



Donald LeRoy Adams

February 29, 1928 - March 27, 2020

Donald L. Adams age 92, of Lake Mills, died on Friday, March 27, 2020 at the Lake Mills Care Center.

Due to state and federal guidance on gatherings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the family will not be having a public memorial at this time.

A private family service will be held at Mittelstadt Funeral Home with Pastor Melinda McCluskey officiating. It will be streamed live on our Facebook page beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 29.

Inurnment for both Don and LaVonne will tentatively take place this summer at Salem Memorial Cemetery, rural Lake Mills. Military honors will be conducted by the Otto Chose American Legion Post #235 and the Louis Tveite American Legion Post #317.

Memorials may be directed to MercyOne North Iowa Hospice, 232 2nd Street SE, Mason City, IA, 50401.

Donald LeRoy Adams was born on February 29, 1928 in Worth County, Iowa, to parents Corbet and Sarah (Bye) Adams. He was the youngest of six children and lived an eventful life from beginning to end. At the age of 1 Don contracted an illness, running a fever so high that he almost died. Thankfully he survived because it gave him many, many opportunities to celebrate Leap Day. When Don passed away, he had officially celebrated 23 Leap Day birthdays and 92 years of age.

He attended and graduated from Albert Lea High School in 1946. On March 1, 1946 Don enlisted in the United States Navy, serving during WWII, and was honorably discharged on December 29, 1947.

Not long after Don returned home from the service, on his 5th birthday (20 years old) while attending a dance in Albert Lea, Don made eye contact with LaVonne Hanson and the rest is history. They were married on July 9, 1949 at the First Lutheran Church parsonage in Albert Lea, and made their home north of Rice Lake where Don farmed. Don sold seed corn for O's Gold which allowed he and LaVonne opportunities to travel for the company; some memorable destinations were Hawaii and Spain. After their first visit to McAllen, Texas, Don and LaVonne were hooked. Don referred to their retirement community and the views around McAllen as Heaven, and subsequently spent over 30 winters escaping the Midwest cold.

Friends and family of "The Judge" will remember him for his ability to be the instigator of the practical jokes, rarely the recipient. He enjoyed golfing, fishing and spending time with his family, and there would usually be a game of cribbage involved.

Don will be remembered by his four children Pat (David) Young of Cedar Rapids, IA, Bruce Adams of Lake Mills, Mike (Regina) Adams of Lake Mills, and Donna (Jim) Kellogg of Mason City, IA; 10 grandchildren Bob (Sara) Young, Kurt Young, Chris (Diana) Adams, Justin (Amber) Adams, Tim (Katie) Adams, Rick Adams, Scott (Becky) Adams, Jim Adams, Catherine Adams, and Elizabeth (Jesse) Hill; 16 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great-grandchildren. He is also survived by sisters- and brothers-in-law Norma Adams, Dan (Judy) Hanson, Mary (David) Adamson, Judy Hanson, Sharon Hanson, Sandy Zwick, Sonnie Woolson, Ann Hanson, Paul (Mary) Hanson, and Pam (Paul) Jerdee; as well as many extended relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents Corbet and Sarah; wife LaVonne in 2010; a daughter-in-law Mary Adams; and siblings James (Maevie) Adams, Eva (Louie) Hareid, Carma Adams, Cora (Elwood) Rice, and Blanche (Howard) Hareid.

Cemetery



**SALEM MEMORIAL
CEMETERY**

HWY 69 North, Lake
Mills, Iowa 50450

Events



MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:00 PM

Mittelstadt Funeral Home 902 East Main Street, Lake Mills, IA 50450 This service is private due to the CDC restrictions on the number of people who are allowed to be present at a gathering. It will be streamed live on our Facebook page beginning at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 29.

Tribute Wall

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Mary Jo Barsness Kroninger



"Agriculture"

was given in memory of Donald LeRoy Adams

♥ Leave a symbol

Show your support by giving a symbol of remembrance

N

Nancy (Hareid) Johnson

My heart goes out to you all. My memories of Uncle Don are of a great smile, twinkling eyes and a teasing manner. I never left a conversation with him without a smile on my face. Thank you for streaming his service. I felt like I was there.

R

Rae Ann Hareid

So glad to be part of the memorial service from home. It was beautifully done ...I had to leave my sofa for a tissue. Did not know Uncle Don well but he seemed like a really really sweet guy. I know Blanche loved him dearly. He was Last Man Standing, but despite our tears, I have a feeling the Corbet Adams family is simply ecstatic at their full reunion. Al is off the grid right now at our cabin, but will view the service later. We share in your sorrow, and send our love and prayers. Al and Rae Ann Hareid



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My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Adams family..I feel so very honored to have known your dad with his beautiful smile. Jerry would tell me so many funny stories, it brings joy to my heart. Cherish all your wonderful memories.
