



Don D. Murray

November 18, 1925 - September 22, 2013

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CEDAR FALLS- Don D. Murray, 87, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, September 22, 2013 at Allen Memorial Hospital, Waterloo.

He was born November 18, 1925 in Iowa City, the son of Joseph R. and Anna R. McCreary Murray. He married Elizabeth "Betty" M. Duhn on March 9, 1946 in Grundy Center. She died February 19, 2009.

Mr. Murray was employed in experimental testing with John Deere in both Waterloo and Laredo, TX. He served as usher at First Baptist Church and as a Scout Leader with Boy Scouts of America.

Survived by: a son, Virgil (Nel) Murray of Bellevue; two daughters, Donna Murray of Waterloo and Beckie (Jeff) Murray of Nashua; five grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Crow of Cedar Rapids.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Saturday at NewAldaya Lifescapes chapel with burial in Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens, both in Cedar Falls. Visitation for one hour prior to the service at the chapel.

Memorials may be directed to House of Hope or Cedar Bend Humane Society.

Tribute Wall

MB

“ *Sincere Sympathy to all of you, especially Virgil and Nel, Craig, Mike and Megan and families from Bob and Margaret Baugh*

Margaret Baugh - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

LH

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss. When the Lord calls our loved ones home, he leaves a gift of memories in exchange. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Linda & Dwight Hartzell

Linda & Dwight Hartzell - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CW

“ *I'm ever grateful for Don's presence in my grandmother's life these last several years. He made her happy, stayed with her and helped her as she struggled this last year, and loved interacting with all of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He had a special bond with the littlest two, Alexa and Josh. They love coming up to visit Great Grandma and Don!*

Cristi Williams - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

DD

“ We knew Don from First Baptist Church in Cedar Falls. He was such a great man. He was always smiling and he could always make everyone seem like old friends . He never had a bad word for anyone, he was always an up beat kind of guy. He was a truly Great man and he will be Greatly missed.

Our sympathy is with all of his family and friends . May he rest in peace , and may God be with you all . May all of your memories of him be good ones.

Dawn and Sam DeBord - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

DC

“ Don and Betty were like grandparents to me growing up across the alley from them on Greeley street. My grandparents were all deceased by the time I was 3 or 4 years old. Don and Betty were the closest thing to grandparents I had growing up after mine had past on. They always had a smile on their faces and were always full of laughter and fun. Don would always quit whatever he was doing to help a neighbor kid fix their bicycle. I know he fixed a few flats and a chain for me. Some of my best memories were going fishing with Don and I in his pickup truck. We had some good times! Even if the fish weren't biting Don was great company and could always make me smile. I don't think anyone on this earth would have a single bad thing to say about Don or Betty. They were the greatest neighbors and friends anyone could ever hope for. They really loved each other and cared about everyone they knew and it showed. My wife and I can only hope to be remembered some day the same as people remember Don and Betty. They were both great role models and good Christians. The world has taken a huge loss without them, but I know they are in heaven and finally together again. I love you Don and Betty and you will always live in our hearts.

Dwayne Crandall

Dwayne & Amber Crandall - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

MS

“ *May God Bless You, Don (Barney) Murray. I enjoyed working with you and all the men in the Lower Shop at the Farm. Loren Neibur, was a great foreman. Thanks for showing me around the Center, I think you must have known everyone. Take that old pipe you have to heaven, I will see you there when I come home. Say hi to Dave Berry, Charlie, Mike in the back room, Jerry Heiser, and Loren Neibur. PS I'll bring my pipe, my wife won't let me smoke it any more. I have a little trouble breathing. God Bless, Mike Shimp*

Mike Shimp - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CM

“ *Don and Betty will always hold a special place in my heart. I groomed their dog for many years and shared so many laughs with them. Very special people and will always be remembered. Cathy*

Cathy Markey - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

MS

“ *I will always remember Don and Betty playing cards with my mom and dad. My parents enjoyed their friendship so much. I am sure he will be remembered fondly by all who knew him.*

margie schima - October 15, 2013 at 03:34 PM

CS

“ *I shall miss your sense of humor and our talks when we came up to see mother. My children and grandchildren loved to see you and spend time with you. You and mom were wonderful companions. I thank God you were a part of our lives. Rest in peace Don.*

Cheri Slagel - March 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Don was a good friend and companion to my mother in Law, Marion Moon. They enjoyed their time together. I told him at her service, this past June, I knew he would miss her. He told me he would... but not for long.

I hope they are together again.

Linda Moon - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM