



Don Earl Riemenschneider

March 3, 1926 - April 10, 2012

Don Earl Riemenschneider was born March 3, 1926, to Louis and Lela Riemenschneider in State Center Iowa. He graduated to heaven on April, 10, 2012.

Don spent his early years in State Center. He continued his education at the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and Drake with his masters in education. He retired in 1988 as the superintendent of the Boone school district.

He also had a modeling and acting career, starring in several commercials, print ads and billboards.

Don continued to work in his "retirement" as an interim superintendent for four school districts. He was 80 years old at the time of his last interim position.

His life was filled with the love of his family and friends.

Don was a man who lived life well. Everyone who knew him was a recipient of his love and wisdom. His influence was far reaching and his legacy will live on in those who were privileged to be a part of his life.

Don was married to Barbara Powers on October 20, 1975. They enjoyed 36 years as husband and wife.

Don enjoyed playing violin in the Rovers Band and with the "Terrific Trio." He also played violin on the worship team at the Boone Open Bible Church. He loved playing cards with his buddies, playing golf, camping, fishing and family get togethers.

He was a past member of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Iowa Association of School Administrators and the Boone Rotary Club.

He was a member of the Boone Open Bible Church where he served on the worship team and as an elder and advisor. His faith in God was strong and he gladly and openly shared his faith with his family and friends. No family dinner was complete without a blessing by "Papa Don."

Don was the best man we ever knew. God truly smiled on us all the day He brought Don into our lives. What a gift he was to us!

He was preceded in death by his mother, his father, his brother Wayne, sister Floy Steffensen and his grandson Ian Riemenschneider.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara, his children Vidonne (Bill) Tsamis, Bob (Elaine) Riemenschneider, Kim Abbey, Kris (Dave) Toyne, Bob (Lois) Powers, Barb (Tim) Biersner

and his sister, Jean Daters. He is also survived by 14 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and an abundance of friends.

Words cannot adequately express the love we have for Don. His love, faith and words of wisdom will be passed down through the generations. A life well lived, a legacy never forgotten.

Following cremation, a celebration of his life will be held Saturday April 14, at 10 a.m. at the Boone Open Bible Church, at 1224 Hancock Drive in Boone with Rev. Phil Waldo officiating. Inurnment will follow at Linwood Park Cemetery in Boone.

Visitation with the family present to greet friends will be Friday, April 13, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Boone Open Bible Church.

Don requested that in lieu of flowers memorials would be made to the Boone Open Bible Youth Group and the Boone Educational Endowment Fund.

Walter ~ Schroeder Funeral Home located at Fifth & Story Streets in Boone is in charge of the arrangements.

Comments



“ Don was our neighbor growing up for 20+ years. He was always so kind and friendly. The Riemenschneider's were the best neighbors. I will always have a fond memory of "interviewing" Don for a school paper in Elementary school. We had to find a person we admired and interview them and I was so proud to write a paper on my interview with my neighbor Don. He was more than happy to help a student. He was also the first house we went to on Halloween because he was so cheerful AND gave out quarters! Don was a great person and everyone who knew him was blessed. He was a great person to have in the Boone School District as well as neighbor. My prayers will continue to be with Barb and family. Sara (Drewry) Clausen

Sara (Drewry) Clausen - April 28, 2012 at 10:16 AM



“ Don was my business class teacher in 1960-61. He was so very precise and helpful to prepare me for employment. I knew he was a stellar-type of person.

Caryl Kristianson Telford - April 28, 2012 at 08:46 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Reminschneider, I don't think I ever got to meet you, but what a wonderful person you must be. I was a member of the class of 61, and it was lovely to see Mr. Reminschneider and Chuck Lovin at our 50th reunion last year. Both of these men have been mentors to so many students - thousands. You and your family and friends will be in our thoughts and prayers. His passing is a huge loss to Boone, and the world of students, Nat God keep you in His care.

Ann McDermott Shult - April 20, 2012 at 08:16 AM



“ Don knew me as Barb Kramer - MANY fond memories of him - one of the nicest most respectful men I have ever known. My condolences to Barb and the Family.

Barbara Ingram - April 18, 2012 at 08:00 PM



“ I would be hard pressed to add any new comments here re how wonderful Mr R was.
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I hope the following poem gives you more peace and comfort at this time.
To Those I Love & Those Who Love Me When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears
Be happy that we had so many years.
I gave you my love, you can only guess
How much you gave to me in happiness
I thank you for the love you each have shown
But now it's time I travelled on alone.
So grieve a while for me if grieve you must
Then let your grief be comforted by trust
It's only for a while that we must part
So bless the memories within your heart.
I won't be far away, for life goes on
So if you need me, call me and I will come
Though you can't see or touch me I'll be near
All of my love around you soft and clear.
And then, when you must come this way alone
I'll greet you with a smile and say
"Welcome Home"

Toni Aldrich Sly - April 16, 2012 at 10:23 AM



“ Mr. Riemenschneider was a wonderful superintendent. He treated all of us with such respect. I have a terrific memory of him, dressed in a suit and tie, sitting in the hall outside Mrs. Brown's room, listening to kindergartners read, giving them his complete attention. A charming man.
My sympathies. Julie Bacon

Julie Bacon - April 14, 2012 at 08:25 PM



“ Don Earl was best man at our wedding almost 68 years ago. He was so loved by his family and respected by his friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Evelyn Minnich - April 13, 2012 at 08:57 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. Don was a wonderful man and always greeted everyone with a smile. He was a great friend to my Dad, Bob Larson, for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Cindy Adreon - April 13, 2012 at 02:00 PM



“ I had the privilege of working with Don at Ballard Community Schools. He was a great boss,a great man and friend. The Ballard family enjoyed sharing a year with Don and his leadership. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of great loss.

Sincerely, Steve and Gayle Hornung Ballard Administrator

Steve and Gayle Hornung - April 13, 2012 at 11:05 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I worked with Bob Powers for years, and know how much he cared for Don. No words can take away the pain you are now feeling, but I hope the memories you hold close to your hearts will sustain you in the days ahead. God Bless You Penny Stoker

Penny Stoker - April 12, 2012 at 02:19 PM



“ Our thought and prayers go out to the family. Don was a teacher, customer and most of all a friend. He will be missed.

Steve

Steve & Sue Duffee - April 12, 2012 at 11:15 AM



“ Dave and I are so very sorry for your family's loss of such a good man. Don was a great educator and a very nice person. We lived close to him when I was a teenager and I spent many happy hours at his and Barb's home. May God bless all of you and give you comfort.

Deb Duncan - April 12, 2012 at 11:13 AM



“ I am the former Sup't of schools at Roland-Story. I enjoyed every contact I had with Don. Education,golf,cards and his conversations. He was easy to be around and a joy. You have my sympathy but remember and enjoy the many good times. With hope, Dale.R

Dale Henricks - April 12, 2012 at 10:26 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He gave me my first head football coaching job and encouraged me to continue in that profession. He was a fine leader for Boone during his time as superintendent and I have valued his wisdom and suggestions for over 35 years.

John Burke - April 11, 2012 at 09:01 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family..

BJ & KELLY STECKER - April 11, 2012 at 05:43 PM



“ I will miss Don's smile and wit... Truly a good friend and will miss him... Barb, we wish you are deepest condolences. Denny and Vickie

Denny and Vickie Beers - April 11, 2012 at 04:02 PM



“ Don will be remembered by so many people for so many reasons. I was his daughter, Sherri Vidonne's best friend in high School at Boone. Sherri and I were inseparable, and went through many different teenager situations, with both of us being stronger because of our love for each other. Her parents were supportive of our friendship, and over the many years that have passed, Don was there for me in always being able to locate Vidonne, and help us keep connected. I enjoyed being under his guidance during high school, and never lost track of his path in life. Recently, my parents also became residents at Westhaven. Chuck Lovin helped me to find Don, and I was grateful to be able to see Don again March 25th. He was always very loving and such a humorous person. And our brief visit was a gift I will cherish. Don brought a special light into everyone's heart. I know that he touched so many people, and was a servant of God in his daily life. My prayers are with Don's family, for the strength to celebrate his life and to be strong, as he would want you to be. Sincerely, Barb Buechler Fosdick, 11327 McBurney Ridge Lane, San Diego, CA 92131

Barbara Buechler Halpin Fosdick - April 11, 2012 at 03:50 PM



“ Great person - always had time for anyone!

Bill Olson - April 11, 2012 at 03:49 PM



“ Mr. Riemenschneider will be missed. He was wonderful to work with and for. My condolences.

Sharon Moore - April 11, 2012 at 02:45 PM



“ Our sincere sympathies in your loss. Don was a good man and a great friend to my dad, Bob Larson.
Kenny & Marge Bollenbaugh

Marge Bollenbaugh - April 11, 2012 at 02:33 PM



“ My thoughts & prayers are with you all. God just gained another beautiful Angel. We were blessed with such a great friend. He was a gentlemen that touched many hearts and lives. He will be missed by all.

Nancy Wheeler Bolon - April 11, 2012 at 11:54 AM



“ My sympathies to the family. You have many memories that no one can take from you and in time will bring many smiles.

Mary Shaler Day - April 11, 2012 at 11:03 AM



“ He was a remarkable man and a true gentleman who excelled in all areas of life. One of those positive people that you are glad had crossed in your life's path. Prayers to his family as he will be greatly missed.

Mindy Moeller - April 11, 2012 at 10:00 AM



“ The D in Don stands for Delight; an absolute delight to know. With love to you all.

Terri Ward - April 11, 2012 at 09:28 AM



“ We lost a beautiful friend and awesome man of the Lord today...He was always so happy and positive. I didn't know Don for very long, however I know that he touched so many lives over all the years that he lived. Just his memory will keep changing the hearts and lives of the men and women that have known him. Our heart cries for Barb, his wife. She lost today a life long mate and companion... Now Don has gone on before us to see what we all hope for! Don you will be missed!

Dan And Karen Earll - April 11, 2012 at 12:36 AM



“ We have been blessed and inspired by Don's faith, humor, enthusiasm, strength, grace, and love of life. He has always been a true gentle-man and ambassador for Christ. His encouragement and wisdom has made our lives richer and we will miss him greatly. However, we also rejoice that by now he has heard his Lord say "well done, good and faithful servant!"

Dan & Lori Haynes - April 10, 2012 at 11:20 PM



“ Please know my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this most difficult time. I truly will miss Mr. R. He was a great guy! God bless.

Victoria (Burke) Scott - April 10, 2012 at 10:56 PM



“ Condolences, from the Abbey family, Brock, Joline, Samantha, Tatum, and Tessa. My Grandpa was one of the greatest men I have ever known, he will be missed greatly

Brock Abbey - April 10, 2012 at 07:02 PM



“ Don was superintendent when I graduated school in 70. But I truly appreciated his gifts and faith much later in my life. Praying for peace of God at this time. Knowing that someday we will meet again in heaven. God bless you all at this difficult time.

Kathy and Jim Bever - April 10, 2012 at 06:47 PM