



Don A Wellman

November 22, 1934 - January 14, 2015

Don A Wellman age 80 of Lee Center died Wednesday Jan. 14, 2015 at Rockford Memorial Hospital. He was born Nov. 22, 1934 in Amboy the son of Howard and June (Schultz) Wellman Sr. He had been employed by Commonwealth Edison for 34 years prior to his retirement.

Don enjoyed fishing, gardening and attending AFC basketball games.

He married Donice Ackerson Dec. 12, 1954 in Lee Center. She preceded him in death Aug. 23, 2008. He married Donna Lahman Wagner Jan. 30, 2010 in Lee Center.

He was a veteran of the Navy. He was a member of the Mendota VFW Post 4079 and the Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ

He was preceded in death by his parents and two daughters Joan Wellman, and Deborah Swords, brother Howard Wellman Jr., brother in laws Raymond Ackerson and Russell Lahman, and sister in law Ruth Jones.

He is survived by his wife Donna, grand daughter Elizabeth Bartlett, step sons Jeffrey (Eileen) Wagner of Byron, IL and Baton Rouge, LA, and John Wagner of Amboy, 2 step-grandsons Dirk and Nick Wagner, 3 sisters Helen (Voris) Page of Oregon, Karen (Jerold) Roth of Medina, OH and Cindy (Robert) Boyenga of Tampico, sister in law Delores Wellman of Dixon, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Jan. 17, 2015 11:00 AM at the Lee Center First Congregational United Church of Christ with Pastor Jack Briggs, officiating.

Burial with Military Honors by the Amboy American Legion Post will follow at Woodside Cemetery Lee Center, IL. Visitation will be on Saturday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Church. A memorial has been established. Arrangements by the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy.

Cemetery Details

Woodside Cemetery

Lee Center, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Lee Center Congregational United Church of Christ
1140 Inlet Rd.
Lee Center, IL 61331
<http://www.leecenter-ucc.org/>

Service

JAN 17. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Don A Wellman*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Don A Wellman*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Donna, I'm sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this time. You have my sympathy & prayers. Sincerely, Kim Lauer*

Kim Lauer - January 17, 2015 at 09:06 AM



“ *To the entire Wellman family!*

I send my deepest sympathy and understanding. May you feel the comfort and love of our precious God, not only now, but in the days that follow.

Gary Cater

Gary Cater - January 16, 2015 at 11:01 PM



“ *Sharon Yocum lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*

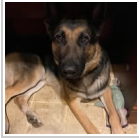


Sharon Yocum - January 16, 2015 at 07:59 PM

SY

When brother John was diagnosed with cancer and couldn't finish his little house by himself Don and a crew of his friends came in and in one day had most of it done! Don and John did their beer and fishing stories! Thank you Don, you will be missed!

Sharon Yocum - January 16, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Tim Stiens lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*



Tim Stiens - January 16, 2015 at 02:51 PM

SB

“ *I took this photo one day after we had picked about 4 bushels of green beans from Don's garden before leaving on a fishing trip with friends.*



Sister Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:01 AM

BS

“ I had the privilege of going fishing with Don on multiple occasions and I don't think I have ever had more fun in a boat. He was funny, witty and always knew the right time to crack a joke, tell a story, or poke fun at my abilities. I was looking forward to fishing with him again this summer and when I catch the big one this summer he will have something to do with it. My condolences to the family.

Ben Sondgeroth

Ben Sondgeroth - January 16, 2015 at 07:10 AM



thanks Ben...He sure loved going fishing with his buddies..(from sister Cindy)

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:06 AM



I only met him once briefly but he was a sweet fellow and made me feel welcome. I know his family will truly miss him but have the hope thru Jesus Christ to meet up again with a wonderful celebration. He is enjoying his time with Christ and will be joined by so many family members that preceded him there. Prayers for peace for those will miss him most.

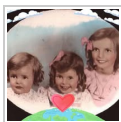
Beverley Atkins - January 17, 2015 at 11:50 AM

CA

“ *Craig & Darlene Ayers lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*



Craig & Darlene Ayers - January 16, 2015 at 07:01 AM



You gave Uncle Don much happiness and love.

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:07 AM

SM

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Stephanie McLean - January 16, 2015 at 05:32 AM

SM

“ *Stephanie McLean lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*



Stephanie McLean - January 16, 2015 at 05:32 AM



What a joy you always were to your Uncle Don. He loved you, Ryan and the kids very much.

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:09 AM

JG

“ *My first husband, Bruce Wellman, was Don's cousin. We moved from Chicago to Oregon, IL partly to be near Don so the boys could go hunting. I've always been a country girl at heart and was so happy those years I lived in Oregon. Have so many wonderful memories of time spent with Don and Donice and all the Wellman clan. And have had several delightful lunches with the Wellman gals since I moved away. Was so happy when Don and Donna got together. Love you all and wish I could be there but my thoughts and prayers will be with you.*

Judy Wellman Gambrel - January 15, 2015 at 07:41 PM



Don always enjoyed those visits and talked so many times of the great memories shared.. You have always been such a dear member of the family Judy and know your heart is with us as we mourn the loss of this wonderful brother of ours. .(Helen, Cindy and Karen)

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:12 AM

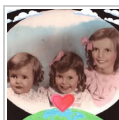
JB

“ *To family and friends of Don Wellman, please accept my sincere sympathy in your loss. I remember when Dad was recovering after medical procedures and needed help with the mowing at Woodside. Don would show up with his big mower and dig right in. Dad never asked, but Don knew he needed the help, and he was right there, the way a good neighbor always is. He wouldn't take anything for it, either, other than, "Thanks," and even that, he brushed aside. That is what neighbors do.*



I know there are a great many memories of Don Wellman. This is what I remember most. A good neighbor, a good man. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God bless you, comfort you during this difficult time, and in the days ahead, and be with you, always.

Janet E. Barlow - January 15, 2015 at 06:48 PM



((thanks Janet))

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *Lori Kaser lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*



Lori Kaser - January 15, 2015 at 06:30 PM



Aunt Donna our thoughts and prayers are with you today and everyday...Love and Miss you...Lori

Lori Kaser - January 15, 2015 at 06:32 PM



thanks donna, she doesn't have a computer but I will see she gets your message, (don's sister, cindy)

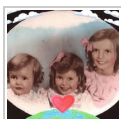
Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Don A Wellman*



Jim and Marilyn Braida - January 15, 2015 at 06:08 PM



((the family thanks you))

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:15 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. God bless debra merritt*

debra merritt - January 15, 2015 at 04:36 PM



many thanks

Cindy Boyenga - January 16, 2015 at 09:15 AM

BS

Donna and Wellman family -

My sincere condolences to all of you on the sad occasion of Don's passing. My name is Bettie Ikens Swarts and I just read of Don's death in the e-edition of the Dixon paper. As most of you know, Don and I were classmates from first grade through high school. Here's a story I would like to share - showing that even as a little kid, Don had a great sense of humor..

When we first met in first grade, Don told me that he had a pet monkey at home. The other kids in the class said that Don was telling a lie but I believed every word and Don would give me occasional updates on the monkey's antics which I found to be fascinating. Our classmates teased me for believing Don but I didn't pay any attention to them and looked forward to updates on the monkey. I don't remember exactly when I came to realize that there was no monkey at the Wellman residence but I remember being really mad at Don for awhile. For the rest of our school years, Don would occasionally ask me if I knew he had a pet monkey and we'd have a good laugh. In fact, at an all school reunion in about 2000, he asked me if I knew he had a pet monkey. I also recall that he would have to inform each new teacher that his name was "Don", not "Donald".

I'm sorry I won't be able to attend the visitation or funeral tomorrow as I am now living in Iowa, but I'll be thinking of you all and will send up a little prayer for him and for all of you. Don truly brightened his corner of the world, and I know you will miss him so very much.

Bettie

Bettie Ikens Swarts - January 17, 2015 at 12:22 AM