



Donald D. Schwanke

April 16, 1945 - May 8, 2018

NORFOLK -- Funeral service for Donald D. Schwanke, 73, of Norfolk will be held at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, May 17, 2018 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk with Rev. Shelly Petz officiating. Private family burial will be held at a later date. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Wednesday at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Donald died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk.

Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

The son of Arthur and Alice (Petersen) Schwanke was born April 16, 1945, in Stanton. He attended grade school in Stanton and graduated from Stanton High School in 1963. After high school, Donald helped his parents on the family farm in rural Stanton.

He married Jayne Brugger in Norfolk on April 15, 1967. After Donald married Jayne, they lived in Norfolk, where he worked at Henningsen Foods for 24 years. He also worked as a security guard in various places in Northeast Nebraska.

Donald's hobbies were playing softball for many years and then watching softball games in his later years. He enjoyed working outside and loved spending time with his grandchildren. His grandchildren called him PaPa Don. PaPa Don always went to his grandchildren's activities such as basketball games, baseball games, softball games, soccer games and music concerts, and he thoroughly enjoyed them with all his heart. Donald enjoyed daily visits to Burger King and McDonalds, seeing friends and making new friends.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Norfolk

Survivors include his daughters, Kara Schwanke of Hastings, Kayleen (Eric) Knisley of Lincoln and Kellie (Michael) Hall of Norfolk; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a sister-in-law, Susan Schwanke of Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Alice, and an older brother, Gene Schwanke.

Casket bearers will be Dylan Hall, Anthony Hall, Jerome Buresh, Darren Spaulding, Michael Hall and Fred Lopez. Honorary casket bearers will be Breanna Lopez, Mariah Hall, Nathan Knisley, Danielle Pena, Kayleigh Mashek, Apryl Knisley, Olive Knisley, Nilsson Knisley, Baylie Pena, Barrett Pena, Desmond Mashek and Dan "Teddy Bear" Drahotka.

Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
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Service

MAY 17. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald D. Schwanke*

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Scott Petersen - May 15, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *Don was a great cousin so sorry to hear of his passing condolences to the family Scott petersen*

Scott Petersen - May 15, 2018 at 05:02 PM