



## Don Mills

November 14, 1945 - December 25, 2015

Don Mills, age 70, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Okoboji, passed away Friday, December 25, 2015, at Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake. He was born on November 14, 1945, in Spencer, Iowa, to Donald Sr. and Wanda (Birchard) Mills.

Don was united in marriage to Barbara (Dean) Mills on January 22, 1964, in Spirit Lake. Barbara passed away Sunday, December 27, 2015.

Don worked at Smith's RV for 27 years and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking and playing cards.

Don is survived by son, Curtis (Nancy) Mills, of Columbia, MO; son, Anthony (Betty) Mills of Ringsted, IA; daughter, Tami (Ted) Woodroof of Spirit Lake, IA; son, Jon (Shelly) Mills of Davenport, IA; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; brothers, Ronnie Mills of Spencer, IA, Dick (Wanda) Mills of Washington, Larry Mills of Spencer, IA; brother-in-law, Dennis (Esterlita) Dean of Spirit Lake, IA; sister-in-law, Roxanne (Pete) Sidles of Spirit Lake, IA; sister-in-law, Patti Bruhns of Spirit Lake, IA; sister-in-law, Jacki (Scott) Marderness of Milford, IA; sister-in-law, Jolene (Scott) Egertson of Spirit Lake, IA; sister-in-law, Lisa Hurd of Estherville, IA; brother-in-law, Greg (Kara) Dean of Spirit Lake, IA; step-brother-in-law, Sherman

Nielsen of Royal, IA; mother-in-law, LeeAnna Nielsen of Spirit Lake, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Tom; sister, Linda; and grandson, Douglas.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Monday, January 4, 2016, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Spirit Lake. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 3, 2016, from 4:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M., at the Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be at St. Margaret's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Don & Barb's names.

# Tribute Wall

DN

“ Jon,  
*I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you find comfort in your memories, family and loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Debbie (Roseberry) Naab*

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**Debbie Naab** - January 06, 2016 at 11:53 AM

SM

“ *Don Mills*

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**Shelly Mills** - January 02, 2016 at 04:42 PM

LT

“ *My work days will now be darker without your smile and funny jokes to greet me every shift. You were one in a million Don Don and I will never forget you!! So happy you are now together with your beloved Barb but so sad that you will no longer be a part of our Hawkeye family. Love and miss you dearly. RIP my friend!*

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**Laura Truslow** - December 30, 2015 at 08:40 PM

LH

“ *You were a great co-worker and a wonderful friend. Rest in peace.*

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**Lou Hargens** - December 30, 2015 at 12:56 PM

DU

“ *Don Mills*

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**Dawn Updike** - December 30, 2015 at 12:51 PM

FF

“ I took care of Don at Longhouse and his mother Wonda my parents were friends of theres, I knew the whole family and know they are happy together in heaven.

Fern Falline - December 30, 2015 at 05:12 AM

DB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My sympathy to your family.

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Dayle Brooks - December 29, 2015 at 11:32 AM

CB

“ Don Mills

Chelsey Bruhns - December 29, 2015 at 11:20 AM

MW

“ Don Mills

Mary Ann Woodyard - December 28, 2015 at 03:34 PM

JM

“ Don Mills

Jessica Miller - December 28, 2015 at 02:59 PM

MF

“ Don Mills

Mary Reandeu and family - December 28, 2015 at 09:22 AM

AW

“ *Don Mills*

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**Ashley Woodroof** - December 28, 2015 at 04:40 AM

MD

“ *Don Mills*

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**Mary Durst** - December 27, 2015 at 10:57 PM

RT

“ *Barb & Don always made us feel like family when ever we came to visit. They made sure we had what we needed to enjoy our time there. They were great Grandparents to 2 boys we love very much. They will always hold a piece of our heart and we will never forget them. Ros & Allen*

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**Ros & Allen Trout** - December 27, 2015 at 10:40 PM

RJ

“ *Don Mills*

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**Roger Updike Jr** - December 27, 2015 at 08:53 PM

MD

“ *Don Mills*

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**Marcia Dean-Pepper** - December 27, 2015 at 07:28 PM

TM

“ *Don Mills*

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**tom mills&family** - December 27, 2015 at 07:27 PM

LN

“ *Don Mills*

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**Lon & Cheryl Noble** - December 27, 2015 at 10:28 AM

DB

“ *My earliest memories were visiting you and Barb in Sutherland. I was a teenager and would drive down and stay the weekend with you! Then camping and fishing for bullhead on the West side of Center Lake.....40 plus yrs ago...those were the days. Love you*

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**Debbie Godbold Bahr** - December 27, 2015 at 08:14 AM