



Donald E. Altwine

October 21, 1935 - June 3, 2015

PIERCE — Memorial services for Donald E. Altwine, 79, Pierce, will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. The Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Eric Obermann will officiate. Military rites will be by Tomek-Otto Post 72 American Legion of Pierce and U.S. Army Honors Guard. Inurnment will be at a later date as a private family service. Stonacek Memorial Chapel of Pierce is in charge of the arrangements. He died Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at Wisner Care Center. His body was donated to the Nebraska Anatomical.

Donald Emil Altwine was born Oct. 21, 1935, to Emil and Anna (Plahn) Altwine. He was baptized Dec. 29, 1935, at Christ Lutheran Church in Pierce and was confirmed there April 10, 1949. Don served in the Korean War from April 7, 1955, to March 25, 1957. He was stationed in Korea and Germany. He was a track vehicle mechanic and received marksmen sharp shooter and good conduct medals. He drove a milk truck, worked for Paulsen Construction of Cozad, also drove a truck for Norfolk Iron & Metal and Pierce Elevator. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed training dogs, repairing guns and fishing equipment for fellow companions. He also enjoyed gardening and cooking. Don was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce, Pierce American Legion and past post commander of Pierce American Legion. Don enjoyed spending time with all the grandchildren, and they loved being with him. He was previously married to Jackie Cummings. Don married Marilyn V. Rathjen on Feb. 25, 1982. Surviving Don is his wife of 33 years, Marilyn Altwine of Pierce; three sons, Rick Altwine of Alma, Randy (Terri) Altwine and

Rod (Wendy) Altwine of Elm Creek; five stepchildren, Lynn Weinrich (friend Mark McCabe) of Pierce, Peggy Rathjen (friend Brian Weisz) of Sioux Falls, S.D., Kim (Bill) Wragge, Renae (Rick) Hartman of Pierce and Michael (Trish) Rathjen of Lincoln; six grandchildren; eight step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren with two on the way; three step-great-grandchildren; a sister, Fern Bobek of Pierce; a brother, Leroy (Linda) Altwine of Billings, Mont.; a brother-in-law, Gerald (Ardis) Voecks of La Crescenta, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, Emil and Anna; two brothers, Arnold and Raymond; an infant daughter, Kimberly; and two grandsons, Joey and Jesse Altwine.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Altwine*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *Will sure miss your dad. He was something else. May God Bless you in this time of mourning.*

Pam Purdie-Purinton - June 13, 2015 at 11:18 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Marilyn. May Don rest in peace and no more suffering. Hugs to you my friend.....*



Phyllis Koehn - June 07, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Marilyn, so sorry to hear about Don. Must say we had a wonderful time at your place visiting with everyone. Sending many hugs to you and your family.
George and Mary Skokan*



George Mary Skokan - June 06, 2015 at 04:43 PM