



## Donus "Don" Larson

November 11, 1947 - June 1, 2024

Donus (Don) Wayne Larson passed away June 1, 2024, at home from complications of prostate cancer, at age 76. Don was born to Loren and Vesta (Johnson) Larson in Worthington, MN on November 11, 1947. Throughout his childhood he took joy in having been born on Veterans' Day, and thus was always off from school to enjoy celebrating his birthday.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church in Milford with a visitation one hour prior on Saturday at the church. A Masonic Service will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. by the Worthington Masonic Lodge #101 and the Windom Prudence Masonic Lodge #97 will be performing the masonic rites assisted by the Twilight Lodge #329 of Spirit Lake and the Gloaming Lodge #482 of Milford at the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Arrangements are under the direction of the Robinson Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Online condolences may be left at [www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com](http://www.spiritlakefuneralhome.com)

Don attended Worthington schools until graduating from high school there in 1965. He then attended Worthington Community College (now Minnesota West) for one year before enlisting in the US Army during the Vietnam era. He was assigned to electronics school at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey after "boot camp" in Texas. Don felt fortunate to have been shipped from New Jersey to Camp Darby near Pisa, Italy. There he served in the Stratcom Unit,

a communications installation. He served in that capacity until the end of his service in the Army, thus missing duty in Vietnam.

Italy was also where Don met his wife of 54 years, Jan B (Kieft) Larson. They were engaged by the end of the summer, and married a year later after Don completed his military service in September 1969, in Ridgewood, New Jersey. The couple then settled in Worthington, MN. Don joined his father in the family's construction business, Larson Crane Service. Don was compelled to retire from the business, in which he partnered with his son Justin (Jay) after sustaining multiple injuries in a motorcycle accident in July 2017.

Don was actively involved in his community throughout his years in Worthington. He was a dedicated member of the Masonic Lodge and the Shriners, through which he supported children's hospitals, as well as the Elk's Lodge and American Legion. He also supported many youth activities through his membership in the Jaycees. He helped establish youth soccer, youth hockey and Toys for Tots, among others. He was active at First Lutheran Church, serving as van driver, youth leader, usher and church council member. He volunteered for years serving the public at the Free Pancake Breakfast for Turkey Days. He found deep satisfaction in the comradery of working with friends and neighbors to help make Worthington a great community in which to raise a family. Don was often the first to offer a helping hand to his friends and neighbors.

Don and Jan built their dream home in West Okoboji, Iowa in 2014. She retired from her career as a counselor at Worthington High School. They moved to Iowa in May 2015, where they enjoyed old and new friends through many activities and travels. Don's greatest joy was spending time with his sons and his three grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were Don's parents and his infant son Heath Randall

Larson.

Surviving loved ones are his wife Jan, son Justin (Dana) and their children, Aria, Gerret and Kaden; son Nathan (Kathy) and many treasured friends and cousins.

# Previous Events

## Masonic Service

JUN **21**. 5:00 PM (CT)

Robinson Funeral Home  
2317 32nd St.  
P.O. Box 272  
Spirit Lake, IA 51360  
(712) 336-8471  
robinson@spiritlekefuneralhome.com  
<https://www.spiritlekefuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Lutheran Church  
1525 Three Cross Road  
Milford, IA 51351  
(712) 338-4514

# Tribute Wall



“ Robinson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donus "Don" Larson



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**Robinson Funeral Home** - June 22, 2024 at 04:32 PM

CA

“ I recently thought of my distant cousin, Donus, and was saddened to find that he recently passed. I have good memories of family visits to Worthington, MN, in the 1960's. May he rest in peace.

*Charleen Teply Anderson, Omaha, NE*

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**Charleen Anderson** - July 20, 2024 at 10:41 PM

ML

“ Miriam L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

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**Miriam L.** - June 22, 2024 at 05:59 PM

SC

“ *Star Investors Club purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.*



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**Star Investors Club** - June 21, 2024 at 12:55 PM

SC

“ *Star Investors Club planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.*

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**Star Investors Club** - June 21, 2024 at 12:55 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.*



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June 20, 2024 at 12:19 PM

KK

“ *Kendig and Carol Kneen purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.*



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**Kendig and Carol Kneen** - June 19, 2024 at 09:03 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.



June 19, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Dar Ellis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.



Dar Ellis - June 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Dar Ellis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

Dar Ellis - June 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.



June 17, 2024 at 04:16 PM



“ Michael P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

Michael P. - June 09, 2024 at 02:51 PM



“ James H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

James H. - June 08, 2024 at 11:31 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.



June 06, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ BTU HEATING & COOLING planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

BTU HEATING & COOLING - June 06, 2024 at 03:17 PM

DC

“ *David and Ellen Copperud purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.*



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**David and Ellen Copperud** - June 06, 2024 at 02:26 PM

IB

“ *Lieve Trix, we wensen je veel sterkte met het verlies van Don. Ook voor Nate en Kathy, Justin en Dana, Aria, Gerret en Kaden heel veel sterkte toegewenst. Wat een groot gemis voor jullie □ In gedachten zijn we bij jullie en dragen jullie op in ons gebed. 🙏 Liefs Frans, Ina, Frans Lucas en Alien, Petrik, Henry ❤️ Urk*

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**Ina Brands-Kieft**e - June 06, 2024 at 10:10 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donus "Don" Larson.*



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June 05, 2024 at 09:49 AM

LB

“ *Love, Lois and Richard Briggs planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.*

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**Love, Lois and Richard Briggs** - June 05, 2024 at 09:49 AM

CB

“ Craig B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donus "Don" Larson.

Craig B. - June 05, 2024 at 05:20 AM

HM

“ Gecondoleerd Trix ❤️ en (klein) kinderen en heel veel sterkte voor nu en in de toekomst 🙏 we denken en bidden voor jullie!  
Groetjes Pieter ,Hennie molenaar-Kieftte en ( klein) kinderen

Hennie Molenaar-Kieftte - June 05, 2024 at 01:38 AM

DW

“ Thoughts and prayers from your Love INC family. We are saddened to hear of Don's passing. Our hearts are with you.

Dan Walker - June 04, 2024 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear this Jan. My sympathy to you and yours. Sandy

Sandra Dau - June 03, 2024 at 11:28 AM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy to you Jan and families. God bless you as you take this journey. We will miss you so much Don. What a grand friendship! Until we meet again! Love, The Fox and Meglet

Margaret and Steve McCuen - June 02, 2024 at 11:30 PM

KE

“ Such a kind, loving man. My condolences to Jan and family.❤️

karen Eichner - June 02, 2024 at 09:30 PM

GH

*Jan and family, our deepest condolences. Don was a wonderful man, he'll be missed. Hold on to the precious memories. Love to all.*

**Gail and Dave Holinka** - June 05, 2024 at 01:29 AM

SK

*So sorry to hear of Dan's passing. Praying for you, Jan and your family during this difficult time.*

**Susan and Paul Koob** - June 07, 2024 at 09:29 AM

LF

*Jan and family we were sorry to see that Don had battled cancer and that the cancer won. We always enjoyed Don and I remember him fondly as he served in the East with me twice! May all your good memories ease your sorrow.*

*Bruce and Luann Flygare*

**Luann Flygare** - June 20, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JP

*Jan - Sue and I just saw this obituary online and we are very sorry to learn of Don's passing. You and Don were great neighbors in Arnolds Park. Don would come to the rescue with his loader digging out our driveway in the winter. We really appreciated that. Our deepest condolences go out to you at this difficult time. John and Sue Pompa Omaha*

**John and Sue Pompa** - June 21, 2024 at 04:14 PM