



Donald E. Tamisiea

December 31, 1933 - January 16, 2019

Donald E. Tamisiea (1933-2019)

CEDAR FALLS – Donald E. Tamisiea, 85, of Cedar Falls, died Wednesday, January 16th at Covenant Medical Center in Waterloo.

He was born December 31, 1933 in Iowa, the son of Bertrum and Helen (Russell) Tamisiea. He married Marie C. Heyberger and she preceded him in death. He then married Dolores F. Miller Durham on January 2, 1988 in Cedar Falls. She died May 26, 2016.

Don graduated from Waterloo West High School in 1951 and from Iowa State University with a degree in Industrial Relations. He served 20 years in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserves, retiring as Commander in 1976. He was head of manufacturing at the Waterloo Register Company, Director of the Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce, and then retired as Vice President of Human Resources at Viking Pump. He was a member of Knights of Columbus and Waterloo Elks Club.

Survived by: a son, John (Holly) Tamisiea of Wilmette, IL; a daughter, Mary (Terry) Cheaney of Corpus Christi, TX; five grandchildren: Jack, Grace and Cooper Tamisiea, Sophia and Charles Cheaney.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19th at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cedar Falls with burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Waterloo. Military honors will be conducted by the Cedar Falls Amvets Post 49 and the U.S. Naval Honor Guard. Visitation for one hour prior to Mass at the church. Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

Memorials may be directed to the church or Western Home Foundation.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4th and San Marnan
Waterloo, IA 50701

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3523
<http://saintpatrickcf.org>

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Burial with Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sorry for the loss of your precious father. He was such a kind, gentle and knowledgeable man. I am one of the 3 people who lost our spouses at Nation Cottage about the same time and we would go back each Sunday noon for a meal together. Your father will be greatly missed. Esther Owczarek

Esther Owczarek - January 18, 2019 at 08:06 PM

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“ Don Tamisiea is the reason I enlisted in the USNR, He hired me for a Coop job in my Sr yr of high school , He then introduced me to the Navy , RIP Mr Tamisiea . Thank you for everything you did for me , I was able to visit with him at a high school football game last fall ! Rick Becker CFHS class of 1964

Rick Becker - January 18, 2019 at 05:30 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald E. Tamisiea.



January 18, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald E. Tamisiea.*



January 18, 2019 at 09:13 AM



“ *I feel blessed to have known Don. He was a terrific husband to my mother, Dolores. They had many joyful years together after both of them had lost their first spouses. When my mother's health deteriorated, he did everything in his power to take care of her and make her feel well loved.*

Don was a good friend to me, as well, and I enjoyed being out in public with him. You couldn't go anywhere in Cedar Falls where he didn't know someone and stop to have a friendly chat. He was always up-beat and really cared about the people around him.

Cynthia Traxler - January 18, 2019 at 12:35 AM



“ *Don and I have been friends for nearly 50 years. He was a fun companion during thousands of golf games, but he was always available to give me valuable advice during life's journey. He was a very wise man and could readily see the "big picture" in almost any situation. I will miss him, but he is in a better place now, where he will not have to struggle with any health challenges. My sincere sympathies go out to John and Mary and their families on their loss.*

Vern and Marcia Hansen

Vernon K Hansen - January 17, 2019 at 05:49 PM

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“ Don was a great man! He was a mentor to me while I served on the Cedar Falls City Council. He and I were in several groups together and continued to guide me with thoughtful, confident and wise suggestions to using his experience and offering that to me to help shape the future of Cedar Falls for years to come. Don will be at Peace, when he know his family is at peace. Thanks Don.

*Tom Hagarty
Former Ward 1
CF City Council Rep
City of Cedar Falls.*

Tom Hagarty - January 17, 2019 at 04:53 PM