



Donald "Don" Dorn

September 6, 1931 - January 9, 2026

Donald D. Dorn, 94, of the Iowa Great Lakes passed away on Friday, January 9, 2026, at Lakes Regional Healthcare in Spirit Lake.

Services for Donald will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be directed to www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Don was born on September 6, 1931, to Earl and Ruby (Petersen) Dorn in Council Bluffs, IA. He graduated from Abraham Lincoln High School in 1950, in Council Bluffs,

IA, and furthered his education at the Omaha Radio Technical Institute in Omaha, NE.

He served his country as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the US Army during the Korean

Conflict. Don was married to the love of his life, Donna Jean Davie, on June 11, 1955, in Council Bluffs, IA. He retired from AT&T as a Regional District Manager after 36 years of

dedicated service and relocated to Lake Okoboji to spend his retired life in the Great Lakes Area.

For the last thirty-six years, Don was a “jack of all trades” and a Captain for Fillenwarth’s Beach Resort boat fleet. Don enjoyed dancing of all types, with ballroom and Square dancing among his favorites. Additionally, he volunteered his time to coach his boys in baseball, football and wrestling. He was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye’s Fan, and enjoyed spending time with his family in Georgia, Minnesota, Alaska, Tennessee and South Dakota. He and Donna always looked forward to their annual winter retreat to Maui and just returned from Maui in September.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of seventy years, Donna Dorn of Milford, IA;
5 sons, Doug (Andrea) Dorn of Johns Creek, GA; Dave (Stephanie) Dorn of Lake Elmo, MN;
Darrin (Angie) Dorn of Anchorage, AK; Darrick (Ilona) Dorn of Puryear, TN; and Dirk (Kristi) Dorn of Sioux Falls, SD; 14 grandchildren, Dakota (Maggie), Ashlyn, Liam (Sydnee), Jason, Erica, Lexi, Dalton, Charlie (Brooklyn), Lance, Dylan, Sydney, Hayley, Allison and Rilee;
2 great grandchildren, Murphy and Conner; a brother Larry (Phyllis) Dorn of Ankeny, IA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, 3, brothers and 4 sisters.

Memorials made be made in Don's name to tunnels to towers at www.t2t.org or your choice.

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Jeff And Andrea Schwarck lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Dorn



Jeff and Andrea Schwarck - January 19 at 10:32 AM

MD

“ He was more than a brother-in-law; he was a man of integrity, kindness, and quiet strength. He helped ensure my sons knew the importance of family and had a meaningful bond with their paternal grandmother. A devoted husband to his beloved wife Donna and a proud father of five sons, he lived by example and always chose the high road. We always looked up to him, as did my three sons, James, Luke, and Dustin.

“The righteous lead blameless lives; blessed are their children after them.”

Proverbs 20:7

With love and deepest condolences,
Mary

Mary Davie - January 15 at 10:19 AM

HB

“ A great man, with a love for life and (work) 🤘👍🇺🇸

Hal Boyne - January 13 at 12:56 PM

JP

“ *Judy Peddycoart lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Dorn*



Judy Peddycoart - January 13 at 11:47 AM

DA

“ *Don, thank you for putting a smile on my face and blessing us with your presence.*

Danielle Anderson - January 13 at 08:06 AM

KL

“ *Donna and family I can't express how sorry we are to hear of the loss of Don. Steve and I have been going to Fillenwarth since 1983 and we're so blessed to have Don as a dear friend. Our 2 kids loved to sit with him at the wheel of the Sunrunner and he taught them so much history of the lake. Every year the first person we looked for was Don. God bless you and the family. It won't be the same without him, but he will forever be in our hearts!*

Kathy Long - January 12 at 08:55 PM

CH

“ *Donna D: we are truly sorry to hear of Don's passing. May the love of your family and friends help comfort you in this time of grief.*

Cheryl & Clarence Harms - January 12 at 08:30 PM

MB

“ Where to begin Mr. Dorn as I always called him and he would tell me kid it's Don no need to be formal. Mr. Dorn was a one of a kind man and I feel blessed to have worked with him for so many years and memories I will cherish forever. He was a man who loved his wife and family deeply and always treated the rest of us at Filly like family. Thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Donna and the family. 🙏❤️

Marni Bryan - January 12 at 07:32 PM

SD

Donna, so sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers to you.

Sally DeLoss - January 12 at 08:51 PM

SL

“ Sincere condolences to all family and friends of Don. My family and I have spent approx 40yrs vacationing at Fillenwarth, and enjoying Don's friendship. He will be missed in 2026, and every year after 2026. Steven C. Long

Steven C. Long - January 12 at 06:42 PM

SW

“ Donna and family - We are so sorry to hear about Don's passing. I've known him since I was a boy. He will always hold a special place in both Amy's and my hearts. We will miss our visits with him. Know that he is at peace.

Steve and Amy Wendt

Steve Wendt - January 12 at 06:19 PM

JB

“ *Jaime Berning lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Dorn*



Jaime Berning - January 12 at 06:05 PM

KT

“ *Don has a special place in our hearts as our cherished boat captain. Each of my kids would look forward to sitting next to Don and steering the boat. He never got tired of the kids as he would sit and listen and chat as long as the kids wanted. I will smile thinking of Don, my dad and Maury up above the lake watching us as th traditions continue. Love to Dons family for sharing him each summer with the Fillenwarth guests.*

Kelly Tafoya - January 12 at 04:14 PM

JF

“ *Judy Forbes lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Dorn*



Judy Forbes - January 12 at 11:15 AM

LH

“ *Donna, I am sorry to hear of Don's passing. I would never have guessed his age as he was so active when I knew him. It is so difficult to lose a loved one, sending prayers your way.*

Lynn Greimann Hassebroek - January 11 at 06:44 PM

DS

“ My deepest sympathy to Don’s family. I worked with Don at Fillenwarth’s. What a great work ethic he had. I will miss seeing him everyday. He was always so kind and helpful.

Diane Swalve - January 11 at 05:28 PM

ST

“ My deepest sympathies. His work ethic could not be outdone, and the love for his beloved Donna was evident in every conversation we had. We all could stand to be a little more like Don.

Sarah Tunland - January 10 at 10:30 PM

MW

“ So many good times, conversations, and memories of my friend, Donald D, as I called him ❤️ What a wonderful and blessed life he lived. He was so proud of his family, my sincere condolences to all of you 🙏



Mary Weaver - January 10 at 10:13 PM

BC

Donna & family: our sincere condolences at Don's passing. It was always a joy to be greeted by Don, anytime and anywhere. Everything about him was first class. We will miss him. Bill & Jackie

Bill Carpenter - January 14 at 10:19 AM

CD

Donna and family. Remember all the good times we had on 82nd st. Sorry for your loss, but cherish the memories
Cynthia Dabrieo

Cynthia Dabrieo - March 02 at 10:28 AM