



Donald H. Wulff

August 31, 1926 - January 4, 2015

Donald H. Wulff, 88, of Manteno, passed away Sunday (Jan. 4, 2015) at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born Aug. 31, 1926, in Kankakee, the son of Walter and Helen Small Wulff. Donald married Shirley Gray on Oct. 29, 1949, in Ashkum.

Mr. Wulff served in the U.S. Navy. He owned and operated Don's Restaurant in Manteno for 42 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Kankakee American Legion, where he was also on the honor guard, and St. Joseph Church in Manteno. He enjoyed volunteering with many different organizations and especially enjoyed volunteering at the Illinois Veterans Home at Manteno.

Surviving are his wife, of Manteno; son and daughter-in-law, Donald (Julie) Wulff, of Manteno; daughters and sons-in-law, Andrea (Bill) Hand, of San Francisco; Nancy (John) Kaufman, of Manteno, Donna (Mike) Downey, of Manteno, and Jane (Mike) Middleton, of Manteno; sister, Fran Beutien, of Manteno; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one daughter, Susan Rupp; and one sister, Dorothy Knupp.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Church in Manteno, with the Rev. Albert Heidecke officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Manteno. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

9000 E. Road
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 263-6287

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

JAN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Church
207 S. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-3403
<http://www.stjosephmanteno.com>

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *David Simeur Sr. lit a candle in memory of Donald H. Wulff*



David Simeur Sr. - January 26, 2015 at 06:04 PM

DS

Shirley & the Wulff family, To many of us, Don's was an Icon; one of a kind; they don't make 'em like that anymore; what a worker; only one other in town to compare, that being Ernest Simeur, my dad. I just heard about Don through Deborah Nichiporenko. Wrote to her and asked if she knew how Shirley and Don were. Don, Shirley and their family were Mom and Dad Simeur's neighbors for many years. We enjoyed how perfect their property was kept. Don's Restaurant was the best! For years, it was the place in Manteno to go. Don was also a friend. He'll be sadly missed by all. Only wished we could have visited with you here in Florida. There would have been a lot to catch up. Thanks to all of the Wulff family for being such good neighbors, restaurateurs and friends. Love you all, David Simeur Sr., Fort Pierce, Florida.

David Simeur Sr. - January 26, 2015 at 06:13 PM

SF

“ *Shirley, so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have many memories of Xmas dinners in Ashkum with us all there. I will remember as Don passed away on my birthday.*



Sandra Gray Frenzke

sandra frenzke - January 12, 2015 at 07:15 PM

JH

“ JOELENE ST.JOHN HAYS lit a candle in memory of Donald H. Wulff



JOELENE ST.JOHN HAYS - January 08, 2015 at 03:52 PM

FR

“ Sorry to hear of your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you
The George Reick Family

Francis Reick - January 08, 2015 at 08:54 AM

RW

“ This is Rita Haberkorn Winge I ate many meals at Don's restaurant in Manteno and know you folks well. So sorry for your loss

rita winge - January 07, 2015 at 05:33 PM

JV

“ Don and I go WAY back to working together at Meadow Gold Ice Cream plant in Kankakee; however, since leaving K3 in 1963, have not had much opportunity to continue communications. I have fond memories of hunting with Don when we could. Jeannine and I send our sincere condolences to the whole family in your loss. Don will surely be missed by all whose lives he touched. Lloyd W. Verhoeks, Sun City West, AZ

Jeannine & Lloyd Verhoeks - January 07, 2015 at 03:49 PM



“ Was sorry to see Don had passed. He was one of dads, Ray Small, favorites. We used to go to his restaurant to eat all the time. Don was one of the truly "great" guys. Please give the family my sympathy.. Please tell Fran I'm thinking of her and miss her.
Sally Small Doris

Sally Doris - January 07, 2015 at 03:44 PM

CT

“ I was so sorry to see the passing of Don. He was one of Paul Taube's favorite relatives. You are in my thoughts and prayers.



Cheryl Taube - January 07, 2015 at 03:05 PM

MM

“ Sending my Heartfelt Sympathy to Shirley & children.i will always & forever keep the love & caring tucked away in my heart what you,Don & Shirley have given to my mom & dad for several years. They adore you as all of our family members do! Will also never forget the beautiful love & care you always did for my brother Ray. My dad & mom so appreciated very much also. Thank you also Don & Shirley for continually being there for mom after dad passed,she just loved going to lunch with you both. I love you both and may Our Good Lord give you much comfort,love and peace.. God Bless You All! We will miss you Don..Love to all,Mary Azzarelli McGrath

Mary McGrath - January 07, 2015 at 02:03 PM

R(

“ I'm very sorry for your loss. Don took my dad under his wing when they moved to Manteno and they went to the Veteran's Home together for woodworking. Now they can both continue their woodworking adventures in Heaven. God Bless!



Ruth Donaldson (McSwain)

Ruth Donaldson (McSwain) - January 07, 2015 at 11:53 AM

VD

“ Shirley and Family You have my deepest sincere sympathy I will miss seeing Don. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you today and always Virginia

Virginia Dominick - January 07, 2015 at 10:52 AM

VD

“ Virginia Nantista Dominick lit a candle in memory of Donald H. Wulff



Virginia Nantista Dominick - January 07, 2015 at 09:25 AM

AF

“ To the entire Wulff family,
Don was truly an incredible man. He and Shirley extended such a loving friendship to us over many years. Sam never forgot the Honor Flight and everything that Don did to make it happen. It was a true friendship in every sense of the word, because of Don and Shirley's kindness. Respected veteran, businessman, friend, family man, volunteer- the list goes on. Shirley and family, we are blessed by your friendship and proud to count Don and you as dear friends forever. Our prayers are with you.

Love,

Jean Azzarelli, Paula and Phil Czernik and family

Azzarelli, Czernik families - January 06, 2015 at 07:18 PM

VB

“ Sorry to hear this.ur dad was always such a nice guy . Great memories of the restaurant. Prayers for all of u.

Vicki Schreiner Benthine - January 06, 2015 at 06:34 PM

BB

“ My father, John Beauvais would like to express his deepest condolences. He and Mr. Wulff were lifelong friends, and had joined the Navy together. I remember eating at his restaurant when I was young. Mr. Wulff always came out to say hello.

Brian L. Beauvais - January 06, 2015 at 04:24 PM

BG

“ Bill & Cheryl Gerritson lit a candle in memory of Donald H. Wulff



Bill & Cheryl Gerritson - January 06, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LM

“ Aunt Shirley and Family - I am so sorry for the loss of Uncle Don. I have fond memories of coming to your house and visiting when I was a child with Mom and Grandma Mary. Please know you and everyone else is in my thoughts and prayers and I love you.

Laura McKnight - January 06, 2015 at 01:29 PM

GL

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss, Mrs. Wulff. I was a friend of your daughter, Sue, from Bishop McNamara High School days. When I would visit your household, I was always warmly welcomed. Sue and I would go to Don's Restaurant where Mr. Wulff would let us help set up the tables for afternoon/evening customers. After helping, he would feed us as "payment". I loved hanging out there. My condolences to the entire family. Gloria Piggush LaGesse

Gloria Piggush LaGesse - January 06, 2015 at 11:56 AM

JW

“ I'm sadden by the news of Mr. Wulff's passing. Being a friend of the family I had the pleasure of spending time with him. He was kind, funny and had lots of great stories. I, like so many others, will miss him. My prayers go out to Shirley and the rest of the family. I will be thinking of all of you.

Julie Wasson - January 06, 2015 at 11:17 AM

JK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss he was a Great Man !

Jane Monnette Kozak

Jane Monnette Kozak - January 05, 2015 at 07:07 PM

KJ

We send our sympathy to Shirley and the family. Don will be greatly missed in the community. He had a work ethic that was remarkable, Don shared so much of his time in the community, participating in everything family was involved in, volunteered his services in so many ways and was a faithful church member. He lived a great life. We cannot be with you but we send our loving thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

Kay and Jerry Jarvis - January 05, 2015 at 07:32 PM

TR

I am so sorry for your loss. I am in disbelief, what a great, wonderful, kind remarkable man Don was. I truly have the utmost respect for Don, he taught me how to work and how to have great work ethic. I worked part time off and on at Don's Restaurant in Manteno from the day I turned 16 for appx 16 years, what a great place to work we had fun, but we worked hard. I've known this family my entire life what a wonder family you all are! Again, I am so sorry for your loss! May God bless you all, you have all my love, sympathy and are in my thoughts and prayers!! Teresa Fortin Richert

Teresa Fortin Richert - January 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM

BO

On behalf of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend our sympathy to the entire family for the loss of such an icon of our community. Mr. Wulff, as one of the founding members of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce, has helped create a legacy and set a standard of excellence in supporting our business community that we strive to emulate still today. Don has been a friend and counsel to untold numbers and has demonstrated through his actions what it means to be part of community. We will work tirelessly continue to uphold the expectations of the Founding Fathers and carry on the traditions they envisioned as the Manteno Chamber of Commerce.

*Brian O'Keefe
Manteno Chamber of Commerce President*

Brian O'Keefe - January 06, 2015 at 11:38 AM

JG

I am so sorry for your loss- May God wrap his loving arms around all of you and hold you tight during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jennifer Goad and family

Jennifer Goad - January 07, 2015 at 03:03 AM

LH

May God bless you with his strength for each of you are in our prayers!

The Hilsenhoff's

Lori Hilsenhoff - January 07, 2015 at 11:02 AM