



Donald F. Wirt

March 24, 1928 - March 11, 2021

Donald F. Wirt passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society Care Center, Albert Lea. Don was born in Lake Benton, Minnesota on March 24, 1928, the son of Ross and Helen (Watson) Wirt. He grew up in Tyler, Minnesota and graduated from Tyler High School in 1946. Don served in the United States Army, stationed in Japan from 1946-1948. He married his high school sweetheart Irma Johanna Marie Bruchmann on March 6, 1949. Irma preceded him in death on December 3, 1991.

Don worked as an electrician and lineman, bringing electricity to the rural areas of Western Minnesota and South Dakota before taking a job as light plant superintendent in Coggon, Iowa. The Wirt family relocated from Coggon to Lake Mills, Iowa in 1966 where Don proudly served as the city Utilities Director until his retirement in 1990.

Don is survived by his children: Charles, Des Moines, Iowa; Richard and his wife Kathy, Lake Mills, Iowa; John, Welch, Minnesota; James and his wife Kathleen, Spring Green, Wisconsin; Robert and his wife Deb, New Prague, Minnesota; Christine Pratt and her husband John, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Also surviving him are 14 grandchildren: Sara, Charles, Kathie, Tony, Jena, Jara, Max, Tim, Tamara, Ben, Randie, Joe, Dan, Cara, and 19 great grandchildren: Isaac, Parker, Landon, Logan, Danika, Claire, Paige, Kaia, Silje, Penelope, Joey, Mason, Connor, Alex, Ellie, Kirby, Aaliyah, Rowen, and Hazel. Don is further survived by his brother, Richard (Mary) and sister Marjorie (John) Bryan, sisters-in-law, Elfriede Petersen, Elisabeth Seibert, Joy Gannon, Donna Wirt, and many nephews and nieces including a very special niece and loving caregiver, Willie Skellenger and her husband, Alan.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Irma; his sister, Nathelle Petersen; brothers, Curtis and Daryl; brothers-in-law, Fred Bruchmann, Larry Petersen, Richard Bryan, Don Petersen, Larry Miller, James Spoerl, Mike Gannon; and sisters-in-law, Colleen Wirt, Lilian Wirt, and Wilma Bruchmann.

A private graveside service for family members will be held on March 24, 2021. Don served for several years on the Salem Cemetery Board. Memorial donations may be made to the Salem Cemetery Fund in Don's honor.

Cemetery



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CEMETERY**

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Mills, Iowa 50450