



Donald L. Collum

February 13, 1933 - April 8, 2023

Donald L. Collum, 90, died peacefully in his sleep on April 8, 2023.

He was born on February 13, 1933, to Lester and Gertrude Collum. As the third of their five children, Don grew up in Belle Plaine, Iowa, where he attended high school. He joined the US Army in 1953 and served as a firefighter stationed in Anchorage, Alaska. He then served six years in the Army Reserves, completing his service in 1961.

Don married Rose Marie Jacobi on October 22, 1955. He then worked at Amana Refrigeration. The couple soon moved to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where Don was hired by Lawn City Bakery. He later worked at Wallenzine Bakery in Waverly, and Sunmart Bakery in Waterloo. Together, Don and Rose purchased Webbeaking Bakery in 1966. It was located on East Fourth Street and later moved to West 11th. Donald was an exceptionally hard worker and had many customers who liked to stop by for a taste of, not only his baked goods, but also his guaranteed humor. Anyone who could “get him going” was in for an entertaining conversation. Don retired in 1998 after 38 years in the baking and cake decorating business.

Donald is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Rose Marie Jacobi Collum, and their children, Lester (Lesa) Collum, Becky Janzen, Lorry (Jerry) Lucerro, Ronald (Vicki) Collum, Mark (Corlene) Collum, and Steve (Tammie) Collum.

Also ten grandchildren: Rachel (Billy) Darr, Joshua (Chelsea) Collum, Zachary (Shannon) Collum, Wally Johnson, Brett (Rachel) Janzen, Jeni (Lynel) Tagatac, Sarah (Casey) Blew, Jared Wirth, Drew Suggs, and Briggs Collum; and 16 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Ellen (Vernon) Bloome and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers, Jake and Bill, his sister, Nancy, and many more aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Don loved working on his acreage. He enjoyed fishing, rock polishing, and collecting and repairing antiques. An avid woodworker, Don was a member of the Cedar Valley Woodworker's Club. Most days of his retired life, you could find him working in his shop and coming up with things to make for the people he loved, especially his family. Don always enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, and they adored him. He spent many days working with them and encouraging them along. Any of the grandkids could tell you a list of things they learned from their grandpa or a story he told them along the way. He always had a story or a joke for anyone who stopped by. Don was deeply loved and he will be sorely missed.

Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 13, 2023, at Richardson Funeral Service. Visitation 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Richardson Funeral Service.

Memorials may be directed to Cedar Valley Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **12.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
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<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Funeral Service

APR **13.** 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AP

“ Sympathy but happy memories to the Collum family.
I first met "Spike" as a rookie beat cop, walking E 4th street in 1968.
. I still smile when looking at his photos and laugh when I recall his
many stories. The Lord broke the mold after breathing life into Don
and there will never be a replacement for him. God bless you Don
for your contribution to my life and the many souls you touched..

Al Pryor

Al Pryor - April 13, 2023 at 11:12 AM

BB

“ Sending sincere sympathies and prayers to Spike's family. I must
explain that it is how Don was known to us on the Waterloo Police
Department. I met Spike when he was operating the bakery on E
4th St. in 1973. I worked nights and we used to stop in and visit with
him when time allowed but we always kept an eye out for him as
there were a lot of empty buildings in the area.

*He was always very hard worker and probably the best baker I have
ever known. He took such pride in his products that he turned out.
What a sense of humor he had and we had such fun talking with
him. Our relationship continued also after he moved the bakery to
W. 11th St. I could go on and on as could any of the many other
officers who knew him. He was indeed a special person.*

*I am very fortunate to have known Don (Spike) Collum and glad to
have been able to call him a friend. He was a friend to the entire
Waterloo PD, I'm sure that all who knew him feel the sadness as
well*

Bob Bengfort

Bob Bengfort - April 13, 2023 at 12:58 AM



“ 9 files added to the tribute wall

... still have her grandparents in her life at age 40! I grew up just a mile down the road from my grandparents' most of my life. From spending hours in his bakery, sleeping on flour sacks when I was tired, learning about decorating cakes and baking, to fishing and catching frogs on their acreage, and wood working, he spent time showing us grandchildren SO many things! And OH how he could make us laugh, with his jokes and his sayings, even to two nights before passing! He always called and sang me happy birthday, in the most wonderful voice, how I am going to miss that... I can't even begin to describe. My Gramps didn't shed many tears in front of me, but he did at my wedding, and he and Gramps made our wedding cake. I have so many



RachelandBilly Darr - April 12, 2023 at 03:58 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Collum.



April 12, 2023 at 02:23 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Collum.



April 11, 2023 at 11:37 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald L. Collum.*



April 11, 2023 at 07:33 PM



“ *The Jacobi Families purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald L. Collum.*



The Jacobi Families - April 11, 2023 at 06:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Collum.*



April 11, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald L. Collum.*



April 11, 2023 at 01:57 PM

SM

“ I worked at the 4th street bakery for Don in 1968 for a little while. A really good guy. He made a frosting on long johns, fried cinnamon and butter crumb rolls that I don't believe can be duplicated. What a guy. Steve Mahnke

stephen mahnke - April 11, 2023 at 08:23 AM



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April 10, 2023 at 04:47 PM

DR

“ As a young college student at ISTC, I worked with Spike at Lawn City Bakery. I would go in to work at 3:00am and ice sweet rolls and put up orders. During the summer I worked there full time. I did that for two years and it was during that time I got to know Spike. He asked me once if I wanted to learn to mix, which was his job, with one stipulation, I would have to do it on my own time. I took him up on it and spent many a night learning the baking trade. I eventually took over Spike's duties when he left and ran Lawn City until it closed. I went on to spending 40 years in the baking industry and Spike was instrumental in helping me along the way. Spike was a genuinely good friend and will be missed! Rest In Peace!

Dave Reisetter - April 10, 2023 at 07:19 AM

JT

To Rose Marie and family: I heard about Don's passing and wanted to send my prayers and to let you know that my thoughts are with you all.
Joanne Jacobi Tedesco

Joanne Jacobi Tedesco - April 11, 2023 at 09:58 AM

JW

“ So sorry for your loss, 😞 our deepest sympathys. Don was a great guy. I meant him and his family,.in 1964 they moved next door to us. On 809 Olive St.. We become great friends. We love You, Don!! We have so many memories, with you and your family.59 yrs. Of friendship. You'll be missed.. love Jim and Marcia. And Jason and Granddaughter Ava

man and friend helped him paint their house. He built me my dru... See more



James A Wahner - April 10, 2023 at 12:01 AM