



## Donald C. VanDeWalle

August 2, 1942 - December 24, 2021

A Mass of Christian Burial for Donald will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska with Father Harlan Waskowiak presiding.

Praying of the Rosary will be prayed on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Geneva, Nebraska.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 29, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Farmer & Son Funeral Home in Geneva, Nebraska.

Graveside Services will be conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 30, 2021 at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska with Father Mark Tomasiewicz officiating the graveside service.

Memorials are to be directed to the family to be designated at a later date.

Donald Charles VanDeWalle was born to Francis Charles and Ethel Blanche (Wheeler) VanDeWalle on August 2, 1942 at Cedar Rapids, Nebraska, and passed away on December 24, 2021 in Hebron, Nebraska at the age of 79.

Donald Charles VanDeWalle was one of eight children born to Francis and Ethel VanDeWalle. Growing up Don was a member of the Saint Anthony

Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska. The VanDeWalle family farmed in the rural Boone County area. The family was all very active in 4-H.

On August 14, 1965 Don married Beverly Pearl Killion. To this union, four children were born Shelly Lynn, Amy Sue, Timothy Roy and Dawn Marie. Don raised his family and farmed in rural Nancy County near Belgrade for many years, raising hogs and crops.

On July 31, 1989 Donald married Olive Isabella Whyte. Olive's children: Carolyn, Andrew and Laura joined the family. Donald and Olive made their home in Geneva and Bruning.

Donald loved spending time with his family and friends. He enjoyed attending the State Fair and County Fairs. Don had a very strong work ethic throughout his whole life. As a young man Don spent a lot of time with 4-H. He was able to win many ribbons and trophies. He was always available to help neighbors and friends with any tasks necessary.

Donald Charles was preceded in death by his parents and four infant brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Olive Isabella; children, Shelly Daffer, Amy and Eric Pedersen, Tim and Deana VanDeWalle, Dawn and Dan Higgins; step-children, Carolyn and Jim Pitzferro, Andy and Marty Sheber, Laura and Tim Kuszak; grandchildren include Shawn, Jason, Amber and Abby; Marah, Matthew and Emma; Michelle, Sarah, Haley and Jennifer; Noah, Faith and Joe; Michael and Nicole; Christian and Josie; Maranda, Nathan, Casey, Ryan and Mason.

Great Grandchildren include Makenna, Kylie, Aria and Blair; Lizzie, Carly, Shayla, Cashel, Liam, Koehn and Macey.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery

West Main Street  
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **29**. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Farmer & Son Funeral Home  
242 N 10th Street  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3617  
<https://farmerandsonfuneralhome.com>

## Rosary

DEC **29**. 7:00 PM (CT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
831 E St  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3225

## **Mass Of Christian Burial**

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**DEC 30.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church  
831 E St  
Geneva, NE 68361  
(402) 759-3225

## **Graveside Service**

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**DEC 30.** 3:00 PM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery  
West Main Street  
Cedar Rapids, NE 68627

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Bridgette Brummer & Joan Henke lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle*



Bridgette Brummer & Joan Henke - January 03, 2022 at 01:58 PM

BH

“ *Olive and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Don will be missed by all who loved and knew him. God's Blessings to you and your family.*

*Sincerely,  
Marv & Bridgette Brummer & family  
Joan E. Henke*

Bridgette Brummer & Joan Henke - January 03, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *29 files added to the album Flower Arrangements*



Farmer & Son Funeral Home - December 30, 2021 at 06:42 PM

MH

“ So very sorry Olive - please know you & your family are in our thoughts & prayers.



Mike & Lynne Houser - December 30, 2021 at 06:05 PM

JW

“ Uncle Don was one of a kind. Very funny and he was so good to call my dad every day to check in on him. He will certainly be missed. I am so sorry.

Jeanne Wolken - December 30, 2021 at 09:57 AM

JV

“ Jim Votipka lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle



Jim Votipka - December 30, 2021 at 09:50 AM



“ Dawn Higgins lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle



Dawn Higgins - December 28, 2021 at 04:48 PM



“ My heart breaks to have to say goodbye for now, to my daddy. Thanks for always being there when I needed you., and even when I was stubborn and thought I didn't. Thank you for all your life lessons and teachings as I will never forget them. As I am typing this I keep thinking of the time you made me change my own fuel pump while you were at work (before youtube videos for those things and very little directions, and little knowledge as to where it was located on an engine) when I was 16. You would check on me throughout the day on your work breaks and I believe you found great joy when I finally got mad enough to figure it out and get it done while making me proud of myself in the process for doing it independently. I will never forget your huge heart, the man who absolutely refused to evict a tenant even when they couldn't pay their rent in over a year because, “ evicting them wouldn't be the Christian thing to do,” you would say. There is no doubt that the extra income would have been nice, however your kindness was extreme for those who needed a little help sometimes. I remember asking you ( this 6ft, big, tough guy with few words) to help me hold a 4 pound infant still so I could place a feeding tube (Ng tube) in her, one stressful evening. After I finished explaining that this little tube was a going to go down her nose, down the back of her throat and into her tummy so she could the be fed by the tube. The look of sheer terror in your eyes was incredible, when you found the words you absolutely refused because it looked like it would hurt her. Even when I broke out my firm voice you just couldn't bear to watch her be uncomfortable for a minute. Even big, strong, tough men with few words and giant hearts can be so easily brought to their knees by a little 4 pound crying baby girl. I know heaven will provide you with not only peace and comfort, but also plenty of farm animals to feed, endless hours of Gunsmoke, and plenty of children for you to tease to keep yourself entertained. You will always be in my heart “Big Don” all my love from “Little Dawn”

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**Dawn Higgins** - December 28, 2021 at 04:47 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald C. VanDeWalle.*



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December 28, 2021 at 01:36 PM



“ *Our sympathy, Olive! May God grant you strength & peace!  
Dorothy and Harold Moravec*

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**Dorothy Moravec** - December 28, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C. VanDeWalle.*



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December 27, 2021 at 10:16 PM



“ *Bonnie Rippe lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle*



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**Bonnie Rippe** - December 27, 2021 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Barbara Engelbrecht lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle*



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**Barbara Engelbrecht** - December 27, 2021 at 10:45 AM

CG

“ *I'll never forget our road trips to different cattle auctions 🐄, the snack stops, meeting your friends at the feed mill in downtown Bruning for coffee (and some light labor, lol), and so many more cherished memories. I know I didn't get a chance to say it often enough, but you are so loved. You led a wonderful life and meant so much to those who knew you! Until we meet again, keep an eye on us here Grandpa! —Christian*

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**Christian Godinez** - December 26, 2021 at 10:57 PM

JS

“ *Josie Sheber lit a candle in memory of Donald C. VanDeWalle*



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**Josie Sheber** - December 26, 2021 at 10:44 PM

CG

“ Grandpa, I’ll always remember our road trips to the auction halls, the cattle deliveries, and coffee downtown Bruning, NE at the feed mill. I know I didn’t get the chance to say it often enough but please know that I have a special place for you in my heart, and I love you.



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**Christian Godinez** - December 26, 2021 at 10:23 PM