



Donald Henry Schamberger

October 1, 1933 - September 2, 2015

Donald H. Schamberger, age 81, of Amboy, died peacefully Wednesday Sept. 2, 2015, at his home, surrounded by his family. He was born Oct. 1, 1933, in Amboy, the son of Henry and Rose Evelyn (Ehman) Schamberger.

He married Sandra Jean Friel July 28, 1956, at St. Patrick's Church in Amboy. Don was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Amboy. He was a Grocer in the Amboy area and retired in 2002 from the Dixon Correctional Center.

Donald was an active member of the Amboy community. He was a past alderman. He proudly served in the Army during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Amboy American Legion Post 453. He took great pride in arranging Military funerals. Recently, he was able to attend Washington, D.C. as a member of the Lee County Honor Flight. Don was the first Citizen of the Year of Amboy.

No one served or loved their country, community, or family better than Don. He was devoted to his faith. Don was an avid hunter and enjoyed the outdoors. His ever present smile, his willingness to lend a hand to anyone in need, and his constant devotion to his fellow veterans will be greatly missed by all in our community. Don was a true American Hero!

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Bonnie Sue Gorzny, two sisters Betty Ann Schamberger and Rose Marie Beckingham.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Sandra; children Cheryl (Steven) Prendergast of Dixon, Rick (Joyce) Schamberger, Randy (Angel)

Schamberger, Cynthia (Dennis) McCoy, and Gaylene (Don) Noble all of Amboy; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday Sept. 5, 2015 beginning with a 10:00 AM prayer service at the Mihm-Jones Funeral Home in Amboy followed by a 10:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Amboy with the Rev. Timothy Draper officiating. Burial will follow with Military Honors by the Amboy American Legion in St Patrick Cemetery in Maytown. Visitation will be held on Friday from 2:00 until 4:00 PM and 6:00 until 8:00 PM in St. Patrick Parish Hall in Amboy with the Rosary recited at 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established to the Amboy American Legion Veteran's Park and the St. Vincent DePaul society.

Cemetery Details

St Patrick Cemetery Maytown

1376 Maytown Rd
Amboy, IL 61310

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph Hall
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Visitation

SEP 4. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St Joseph Hall
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Service

SEP 5. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

St Patrick Catholic Church Amboy
32 N Jones
Amboy, IL 61310

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Henry Schamberger*

October 08, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Donald Henry Schamberger*

December 31, 2022 at 02:40 AM



“ *Sandy and Family, My sincere sympathies to you. I remember Don best as manager of Begg's Foods when I was a teenager in the 60's. He was a good boss and a fun loving guy. He didn't change over the years and will be missed.*

Regina Gascoigne Leffelman(Norman)

Regina Leffelman - September 07, 2015 at 07:55 PM



“ *Jim & Leesa Burke lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Jim & Leesa Burke - September 05, 2015 at 03:01 PM



“ *I wish I had known him, everyone tells me he was such a nice guy!*
Sincerely, Chuck Ballard

Chuck ballard - September 05, 2015 at 10:36 AM

DE

“ *With Our Deepest Sympathy . Debbie & Shan.*



Debbie - September 05, 2015 at 12:02 AM

AH

“ *Don was a great man to work with, we saw him at the parade and he seemed so happy and proud when he waved to us. We were blessed to know him. Don was a person who made a difference not only in our lives but all the people he came into contact with. May God Bless You.*
Kent & Audrey Humphrey



Audrey Humphrey - September 04, 2015 at 09:15 PM

PH

“ *My sympathies to the family. He was part of my brothers services a few weeks ago. Always smiling and positive for every time I ran into him. My heart goes out to all of you.*

paula henkel - September 04, 2015 at 06:57 PM

JE

“ *Julia Ehman lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Julia Ehman - September 04, 2015 at 02:49 PM



“ Don was so sweet at my father-in-law, Doug Foster's funeral a few weeks ago. He knew Doug had loaded all of the Legion's rifle magazines, so he picked up the brass and gave it to our family. He wanted us to know that was one of the last things Doug had done. So thoughtful...such a sweet man. Thinking of your family.

Kelly Foster - September 04, 2015 at 12:04 PM

DH

“ My heart is breaking for your family right now. Since God just took my dad, I can see the two of them being neighbors again like they were all those years ago! God Bless the Schamberger family!

Denise Gray Hall - September 04, 2015 at 11:32 AM

DH

“ Denise Gray Hall lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



Denise Gray Hall - September 04, 2015 at 11:28 AM

Profile picture of Denise Gray Hall

“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Henry Schamberger.



September 04, 2015 at 10:47 AM

DD

“ *Diana Day-Schreiner lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Diana Day-Schreiner - September 04, 2015 at 09:59 AM

DD

“ *Condolences to the family and friends of Don Schamberger. He will always be in my memory as a good man, father, grandfather, and friend. My best memory of him was at Shady Oaks Country Club for a softball teammates wedding reception. I of course had a little too much to drink during the celebration. When I said I was ready to head home, Don grabbed my keys from my hands and said I was not driving(thank you Don) and said he would call my Mom and tell her I would be staying at their house. He took the phone and called(someone). When I got home the next morning, Mom was very upset with me as well as worried. She said no one called her. So not sure who got the call I wasn't coming home, but it wasn't my Mom. there are many other memories of Don and his family during my years growing up in Amboy. Rest in Peace Don. You are loved by many.*

Diana Day-Schreiner

Diana Day-Schreiner - September 04, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Henry Schamberger.*



September 04, 2015 at 09:43 AM

EH

“ ELIZABETH HANDEL lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



ELIZABETH HANDEL - September 04, 2015 at 06:30 AM

JD

“ In one second I'm back running in and out of the house on Bacon Street. seeing him napping on the couch, trapping my head in the blanket. In the den laid up with a snowmobile injury for what seemed like forever. Running home from the store and turning around and going right back there. Taking us to the farm and letting me drive the tractor that I could hardly reach the pedals and had Hugh blisters on my hands from pulling on the steering wheel. Taking us for a ride and out to the farm after the tornado, I'll never forget the board that went through the tree. Always at the football games parades and funerals with the flags. I guess I see him as never changed since I was little always wrinkled up his nose when he saw you. He'd always say "How bout that?" He's a part of my childhood as well as Sandy Cheryl Rick Randy Bonnie Cindy and Gaylene.....and pomma...Grandma Schamberger...
I'm so sorry I'm not there to be with you all, Jim and I are in Minnesota.
You have all our love, our tears, and our memories of a great man...
Love. Jim and Joyce Dale

joyce dale - September 03, 2015 at 11:36 PM

PD

“ *Paul & Pam Davison lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Paul & Pam Davison - September 03, 2015 at 11:18 PM

KH

“ *Ken & Lois Heerdt lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*




Ken & Lois Heerdt - September 03, 2015 at 10:49 PM

KH

“ *We met Don on a Hawaiian Cruise. We had so much fun! He was a fantastic man! We are so sorry for your loss. Prayers go out to the whole family.*

Ken & Lois Heerdt - September 03, 2015 at 10:25 PM

 Holly Schaefer-Mitchell

“ *Holly Schaefer-Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Holly Schaefer-Mitchell - September 03, 2015 at 10:19 PM

KH

“ We had a wonderful time when we met Don on our cruise to Hawaii! He was so much fun! Just remember the scotch that he & Ken shared on the cruise!

Ken & Lois Heerdt

Ken & Lois Heerdt - September 03, 2015 at 10:00 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Rudy Rutherford - September 03, 2015 at 09:54 PM

MG

“ McAley Garland lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



McAley Garland - September 03, 2015 at 09:08 PM

JP

“ I worked with Don at Dixon correctional center and was the sweetest kindest man! Always had a smile on his face!



jesse perez - September 03, 2015 at 09:01 PM

KH

“ *Krista And Todd Hobbs lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Krista and Todd Hobbs - September 03, 2015 at 08:59 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Cindy Streit lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Mark & Cindy Streit - September 03, 2015 at 08:33 PM

LF

“ *Les Floto lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Les Floto - September 03, 2015 at 08:15 PM

MS

“ *Mike And Eunice Schmid lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger*



Mike and Eunice Schmid - September 03, 2015 at 06:23 PM

SE

“ Sharon & Jeff Edmunds lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



Sharon & Jeff Edmunds - September 03, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Henry Schamberger.



September 03, 2015 at 04:11 PM

RB

“ Ron & Carol Biester lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



Ron & Carol Biester - September 03, 2015 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ Jim And Marilyn Braida lit a candle in memory of Donald Henry Schamberger



Jim and Marilyn Braida - September 03, 2015 at 02:16 PM