean Babb. They lived for several years in the country schoolhouse where he had been a student for eight years, while he farmed with his dad. Their first child, Gail Jean was born while they were there.

In 1953, they bought a farm in Blaine Township, northeast of Ida Grove. Don had a number of off-the-farm jobs during the thirteen years he farmed there. Among them were as soil technician for the U.S. Soil Conservation Department; as sales rep for Harvestore, Shorestation, and Citation Homes; manager of the King Theater in Ida Grove, and income tax work for a local attorney. He received recognition for development of the pond on the farm and for one of the first confinement hog setups in the area. Their five sons, Gregg, Grant, Gary, Gavin, and Guy were born while they lived on the Blaine Township farm.

In 1966 the family moved into Ida Grove, having bought the business they named The Four Seasons, a garden center and florist shop. The tree-moving service was added with the purchase of one of the first Vermeer tree spades in the area.

Don continued to be in demand as a singer as he had been all through his high school and college years, singing in church choirs, weddings, funerals, and for many community events. He belonged to the Masonic lodge of Battle Creek, and Alpha Tau Delta and Phi Mu Alpha fraternities. He served on the pastor-parish committee of the Ida Grove Methodist Church, as president of the IG Kiwanis Club, secretary of the Ida County Fair Board, member of the Ida Grove School Board and seven years as a member of the founding Western Iowa Tech Board.

Following a stroke in 1982, he was no longer able to sing, and the Four Seasons store was sold, but he was able to continue the tree-moving for a number of years, and took pride in seeing hundreds of windbreaks and landscapes, that he had helped to create throughout a several county area.

In 1989, when Jean retired from teaching, they moved to the Methodist Camp (later reorganized as Monarch Cove) near West Lake Okoboji, where they built the year-round home they designed, participating in the actual construction, using much of the material from an Ida County barn Don had dismantled. He served the Cove for nearly 20 years as “water commishner” as well as driving cars for Great Lakes Motors. He served on the staff-parish committee of the Spirit Lake Methodist Church. They later joined the Spirit Lake Presbyterian Church.

Don's parents and his brothers, Barry and Bruce preceded him in death. His children are his daughter Gail, in California; sons, Gregg (Janet) of Ida Grove; Grant (Janene) of Johnston, IA; Gavin (Martha) of Arvada, CO; Guy of Westminster, CO. His son, Gary, who died unexpectedly in July of 2018, and his wife, Nan, lived in Lafayette, CO.

Grandchildren are Ariele Alasko (Isaiah Palmer), Troy Weary (Lisa), Corey Goodenow (Nicole), Jenna (Nick Akin), Bethany (Kurt Weitzl), Brent Goodenow (Teresa), Emma Goodenow, Chris Mullen, Sean McEwen, Melissa (Matt Lane), Ryan Goodenow, Austin Goodenow, Alexander Goodenow, and Zachary Goodenow. There are 17 great-grandchildren.

Don passed away on October 28 after a brief hospitalization, less than one month before their 70th wedding anniversary.

Memorials will be directed to the 1st Presbyterian Church to help with costs for Radio and

T.V. Broadcasts.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Service**   01:30PM - 02:30PM

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First Presbyterian Church

3501 Hill Ave., Spirit Lake, IA, US, 51360

# Comments

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“ I was sad to learn of Don's passing. I spent a good deal of time at both of their homes as Gail and I were good friends. I have so many great memories visiting in their homes...especially the country home. I loved the horse and that pond. Don was always so friendly and welcoming. He always had a smile. I know all of you will miss Don greatly, but he is in his 'forever home' now. Blessings to Jean, Gail, Gregg, Grant, Gavin and Guy. Marsha [Lunzman] Kjar

Marsha Kjar - November 07 at 01:28 PM

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“ As a classmate of Gail, there are many fond memories of times spent together at the country house surrounded by all those brothers! Good times. I will always remember Don's warm smile and good nature. Prayers to Jean and the entire family.

Gene and Linda (Weber) Bockelmann

Gene and Linda (Weber) Bockelmann - November 07 at 12:39 PM

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“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 31 at 10:02 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 31 at 04:44 PM

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“ Love, Julie Dalbey and Michelle Jordan purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



Love, Julie Dalbey and Michelle Jordan - October 31 at 04:05 PM

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“ Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 08:33 PM

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“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 05:03 PM

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“ Larry and I are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a true gentleman and heaven is shining brighter with Don's presence there. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Larry and Pat Rector.

Larry and Pat Rector - October 30 at 04:08 PM

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“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 03:32 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 03:24 PM

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“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 01:33 PM

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“ Grant, Julie, Jennifer and Jackson Godbersen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



**Grant, Julie, Jennifer and Jackson Godbersen** - October 30 at 01:02 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don D. Goodenow.



October 30 at 12:23 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing and also sorry that we will be unable to attend the time of remembrance. There are many warm memories of Don as a church member and community member here in Ida Grove, but moving into the Burns Street house gave us a real connection--that barn board paneling in the basement and exposed brick chimney are continual reminders of his creativity. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you, Jean, and the whole family.  
Jim and Ann Holst

**Ann Holst** - October 30 at 09:28 AM

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“ My sympathy to Jean & all of the family. I was one of the lucky ones to have Don sing at my wedding & he always gave the best hugs with that beautiful smile of his. A very special man indeed. I will keep you all in prayer.

God bless, Sue Streit O'Neill

**Sue O'Neill** - October 29 at 10:35 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I know you guys have been there for him all along the way. He will always be remembered around Ida Grove as a nice guy and a good businessman. May God comfort all of you.

Becky Ricklefs

**becky ricklefs** - October 29 at 09:51 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. We still have the snowblower we bought from Don in IG. It's still running and our son has it.



**Carol and John Withhart** - October 29 at 09:47 PM



“ God bless this wonderful family .

**Carol and John Withhart** - October 29 at 09:48 PM

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“ Thinking of you at this difficult time. Will remember when Uncle Don built our house out at “Lake La Barb”. He had such a great sense of humor. Will be missed



**Barbara Goodenow** - October 29 at 09:36 PM

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“ Thinking of you during this difficult time, but remembering all the good times from your years in Ida Grove. May God Bless you and your family.

Ron and MaeBelle Powell

**MaeBelle Powell** - October 29 at 10:51 AM

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“ My sympathy to your family.

Dayle Brooks



**Dayle Brooks** - October 28 at 04:26 PM

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“ Thinking of you in your hour of sorrow..Well done good and faithful servant.. Bob and Kate Shaw



**Kathleen Shaw** - October 28 at 09:47 AM