



## Donald DeJong

April 10, 1923 - May 12, 2020

Donald "Don" DeJong

Donald DeJong, 97, of Frazee, MN, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2020, in Bethany on University in Fargo, ND.

Donald was born April 10, 1923, in Prinsberg, MN. A long time resident of Moorhead, MN, Donald worked at the West Fargo (ND) stockyards from the 1960s until retirement, doing business as McNulty Cattle Company and DeJong Cattle Company.

Don was very proud of his service to his country while in the Army during World War II. There he participated in the liberation of Europe. Highly decorated, he was awarded two Purple Hearts for wounds suffered during the fighting in Europe.

A devoted family man, he delighted in spending time with his children and grandchildren, frequently playing host for the family at his lake cabin. He enjoyed many activities including fishing, hunting, bowling and umpiring softball games. Donald was an accomplished woodworker and enjoyed making things for his friends and family. He particularly enjoyed making items of religious significance, and nearly met his goal of giving away 1,000 crosses to whomever he crossed paths with.

A long term member of First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead, Don held numerous volunteer roles over the years, and could be counted on as a dependable assistant for any job that needed to be done.

He had an unfailing ability to put the needs of others before himself. He was known for his sense of humor and overall positive nature. His love, kindness, compassion and outgoing personality will be missed by all, but never forgotten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dick and Jeltje DeJong; sister, Nellie Hoekstra; and brothers, Eli, Andrew, Cornie, John, Richard, and Harry DeJong.

He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Marion DeJong; children, Donald K. DeJong, Moorhead, Lynn Diane Olson, Frazee, MN, Mary Jeanne Skarnes, Maple Grove, MN,

Cheryl Rae Brendemuhl, Gainesville, FL, and Douglas James DeJong Vancouver, WA. He is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. (Not an outlaw in the bunch).

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Friday, August 7, 2020, at 11 AM in First Presbyterian Church, Moorhead.

Burial will be at Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo, ND.

Memorials preferred to First Presbyterian Church of Moorhead.

Arrangements by Korsmo Funeral Service, Moorhead, MN.

# Cemetery

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## Sunset Memorial Gardens

1715 52nd Ave. S.

Fargo, ND, 58104

# Events

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**AUG** **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

2900 5th Street South, Moorhead, MN, US

# Comments

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald DeJong.



August 03 at 02:52 PM

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“ To Donny and family,  
We were saddened to learn of your Dad's passing. Losing your father is not easy under any circumstances let alone the pandemic issues of being together. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you deal with the loss of a father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and confidant. Also, sad to lose one more veteran of the "Greatest Generation." Thank you to all of you for sharing him with all of us in so many different ways. Barry and Kristi Lentz

**Barry Lentz** - May 19 at 09:57 AM

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“ Arlene D. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Donald DeJong.



**Arlene D.** - May 18 at 01:59 PM

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“ You have my most sincere condolences. I am wishing there would have been an opportunity 45 years back when I knew him to have expressed to Don my deep appreciation for his service to our country - the subject never came up in our contacts. He was a patriot and a hero. May he rest in peace, now in the hands of God. Mike Hulett

**Mike Hulett** - May 17 at 09:23 AM

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“ I have so many good memories of my Uncle Donald down at the lakes where he and Aunt Marion would make sure we had everything we needed and the times he would stop by my shop and pick up boxes of scrap wood to make his projects and tell me a story or two I will truly miss him I wish that we could have visited more after they moved into Bethany may you rest in peace Uncle Don Mark Samuels

**mark samuels** - May 16 at 01:04 PM



“ Thanks Mark! They loved having family over at the lakes

**cheryl brendemuhl** - May 16 at 09:10 PM

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“ Our sympathy to you. I'm Marlys Droogsma Buss and Lorraine Veurink younger sister. I will call her and I'm sure would send her sympathy also and hugs to Marian from both of us.

**marlys buss.** - May 15 at 10:08 AM

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“ A great faithful man. I respected him for his service to our country. I loved his sense of humor. Rest in peace and God Bless your family. Greg and Reene Akason

**Greg Akason** - May 14 at 11:19 PM

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“ Very sorry to learn of your father's passing, Don and Doug. My sincere condolences to you both, and to your family.

**Ron Frannea** - May 14 at 09:29 PM

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“ We were saddened to hear of Dons passing. We were glad that we were able to visit Don, Marion and Dorothy at Christmas time. Don was a war vet but didn't talk much about it until lately. we display his JOY woodwork in our house. Don was very aware that he was going to see his Lord soon. He had great faith.  
Ken \$ Marillyn

**Marillyn & Ken Nelson** - May 14 at 11:34 AM

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“ My heart goes out to the family. I never could have asked for a better friend to live next to on Lake Maud he would lend a hand no matter what I was doing! He always looked forward to the new caps I would bring him. I would sometimes find him mowing my lawn because his kids wouldn't let him mow his! He would never let a piece of wood go to waste he could make something from it he would say. He will truly be missed!

Dick Watson and Family

Dick Watson - May 14 at 07:47 AM



“ Thank you! Yes, he loved getting new caps, helping others, and would indeed find a purpose for any piece of wood. Thanks for being a great neighbor for him.

Doug DeJong - May 16 at 10:38 AM



“ This brought a chuckle to me.... so like my dad !!

cheryl brendemuhl - May 16 at 09:07 PM



“ To Don, Doug and Cheryl and the rest of the DeJong family: I was sorry and saddened to read about the passing of your father. No matter what the age, it is never easy to say goodbye to a loved one. Hopefully with time, when your Dad's name is mentioned, the tears in your eyes will be replaced by a smile on your face. My thoughts and prayers are with Marion and family.

Keith Eberhardt

Keith A Eberhardt - May 19 at 12:51 PM



“ Thanks Keith

Doug DeJong - May 29 at 11:53 PM