



Donald L. Heath

August 29, 1929 - July 1, 2014

CEDAR FALLS- Donald L. "Don" Heath, 84, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at Sartori Memorial Hospital.

He was born August 29, 1929, in Monmouth, Iowa, son of Earl and Helen Miller Heath. He married Joanne Bergstrom on September 16, 1951, in Cedar Falls.

He graduated from Cedar Falls High School in 1947 and served in the US Navy during the Korean War. He owned and operated Don's Conoco and later A-1 Vacationland, both in Cedar Falls. He held many Masonic affiliations including: Aron Council, past Illustrious Master 1981; Baldwin Commandry #11, past Commander 1988; M.E. Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Iowa 1993-1994; Eastern Star #78, past Patron 1981, 1989, 1994 and 2002; Amaranth Royal Patron, 1998-99; El Kahir Cycle Patrol, President 1983; and also Cedar Falls Exchange Club Founder in 1977, past President, Exchangite of the year 2008-09, and past President of the Iowa, Missouri, and Nebraska district.

Survived by: his wife, Joanne; a son, Greg (Mendee Dixon) Heath of Cedar Falls; a daughter, Lisa (Brian) Vry-Lageschulte of Cedar Falls; five grandchildren: Ryan Heath, Erin (Donovan) Laskey, Justin Vry, Chris and Andrew Lageschulte; one great grandchild, Lena Laskey; a brother, Philip

(Alma) Heath of Cedar Falls; and his Border Collie, Rocky.

Preceded in death by: a son-in-law, Keith Vry; and granddaughter, Heather Vry.

Services: 11:00 a.m. Thursday, July 10, 2014, at Prairie Lakes Church, Cedar Falls, with entombment at Garden of Memories, Waterloo. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Richardson Funeral Service, where there will be a 7 p.m. public Masonic Service. Full military honors will be provided by the Cedar Falls AMVETS Post #49.

Memorials may be directed to the family.

Condolences may be left at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Public Masonic Service

JUL 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

JUL 10. 11:00 AM (CT)

Prairie Lakes Church
1907 Viking Road
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-2655
<http://www.prairielakeschurch.org>

Tribute Wall

JC

“ *Donald was my cousin God bless his family the Lord be with you
Jean BristolChalmers*

Jean Bristol Chalmers - August 22, 2014 at 01:53 PM

JH

“ *Dear Phil, Alma, Lisa, and families,*

My deep sympathy to you all on the loss of Don. I remember his help to me many years ago, in providing a small rig for the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival weekend.

*Sincerely,
Judy Harrington*

Judith Harrington - July 10, 2014 at 08:27 AM

KV

“ *Greg, my sympathy goes out to you and your family.*

*Sincerely,
Kathy Volker*



Kathy Volker - July 07, 2014 at 01:28 PM

 Sandy Helmers

“ *Don sure knew how to light up a room with his stories and smiles. His kind heart and desire to help others reached out to so many. Thankfully he passed on the best parts of himself to you, Lisa.*

Our hearts are breaking with yours. Still can't believe it. Praying that years of happy memories will help you through this difficult time. Grateful to know that he's in heaven and that he'll be waiting with a hug when we get there.

*We are here to help in whatever way needed.
The Helmers Family*

Sandy Helmers - July 07, 2014 at 08:18 AM

CR

“ *We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. We so enjoyed our breakfast visits on Sunday mornings. Prayers for your family in your time of grief.*

Leland Smith & Christi Rich

Christi Rich - July 06, 2014 at 03:20 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Heath.*



July 06, 2014 at 03:17 PM

DH

“ Don was an important part of our lives for the last 11 years since moving 2 doors down from he and Joanne on Blue Bonnet Dr. in Sun City West, Arizona. He and Joanne are family to us and we have shared multiple experiences together including many breakfasts, lunches and dinners either out or at each of our homes, combining foods for some of the most delicious dinners! We have also enjoyed playing games of Sequence, Rummy Cube and Scrabble. Our hearts are very heavy with the loss of our dear family friend Don. We certainly will miss his great sense of humor and verbal comebacks in the many hours we spent conversing on different topics over the years. Don was an extremely kind and loving man and, from the first time we met he and Joanne, we felt their warm personalities and were almost instantaneously drawn to be their friends. . May God Bless our Dear Friend Don. May God also bless his wife, Joanne, his two children, Lisa and Greg, and his grandchildren.



With lots of love,

Don & Audrey

Donald Hlousek - July 05, 2014 at 02:58 PM

RS

“ Robert j. S. purchased the Full Heart for the family of Donald L. Heath.



Robert j. S. - July 05, 2014 at 09:21 AM

CT

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing He was an important member of Exchange that will be sorely missed A wonderful man that had an infectious smile & kind heart

Carlene & Tom Thierman - July 05, 2014 at 09:00 AM

MB

“ Lived next door to Don & Joanne for a few years. Always enjoyed hearing his stories. Especially about his time in the Navy as we both served.

Mike & Arnetta Bley

mike bley - July 04, 2014 at 03:30 PM

GJ

“ Joanne & family, we are sorry to hear of Don's passing. You know we enjoyed stopping as we would walk past your house, chatting with Don and playing "Frisbee" with his dog.
He will be missed! May God give you His peace at this time.
Gene & Alice Janssen

Gene & Alice Janssen - July 04, 2014 at 02:30 PM

JC

“ Judy Ciesielski lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Heath



Judy Ciesielski - July 04, 2014 at 10:37 AM

SK

“ *when ever I came out to A-1 vacation he could always put a smile on my face with his wisdom n stories of his past. our hearts go out to the family.*

steve koleno - July 03, 2014 at 08:55 PM

MG

“ *Joanne and family – we will always remember your father as an outstanding individual. His kind heart and giving nature was second to no one and always a smile when he greeted me. He will be missed but not forgotten.*

Mike & Nora Grillo

Michael Grill - July 03, 2014 at 08:30 AM