



Donald F. Cleveland

May 17, 2010

Brodhead - Donald F. Cleveland, age 82, of Brodhead, passed away on Monday, May 17, 2010 at Mercy Hospital in Janesville. He was born on January 14, 1928 in Albany, WI, the son of Benjamin and Marie (Bumke) Cleveland, lifelong residents of Albany, WI. Don enjoyed a wonderful, adventurous childhood growing-up in Albany, WI. The Great Depression years instilled a positive attitude and strong work ethic within him. Since Don started out poor, he reasoned things could only get better. Don left Platteville State College to enter the Army Air Corps near the end of World War II and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. Upon his return to the states, he found employment at the Chevrolet Plant in Janesville, WI for 14 years. Yearning for a better life for his family, Don became a State Farm Insurance agent in Brodhead, WI. Finding success, he went on as an agency manager for State Farm, covering southwest Wisconsin. His passion was helping agents provide the best coverage and service to all of their policyholders. Don had a truly magnetic personality. His enthusiasm and compassion were contagious. His loyalty to family and friends, unsurpassed. Don drank deep and rode hard his whole life and never looked over his shoulder. For that, he would say, was the Lord's business. His belief in Corinthians XIII overshadowed his faults. He was a born leader, loving father, and best friend. Don is survived by his wife, Delores (Hull) Cleveland of Brodhead. He and Delores had three sons all residing in Wisconsin and seven grandchildren: David (Rebecca) Cleveland (Benjamin, Matthew, Courtney) of Oshkosh, Daniel (Martha) Cleveland (Erika, Andrea,

Danielle) of Madison, Eric (Kris) Cleveland (Emma) of Platteville. Don is also survived by his sister, Alice Esterhay, Hammond, IN, and a niece, Ann (Robert) Hettrick (Robert, Julianne) of Tulsa, OK. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, May 22, 2010, at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead, with Rev. Tiff Bates officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, with full military rites. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m., Saturday, at the church, until time of services.

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I was lucky enough to be selected to babysit for Don & D's angelic sons. Best job I ever had. Don will be missed by everyone he ever met.

Just wanted you to know I'm thinking about you and sending my sympathies.

Jeri

Jeri (Ties) Iverson - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

PD

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. What a wonderful, big sense of humor he had and instilled in all his boys.

Peggy Milks Dallman - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

ES

“ Don, Dee and "the boys" were such a big part of my brothers' and my childhood, The Clevelands' home was always warm, welcoming and fun! I can still remember Don's booming laughter. We all can't forget the wonderful 4th of July celebrations at Decatur Lake CC and then the fireworks.

My deepest sympathy and prayers to the family. There was no one like Don--ever.

Elaine

Elaine Erdman Sullivan - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

MH

“ Very sorry to read of the passing of your dear loved Donald. It seems that life is such a precious gift and yet so short-lived for the time we exist. The bible has words of comfort and encouragement . God holds out a wonderful hope for all those in the grave. At John 11:25 Jesus said "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HE THAT EXERCISES FAITH IN ME, EVEN THOUGH HE DIES, WILL COME TO LIFE."

The nine accounts of one who were resurrected are a guarantee that the resurrection of others is possible. God can bring back the billions of dead people he holds within his perfect memory. (John 5-28,29) What a blessed reason to hope on God!

With the gift of your memories of Donald they will bring you great joy. When a loved one become a memory that memory turns into a treasure.

To help with the grieving process I found three ways. Talking and writing about my feeling. Also reading the information in the bible about the resurrection.

May you and yours lean on Jehovah God for the strength you need at this sad time. (Psalms 83-18)

Agape

M.L.Hurt

M L HURT - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JS

“ Just a note to say Don was my sports hero when he was in high school. He wore number 10 on his jersey and I cut out a number 10 from scraps my Mother had and wore it on an undershirt so I could pretend to be the basketball player he was. I never missed a home game if possible when he played. He also helped my Dad from time to time. I will always have fond memories of him. Jim Sharer
Albany class of 1952.

Jim Sharer - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

GH

“ Dear Family: If you have received an early message, from me, that was not complete, I apologize. Let me start again. My sincere condolences for the loss of a loved one. Don certainly will be missed, he was a person who has left memorable experiences and has played a lasting role in the history of the Cleveland family. A distant relative, Grandson of Andrew and Minnie Anderson, Son of Anker and Josie Hansen, and brother of Pat Lyle. I would like to establish communication with your family to track some historic events. Jerry Hansen St Louis, Mo

Gerald B Hansen - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

BP

“ We're so sorry to hear of Don's passing. "Big Don" will certainly be missed. He was such a friendly guy and great neighbor to us for many years. We enjoyed driving by and seeing him on his lawnmower- he took great pride in his lawn! He was so proud of his boys and grandchildren especially. Don always had time to stop and talk. Our sympathies to all of his family.
Bill & Becky

Becky & Bill Prochnow - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

JA

“ Dear Clevelands,
My sincere sympathy goes out to you as you morn for Don. I was lucky enough to meet the Cleveland Family through my friendship with Eric, Kris and Emma Cleveland. Don makes a stranger feel like he's known him all his life in just minutes after you meet him. I'm certain there are many people just like me who share your loss. God Bless.

John Arendt - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

TW

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Don. I grew up in Brodhead and knew Don from working for Dean Peterson at the Sentry store. I was honored to deal with him the last 22 years at the Kittelsen Law Firm. For the last 22 years I was always referred to as his favorite little Brodhead girl. I very much enjoyed his sense of humor, jokes and his laugh. I will definitely miss seeing him. My sympathies to your family!!

Traci Gerber Weckerly - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DH

“ I would like to let the Cleveland family know that you have lost a special loved one! Don was a fun guy and enjoyed his life to the fullest. I have over the years heard great stories from the late Rod Kittlesen about the early years of their friendship and know that now they have lots of catching up to do as they both loved to talk!! Don and I have had some good laughs the last few years about our yearly appointment and meeting in the alley. May he rest in peace as his pain and suffering is over. Dorothy - Kittelsen Law Firm

Dorothy Hayes - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM

BC

“ I was so sorry to hear about Don. I have so many fond memories of him growing up in the neighborhood and then waiting on him in Juda. He would bring Grandpa over to Juda for banana creme pie. He was always smiling and had awesome stories for me all the time. We spent alot of time talking and sharing stories. He always made me laugh. I will miss him deeply he was a wonderful man. May he rest in peace. My sympathies to u all who he deeply loved.

Barbara Robinson Clark - May 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM