



Don Wilson

May 16, 1928 - April 9, 2016

Donald Eugene Wilson was born May 16th, 1928, to Raymond & Irene (Pletcher) Wilson in Wright County, Iowa. He attended school in Webster City graduating in 1946. He married Karolyn Olson in 1948, to which four children were born: Diana, Donna, Bruce & Debra. In 1966, Don married Marilyn (Schnell) Alsvig, bringing stepchildren, David and Kathleen into his life. On November 24th, 1993, Don married Kay (Broadie) Weiss in Spirit Lake.

Don spent over 45 years in the laundry and dry cleaning business beginning in Clarion, Iowa and most recently as the owner and operator of Campus Cleaners and Launderers in Spirit Lake, retiring in 2002. Don served on the Clarion volunteer fire department and was a school bus driver for several years. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment was the day he took his last drink on September 3rd, 1983. By the grace of God, he remained sober until the day he passed away on April 9th, 2016. Don was an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous, Kiwanis and served as an Elder at First English Lutheran Church in Spencer, where he came to faith after moving to Spencer in 2002.

Don is survived by his wife, Kay; four children, Diana, Donna, Bruce & Debra; stepchildren, David and Kathleen; sisters, Carol Knoll (Cedar Rapids), Roxann (Bruce) Hadaway of Cherokee Village, Arkansas, and Ann (Bob) Brown of Lincoln, Nebraska; brothers, Gary Kolbeck of Cherokee Village, Arkansas,

Dennis Kolbeck (Sandy) of Alleman, Iowa, David (Judy) Kolbeck of Waterloo, Iowa, and Lyle (Dee) Wilson of Escondido, California; father-in-law, Maurice Broadie; brother & sister-in-law, Richard & Peggy Broadie of Cedar Falls; brother & sister-in-law, Barry & Sue Nehls of Mason, Ohio; & grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his mother, Irene; stepfather, Harry Kolbeck; biological father, Raymond Wilson; brother, James Kolbeck; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy & Everett Stahl; brother-in-law, Richard Knoll; and mother-in-law, Louise Broadie. Don was survived & preceded by many beloved aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews & loyal friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 P.M. Friday, April 15, 2016, at First English Lutheran Church in Spencer with services to be conducted by Pastor Paul Kaldahl. Visitation will be held Thursday, from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M. at First English Lutheran Church in Spencer. Burial will be at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Don's name to the Iowa Great Lakes Lutheran School, 1311 E. 18th Street, Spencer, Iowa, 51301. The family would like to say a special thank you for the support of friends, the wonderful care by the staff at Longhouse Northshire, Spencer Hospital and Gentiva Hospice all during Don's illness.

Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Don Wilson*



Robinson Funeral Home - July 02, 2016 at 08:59 AM

KA

Thank you for the video and for everyone's well wishes ~ Kay

Kay - September 28, 2016 at 08:05 PM

KF

“ *Don Wilson*

Kurt Fisher - May 15, 2016 at 11:11 AM

AM

“ *Kay, Thinking of you at this sad time*

Al and Reba Munson - April 19, 2016 at 06:30 AM

AJ

“ *Don Wilson*

Allan Johnson - April 17, 2016 at 10:27 PM

TH

“ Kay, So sorry to hear about Don's passing. Thinking of you thru this difficult time.

Theresa - April 14, 2016 at 06:56 PM

JL

“ My thoughts are with you Kay and family.

JILL LARSON - April 14, 2016 at 09:16 AM

DV

“ Thinking of you, Kay... may the thoughts of caring friends and the memories you hold bring you comfort at this difficult time. ((hugs))

DeNeitt VanDenBroeke - April 14, 2016 at 08:38 AM

BB

“ Kay... you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Big hug to you my friend!

Bev (Larsen) Berkland - April 13, 2016 at 04:53 PM

DD

“ Don Wilson

Dennis and Lana Dallman - April 13, 2016 at 12:42 PM

DK

“ Oh, my dearest Kay, my thoughts are with you so much this week. My sisters and my parents are sending their hugs too. Wayne and I have so many fond memories of our times with you two through the years-- along with a golf best shot team victory! Our fondest memories always bring a very caring, kind, and gentle loving man to mind. We love you, Don, and we know your appointment with Jesus must be incredible!

Diana Doocy Koppen - April 12, 2016 at 08:19 PM

SJ

“ Don Wilson

Shanna Johnson - April 12, 2016 at 07:29 PM

MN

“ Kay, you have our sympathy. So sorry to learn of Don's passing.

MaryKay & Orville Nagel - April 12, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ Don Wilson

April 12, 2016 at 12:15 PM

DC

“ We will miss his smiling face and his warm hugs. Heaven will be a brighter place with Don there. So sorry for your loss Kay. We love you.

Dave and Shari Crew - April 12, 2016 at 09:10 AM

BF

“ Sending prayers to your family during this difficult time and the days ahead.

Billi Feller - April 12, 2016 at 08:54 AM

TK

“ Don Wilson

Ted Knoll - April 12, 2016 at 07:45 AM

LW

“ Kay, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and the family.
Larry and Linda Webber

Linda Webber - April 12, 2016 at 07:40 AM

CW

“ Kay,
We are thinking of you. Don was such a nice person. May God
bless you and your family at this difficult time.

Connie/Bill Wymer - April 12, 2016 at 07:15 AM

KT

“ Don Wilson

Kathy Thompson - April 12, 2016 at 04:59 AM

CP

“ Don Wilson

Connie Poulin - April 12, 2016 at 01:32 AM

LN

“ *Don Wilson*

Lon & Cheryl Noble - April 11, 2016 at 11:33 PM

JL

“ *Don Wilson*

Jamie Landon - April 11, 2016 at 11:33 PM

TF

“ *Don Wilson*

Tammy Frederick - April 11, 2016 at 09:53 PM

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“ *Don Wilson*

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DF

“ *Don Wilson*

Dawn Green Fletcher - April 11, 2016 at 09:44 PM

DK

“ *Kay,
We will miss him so much. I will miss the way he picked on me and
me attempting to give it back to him. He was my favorite!*

Dee & Alan Knoll - April 11, 2016 at 08:59 PM

DU

“ Kay and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a very special part of my early recovery, and, even though I have been out of touch, I have thought of you often. ((((((HUGS))))))

DuAnn - April 11, 2016 at 08:42 PM

FC

“ Don Wilson

Francis Costilla - April 11, 2016 at 06:42 PM

JB

“ Kay and Family we are sorry for your loss. Don will be missed by many.

Jim & Annie Bauer - April 11, 2016 at 06:11 PM

M'

“ Kay, thinking of you and sending sincere condolences on the passing of Don. May the best memories be like hugs that surround you with love.

Marsha Smeltzer SLHS '75 - April 11, 2016 at 05:16 PM

SO

“ Kay,
Terri let me know. My heart is so full of appreciation for who Don has been for me. You have been great friends and are such loving people. He will be missed so greatly. God has a pretty special angel now. Love you!!!

Sheila Ove - April 11, 2016 at 04:04 PM

WM

“ Kay, Willia and I are deeply sadden with your loss..
Don was a Great friend' We had a lot good times..
God rest his Soul

Willia & Duane Mueske - April 11, 2016 at 03:59 PM

JW

“ Kay, I'm so sorry for your loss. Hugs and caring thoughts go out to
you and your family.

Judy Weipert - April 11, 2016 at 03:26 PM

DR

“ Kay, Sending our love and prayers to you. Don was a very special
and kind person to everyone.

Don and Jean Reed - April 11, 2016 at 03:14 PM

LR

“ Don Wilson

LeeAnn rosales - April 11, 2016 at 03:01 PM

CS

“ Don Wilson

Chad Schuchert - April 11, 2016 at 02:27 PM

PM

“ Kay, So sorry to hear of Don's passing. You are in our thoughts and
prayers.
Jerry and Patty McGuire

Patty McGuire - April 11, 2016 at 02:09 PM

SN

“ *Don Wilson*

sam neuman - April 11, 2016 at 02:08 PM

TC

“ *Don Wilson*

Taylor Crozier - April 11, 2016 at 01:40 PM

JR

“ *Don Wilson*

Jayden Reiser - April 11, 2016 at 01:00 PM

DB

“ *Kay and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Don.
He was a wonderful person and I loved talking with him over the
years.
My sympathy.
Dayle*

Dayle Broocks - April 11, 2016 at 12:23 PM

LS

“ *Don was such a warm and kind man. I will always remember being
at the same table with him during a colors workshop. Prayers,
prayers and more prayers coming your way..*

Libby Stricker - April 11, 2016 at 10:14 AM

TM

“ *Kay - You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the Easter promise
of eternal life give you comfort in knowing Don is at peace. We will
all miss his hugs!*

Tom & Vickie Miller - April 11, 2016 at 09:51 AM

TA

“ Don was a great boss. I met him thru Campus Cleaners in Spirit Lake. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. My heart goes out to Kay and family.

Tina Adams - April 11, 2016 at 09:44 AM

VM

“ Kay - thinking of you at this time - may your memories give you comfort and the angels wrap their arms around you and give you peace. Val

Val Moermond - April 11, 2016 at 09:30 AM

JJ

“ May the spirit of almighty God be of comfort to all in Christian love
Jim & Harriet Johannsen

Jim Johannsen - April 11, 2016 at 09:06 AM

TU

“ Kay Prayers and Hugs to you, always enjoyed our visits with Don.

Tom and Della Underwood - April 11, 2016 at 07:27 AM

LV

“ Prayers and thoughts are with you Kay.

Linda and Bernie Voss - April 11, 2016 at 07:23 AM

WU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Wanda and Chuck Untiedt - April 11, 2016 at 06:38 AM

LY

“ *Don Wilson*

Lydia - April 10, 2016 at 09:50 PM

TA

“ *Don Wilson*

Taylor Albert - April 10, 2016 at 09:02 PM

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PR

“ *Kay,
So sorry about your loss. I know it has been years, but Don was
always do gracious St. the cleaners. Hugs to all.*

Peg Rick - April 10, 2016 at 08:29 PM

EA

“ *Don Wilson*

EShona Alexander - April 10, 2016 at 08:11 PM

TB

“ *I am sorry for your loss, Kay. I will miss cooking for Don and having
him wave at me and say hello whenever I would wander into the
dining area.*

Thomas Bruns - April 10, 2016 at 07:26 PM

MD

“ Don Wilson

Mike Daniels - April 10, 2016 at 07:18 PM

RM

“ Kay, So sorry to hear about Don...
Love and Prayers to you and your family

Roger and Jackie Mann - April 10, 2016 at 07:03 PM

RC

“ Don Wilson

Roxanne Christoffer - April 10, 2016 at 06:49 PM

RF

“ My thoughts and prayers for you miss Kay... Don was a a simple
and kind man. I enjoyed working for him right before he FINALLY
retired. Hard-working man and he will be greatly missed.

Roxanne Christoffer Fairchild - April 10, 2016 at 06:48 PM

SD

“ Kay, so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at
this difficult time. Take care and hugs to you.

Sally Christensen DeLoss - April 10, 2016 at 06:16 PM

DH

“ Don Wilson

Dora Hansen - April 10, 2016 at 05:52 PM

MH

“ *Don Wilson*

Miranda Hoffman - April 10, 2016 at 05:30 PM

VI

“ *Don Wilson*

Vicky - April 10, 2016 at 04:43 PM

DP

“ *Don Wilson*

Dawn Peterson - April 10, 2016 at 04:32 PM

DH

“ *Don Wilson*

Deanne Hernandez - April 10, 2016 at 04:08 PM

LH

“ *Dear Kay-Don was a life-saver to many and a blessing to all who knew him. We send our thoughts and prayers to you at this sad time. Dale and Laura Hanna*

Laura Hanna - April 10, 2016 at 03:55 PM

MS

“ *Don Wilson*

Morgan Stuckey - April 10, 2016 at 03:46 PM

TA

“ *Sending love and prayers, Kay.*

Tony and Pat Andersen - April 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM