



Donald O. Franks

November 14, 1939 - January 27, 2019

Donald O. Franks
Kearney Resident

Donald O. Franks, 79, of Kearney passed away on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at Mt. Carmel Home in Kearney. Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Friday, February 1, 2019 at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Pastor Don Endicott will officiate. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon with Military Honors provided by Gibbon American Legion #316 in conjunction with Offutt Air Force Base Military Honors Team. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Donald Orville Franks was born November 14, 1939 in Kearney to Orville Ray and Helen (Buck) Franks. He was united in marriage to Beverly Dancer on December 27, 1956 in Hastings and to this union four children were born: Mike, Debbie, Steven and Rick. Don proudly served in the United States Air Force, serving from 1957 to 1963.

Donald was a minister at Church of God of Prophecy, serving in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska. He loved his church and it was the center of his life. Donald also enjoyed horses and riding motorcycles. He was a member of Church of God of Prophecy.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Beverly Franks of Kearney; his children, Mike Franks and his wife, Gerri of Gibbon, Debbie Dye and her husband, Bill of Canon City, Colorado and Rick Franks and his wife, Pamela of Gibbon; 9 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great granddaughter; sister, Lois Hyde of Kearney; along with many other relatives and friends.

Donald was preceded in death by his son, Steven R. Franks; his parents; sister, Judy Heinzman; and brother, Wayne Franks.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
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Funeral Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald O. Franks

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ I am Marci Benson. I knew Don through Mt Carmel where Bev resides. He often came in his brown car to visit Bev at the same time I came to see my Mom Shirley. He was always so friendly to me. One visit with my mom she was agitated, so I tried to softly sing her some Christian songs to calm her. Don came over to me & said he really appreciated my faithfulness in visiting regularly & trying to calm my mom. I was suprised & encouraged by his kind comment. He was always so kind to Bev & I missed seeing him once he became ill. I could tell he was a great man & I have been praying for your family.

Marci Benson - February 05, 2019 at 10:37 PM



“ What's a good friend and our pastor for Randy and I Grand Island, Nebraska. We shared many laughs infant times together they even taught me how to cook beans with potatoes. Never heard of it my whole life. Randy and I were young and the Lord and they brought us through a lot of things we loved him very much and will miss. So so much. He was a great man of face and I loved his enthusiasm. He really loved the Lord and Randy really loved him. He will be missed by all of us Don,you and Randy hang out together while you're in heaven. We love you bye for now.

Diana Gail Johnson- Terry - February 05, 2019 at 12:20 PM

BW

“ On behalf of The Walkers, Perry, FL, we'd like to express our condolences to the family. Even though we haven't been to the area in a while we think about you all. We always appreciated how Pastor Don treated us. He will be missed.

Billy Walker - February 02, 2019 at 08:14 PM

MR

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Condolences to all of the family and friends. God Bless you all with prayers of love and comfort. RIP Donald O. Franks. May you have peace! FYI ..It is still a rough day for me as my mom, Harriett McDonald ,RIP, ALSO passed away on January 27, 1989. God bless you all🙏🙏🙏🙏. With sincere sympathy, (Mary McDonald-Roenfeldt) Mr. & Mrs.Randall Roenfeldt Grand Island, Nebraska

Mary and Randy Roenfeldt - February 02, 2019 at 03:13 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald O. Franks.



January 31, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ Our entire family would like to send our condolences to the family. We were sorry to hear about Bro. Franks' passing. He was our pastor in Norfolk when I was very young. Our prayers are with the family!

Love, Bertha, Mary & Shelly Delp & Brenda, Mike & Jay Price

Michele Delp - January 30, 2019 at 11:56 PM

DP

“ So sorry to hear about Don's passing. It seems we always ran into Don and Bev at Walmart during our annual trips back to Nebraska. I remember them always being together and Don always greeting everyone with a big smile. May God comfort and strengthen you as you reflect and share your memories of your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very difficult time.

*Ulrich & Debbie (Lyons) Perleberg
Flowery Branch, GA*

Debra Perleberg - January 29, 2019 at 09:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald O. Franks.



January 29, 2019 at 02:34 PM

KW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Don. I saw Don a few months back at Perkins and we talked about old times and what we were up to now. I always enjoyed working with Don. He was a good guy.

Kim D. Wright



Kim D. Wright - January 29, 2019 at 08:49 AM



Nanette Weesner

“ Sis Franks and Bro Franks took my son and me in under their arms. Gillette Wyoming.

I loved you guys so much that when I left you to go back to Indiana I cried every bit of the 1326 miles! I have been trying to get back to see you! I am so thankful I made 1 trip to see you but that was not even enough. I can hear how excited he is to be with his Lord and Savior!! I know he loved you Sis Franks and I am sure if he could have he would have grabbed you up and took you with him! Prayers to you all! I send you much love. He will have to have someone else play Yahtzee and keep him up all night! Love His (other) daughter Nanette Weesner.

Nanette Weesner - January 28, 2019 at 09:25 PM

FF

“ From Mom & David & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald O. Franks.



From Mom & David & Family - January 28, 2019 at 09:14 PM

KE

“ Don served as our pastor for years. I will always remember his smile. He was such a sweet and loving person. Prayers for the family.

Karrie Endecott - January 28, 2019 at 07:18 PM




“ I remember you and Bev when you guys lived in Holdrege , many years ago when Les Buck and I were married. The next time I saw you when you held Irene (Grandma Buck)'s funeral then Milton (Granddad Buck)'s funeral. You did such a beautiful job. I remember your mom Aunt Helen. What a lady she was. Les and I went up to Omaha to see her a lot. What a fantastic family you have and I know how they will miss you. R.I.P. Don and you will be missed.

Nancy Buck - January 28, 2019 at 04:46 PM

CL

“ Donald Franks was first a cousin, then later my Pastor. We stopped to visit them on almost every visit to Nebraska. Dearly love Don & Beverly. God bless you all. Our prayers are with you. Merle & Carol Lyons Phoenix, Az

Carol Lyons - January 28, 2019 at 04:30 PM

 Ginger Schultz

“ Don was our pastor in G.I. and him and Bev were loved very much. We spent much time together, he will be missed. God bless and be with the family, Brenda & I will see you friday,

Ginger Schultz - January 28, 2019 at 03:53 PM

CW

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family of this wonderful man of God. My family have wonderful memories of us growing up in Nebraska with his children. Heaven gained another angel. Love and prayers...

Cathy Castanares Williford - January 28, 2019 at 01:22 PM