



Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson

September 15, 1954 - January 8, 2026

NORFOLK – Funeral services for Donald “Don” R. Gilbertson, 71, of Pierce, will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. at Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk, NE. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Pastor Terry Buol will be officiating the service. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date at Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery in Norfolk. Don passed away on Thursday, January 8, 2026 at Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in in charge of the arrangements.

Don was born on September 15, 1954 in Yankton, SD to Kenneth and Mildred (Smith) Gilbertson. He attended and graduated from Gayville-Volin High School in South Dakota. After high school he attended college. After college, Don began working at Nucor. He would work there for 30 plus years until he retired in 2009.

Don married Susan Beckman in Raeville, NE and to this union 1 son, Kenneth was born. The couple later divorced. On February 14, 1990 Don married Carol Bauermeister in Pierce, NE. Don loved to fish, play cards, and wood working.

He is survived by his wife Carol Gilbertson of Pierce, children Kenneth Gilbertson of Wayne, Billie (Peter) Graham of Pierce, daughter-in-law Eileen Fields of Texas, 3 grandchildren, sister Elizabeth (Doug) Nicoll of Omaha, and sister-in-law Diane Gilbertson of Norfolk.

Don was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth and Mildred Gilbertson, brothers William Gilbertson and Dean Gilbertson, and his son Alan Fields.

Condolences may be expressed to the family on-line at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.*



January 12 at 01:19 PM



“ *Alan Fields planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.*

Alan Fields - January 12 at 01:19 PM



“ *Your California Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.*

Your California Family - January 12 at 11:40 AM



“ *Your California Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.*



Your California Family - January 12 at 11:40 AM

RF

“ Robin (Nicoll) Mugaas & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.



Robin (Nicoll) Mugaas & Family - January 10 at 06:06 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.



January 10 at 04:47 PM

CG

“ Carol G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.

Carol G. - January 10 at 04:42 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.



January 10 at 04:42 PM

DB

“ Doug and Betty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.

Doug and Betty - January 08 at 10:06 PM

DB

“ Doug and Betty purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Donald "Don" R. Gilbertson.



Doug and Betty - January 08 at 10:06 PM

WP

“ Don was my cousin and we lived close enough that we spent lots of Sunday afternoons horsing around in somebody's yard. When he was a little boy, he called my mother, whose name was Lily, "Aunt Widdy". I think he was about three when he served as the ring bearer at my sister Anita's wedding. When they took the rings off of the pillow that he carried, he turned around and looked at the congregation, shrugged your shoulders, like what the heck. He was adorable.

Wess Berntson Pravecek - January 08 at 06:14 PM