



Donald C. Richter

July 12, 1933 - January 6, 2021

Donald C. Richter, age 87 of Highland, IL, died Wednesday, January 06, 2021, at HSHS Holy Family Hospital in Greenville, IL.

He was born on July 12, 1933, in Aviston, IL, the son of Henry J. and Cecilia R. (nee Huene) Richter.

On June 07, 1956, he married Ruth Ann Knebel.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church Highland, IL. He was also a member of Highland Optimist Club (Past President) - IL Meat Packers Association (Past President) - Knights of Columbus .

Don was born in Aviston, IL and graduated Aviston High School. He joined the US Army and served in Korea during the Korean War. When he came home he worked at Jakel Manufacturing, Neubauer Market and later became co-owner of Korte and Richter Meat Processors. He loved playing golf and traveling with his wife. He was also active with the Cub Scouts, and Khoury League Baseball and the Highland Optimist Club, selling Christmas trees and running the trash bag fundraiser for several years. Don was known for his big smiles and big hugs. The family asked friends to raise a Stag Beer in his memory.

Survivors include:

Wife - Ruth A. Richter nee Knebel, Highland, IL

Son - Daniel M. (Mary Ellen) Richter, Medfield, MA

Son - Mark A. (Significant Other Estella Mass) Richter, Alameda, CA

Grandchild - Elise Richter

Grandchild - Jessica (Sterling) Johnson

Step Grandchild - Luz Mass

Step Grandchild - Lisa Mass

Great Grandchild - Dylan Cannistraro

Brother - Jim (Delores) Richter, St. Rose, IL

Sister - Joanne (Jerome) Rehkemper, St. Rose, IL

Sister - Delores Sharp, Clay City, IL

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Henry J. Richter

Mother - Cecilia R. Richter, nee Huene

Infant Son - David Richter

Brother - Stanley "Butch" (Pauline) Richter

Brother - Tom (Marge) Richter

Brother - Cornelius J. "Dick" (Betty) Richter

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Memorial Funeral Mass will be at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Highland, IL on July 17, 2021 at 10:00 AM. Father Piotr Kosk will officiate.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL. The family will host a luncheon at Michael's Restaurant following interment, to celebrate Donald's life.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Optimist Club.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Ruth, Dan, Mark and family, I will miss my visits with your dad at Cedarhurst. I loved his smile. Prayers to your whole family that your dad will find peace in heaven.*

Gail Richter Ohren - January 09, 2021 at 07:24 AM

MA

“ *Deepest sympathies to Ruth and all her loved ones. God bless you and all your family. May Don have everlasting peace and enjoy his heavenly reward. 💕🙏💕*

Mary Auer - January 07, 2021 at 06:09 PM

RR

“ *Sorry for your loss Ruth and family
We had Cedarhurst will miss your smiling face.*



Rita Rinderer - January 07, 2021 at 02:23 PM

AD

“ *My sympathy to Ruth and family. Don was always pleasant to be around, with his contagious smile. May he rest in peace. Cherish your good times together. Those good memories make each new day easier to enjoy. - Anna M (Richter) Duing*

Annie Duing - January 07, 2021 at 01:12 PM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of this. Will never forget Don, having shared many years in Optimist Club and on the golf course. May he Rest In Peace.

Dennis Buchmiller - January 07, 2021 at 01:07 PM

MM

Our sympathy and prayers to Dan and Mark and all the family. We were back yard neighbors to the family for many years. Good memories of good times with Don and Ruth - raising our kids, playing ball in the empty lots by our house, skating on the lake when it froze over, etc. Rest in peace, Don. Marylin and Jerry McDevitt

Marylin McDevitt - January 07, 2021 at 03:24 PM

BC

Ruth & family- you have our deepest sympathy & condolences on Don's passing. I like to remember all the great times we had going out to dinner & traveling- panning for gold and helicoptering up to walk on a glacier in Alaska as well as motorhome trips to Northern Michigan & Wisconsin. I chuckle when I think of Ruth making here 'Nest' in the corner of the Coach! I have many fond memories of the both of you & the fun we had together. Rest in peace my friend!

Bill Corray & Penny Jacob

Bill Corray - January 11, 2021 at 03:58 PM