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Don's message he would leave to us is "Do what's right and do what's good. Be kind and help others. The world can always use one more kind person." He is in Heaven now, but looking down on us with his big "Don smile" saying, "Forge ahead and make the best of life. We have work to do up here too." He lived a full and happy life until he was overcome by a disease that plagued him at a much too early age. We are honored to celebrate the dash between the day he was born to the day he died. Please do the same.

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March 11, 1946 † September 12, 2018

Parish Prayer Service

Anderson Funeral Home

Alexandria, Minnesota

Thursday, September 27, 2018, 4:00 PM

Prayer Leader

Kathy Fischer

Musical Selections By

Laurie Youngers

Honorary Pallbearers

Leon Breun

Russ Craigmile

Dave Holm

Scott Ras

Dan McGinn

Rick Schueler

Dick Steffen

Jim Lingor

Rich Brenny

Don Woodhall

Gerald Weaver

Dave Wosmek

Inurnment

St. Mary's Cemetery

Alexandria, Minnesota

"Little We Knew"

Little we knew that morning God was going to call your
name; In life we loved you dearly; in death we'll do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you; you did not go alone;

For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide;

And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same;

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



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“The Next Place”

The next place that I go will be as peaceful and familiar as a sleepy summer Sunday and a sweet, untroubled mind. And yet—it won't be anything like any place I've ever been—or seen—or even dreamed of in the place I leave behind. I won't know where I'm going, and I won't know where I've been as I tumble through the always and look back towards the when. I'll glide beyond the rainbows, I'll drift above the sky, I'll fly into the wonder without ever wondering why. I won't remember getting there; somehow I'll just arrive; but I'll know that I belong there and will feel much more alive than I have ever felt before. I will be absolutely free of the things that I held on to that were holding on to me. The next place that I go will be so quiet and so still that the whispered song of sweet belonging will rise up to fill the listening sky with joyful silence and with unheard harmonies of music made by no one playing, like a hush upon a breeze. There will be no room for darkness in that place of living light where an ever-dawning morning pushes back the dying night. The very air will fill with brilliance as the brightly shining sun and the moon and half a million stars are married into one. The next place that I go won't really be a place at all. There won't be any seasons: winter, summer, spring, or fall; nor a Monday nor a Friday, nor December nor July. And the seconds will be standing still—while hours hurry by. I will not be a boy or girl, a woman or a man. My skin will not be dark or light, I won't be fat or tall. The body I once lived in won't be part of me at all. I will finally be perfect. I will be without flaw. I will never make one more mistake or break the smallest law. And the me that was impatient or was angry or unkind will simply be a memory—the me I left behind. I will travel empty handed. There is not a single thing I have collected in my life that I would ever want to bring except the love of those who loved me and the warmth of those who cared, the happiness and memories and magic that we shared. Though I will know the joy of solitude, I'll never be alone; I'll be embraced by all the family and friends I've ever known. Although I might not see their faces, all our hearts will beat as one; and the circle of our spirits will shine brighter than the sun. I will cherish all the friendships I was fortunate to find, all the love and all the laughter in the place I leave behind. All these good things will go with me. They will make my spirit glow, and that light will shine forever in the next place that I go.

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Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Friday, September 28, 2018, 11 AM

Officiant

Father Steve Binsfeld

Honorary Pallbearer

Leon Breun

Russ Craigmile

Dave Holm

Scott Ras

Dan McGinn

Rick Schueler

Dick Steffen

Jim Lingor

Rich Brenny

Don Woodhall

Gerald Weaver

Dave Wosmek

Honors By

Minnesota State Trooper Honor Guard

Military Honors By

American Legion Post #87

VFW Post #936

VVA Post #235

Marine Corp League #1409

Minnesota National Honor Guard

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