



Donald Paul Klingbeil

October 9, 1936 - March 28, 2023

Donald Paul Klingbeil, 86, of Spirit Lake, formerly of Remsen, IA passed away on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at his home in Spirit Lake.

A celebration of life will be held Friday, April 7, at 11:00 AM at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Burial will be held at a later date in the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Cherokee, IA. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home. Online condolences may be left at www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com

Donald Paul Klingbeil along with his twin brother Ronald were born October 9, 1936, to Paul and Gertrude (Smith) Klingbeil. He graduated from Remsen Union High School in 1955. Don Married Elaine Bottjen and together they had 5 children. In 1985 Don met Dawn Howley and they married in 1995.

Don started working on the family farm in his late teens raising mink. He had a large-scale mink farm and was very active in the business side until his retirement. Don sat on several mink boards that took him to Germany, Tokyo, and Hong Kong. Several times a year he would travel to New York and Seattle.

Don owned his own airplane and loved to fly to the air show in Oshkosh. In his free time, he also enjoyed fishing and hunting trips. His life long dream was to sky dive which he accomplished in his 70's.

Don is preceded in death by his parents and twin brother Ronald. Left to cherish his memory are his wife Dawn; Children David (Heidi) Klingbeil of Merrill, Jody (Grant) Erichsen of Sioux Falls, Kevin (Susan) Klingbeil of

Minnesota, Kristi (Curt) Kunkel of LeMars, and Tonia Klingbeil of LeMars; Grandchildren Terry Erichsen, Jeremy Klingbeil, Crystal Kunkel, Katelyn Kunkel, Curtis Kunkel, Justin Erichsen, Nick Erichsen and Brianna Konz, Zachary Klingbeil; 3 greatgrand Children; Brother Bob (Pat) Klingbeil of Remsen, sister-in-law Linda Klingbeil, mother-in-law Pauline Harris of North Sioux City, SD, sister-in-law Daphne Howley of Yankton, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Paul Klingbeil*



Robinson Funeral Home - April 27, 2023 at 10:36 AM

AB

“ *Hi, my name is Anthony Bottjen, Elaines Brother. Don was my sisters Husband. I've know Don For a long Time. When i was still in school, I've worked for Don on the Mink Farm. I loved both Don and my sister, They treated me real well. I well always remember Don as my Brother-in-law.*
Anthony

Anthony Bottjen - May 06, 2024 at 01:59 AM

SJ

“ *I babysat for Don and Elaines kids when they were young. I also worked at the mink farm during pelting season for years. His dad was a brother to my grandfather. He was always good to work for. My sympathy to all the family. Sue Letsche Juenemann*

Sue Letsche Juenemann - April 16, 2023 at 11:06 PM

SC

“ *In the late 70's, some of us from the Kingsley area worked at the mink farm after school. Don was always a good and fair man to work for and treated us well. Condolences to his family.*

Scott Carlson - April 07, 2023 at 12:35 PM

DA

“ *My sympathies and condolences to all, can remember many times when Don was at the office in Remsen and at the farm as well. Peace and God Bless everyone. Dale B.*

Dale - April 06, 2023 at 05:09 PM

DE

“ *Dave and Katy Evenson purchased the Serene R etreat for the family of Donald Paul Klingbeil.*



Dave and Katy Evenson - April 06, 2023 at 12:15 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Paul Klingbeil.*



April 04, 2023 at 11:47 AM

LR

“ Donny was one of my dad's oldest friends going back to their school days. When I was a kid, I had to see doctors in Iowa City. Once in awhile Donny would fly me and my dad to those appointments so we could make the trips in one day. Those were very early mornings but it was fun to fly in Donny's plane. Laura Rumohr

Laura Rumohr - April 03, 2023 at 10:13 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Paul Klingbeil.



April 01, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Donald Paul Klingbeil.



April 01, 2023 at 03:33 PM