



Donald Jay Schoolmeester

June 4, 1956 - December 28, 2021

Donald (Don) Jay Schoolmeester...

was born on June 4, 1956 in Pipestone, Minnesota. He was the second of four children born to Jerold and Sophie (Veldhuizen) Schoolmeester.

The family moved from a farm east of Edgerton into town when Don was six years old. Don attended Edgerton Public School where he played football and basketball. He graduated in 1975. He then attended Jackson Vocational-Technical College.

Don was baptized and made his profession of faith at the First Reformed Church in Edgerton, Minnesota.

Don met the love of his life, Betty, in July of 1975. They were united in marriage on July 22, 1978 in Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Pipestone, Minnesota.

Over the years, Don was a jack of all trades, and did everything from being a plumber, working in construction, and was even an EMT.

In August 1986, Don and his family moved from Pipestone to Kingman, Arizona, where he worked for Bayliner Boats. He then worked for Citizen's Utilities for a little over ten years, before having a stroke in 2002 and

becoming disabled. After becoming disabled, he spent his days lovingly caring for his grandkids when they were babies.

Don was a handyman around the house, always working on a project, whether it was remodeling a bathroom, laying tile in the kitchen, or building his kids a tree house.

He also enjoyed spending time in Meadview, Arizona at his lake house, where he and his family would take their boat out and enjoy going out on Lake Mead. In more recent years, he and Betty could be found taking their camper out on the weekends in Williams, Arizona.

Don was an avid collector of model trains, cars, and other antiques.

On Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Don passed away at Kingman Regional Medical Center from viral pneumonia (a complication from contracting COVID-19). He was 65 years old.

He is lovingly remembered by his wife, Betty Schoolmeester of Kingman, Arizona; his children, Heidi and her husband Chad Baitinger of Kingman, Arizona, Nathan and his wife Errica Schoolmeester of Kingman, Arizona; 6 grandchildren, Levi and Gracie Woods, and Cohen and Emilyynn Baitinger of Kingman, Arizona, and Jesse and Holden Schoolmeester of Kingman, Arizona; his father and mother Jerold and Sophie Schoolmeester of Edgerton, Minnesota; his sister Deb and her husband Gerald Rieck of Edgerton, Minnesota, brother David and his wife Lisa Schoolmeester of Marshall, Minnesota, and sister Darla and her husband Jose Palacio of Phoenix, Arizona. He is also remembered by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Jack Swart and his two nephews, Justin and Craig Swart.

A memorial service will be held at Sutton Memorial Funeral Home in Kingman, Arizona on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Private Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 11:00 AM (MT)

Sutton Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory
1701 Sycamore Ave.
Kingman, AZ 86409
(928) 757-4022
<https://suttonmemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *rip old classmate EHS class of 75 Ivan Gunnink*

Ivan Gunnink - January 08, 2022 at 08:36 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Jay Schoolmeester.*



January 07, 2022 at 10:35 PM



“ *Our sympathy to your family. Lots of childhood memories with Don. Jana & Lee Beckering*

lee - January 07, 2022 at 07:05 PM



“ *So sorry Betty and family for your loss of Don. We will always remember his laughter and joy of life. We had several times camping in Williams and enjoyed visiting Don and Betty. Our prayer for his family and thoughts of love and memories of Don. RIP Don.*

Judy Martin - January 07, 2022 at 06:48 PM



“ *Our sincere condolences, dear family*

Veldhuizen NL - January 07, 2022 at 04:45 AM

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“ *My heart aches for Don's family.*



Nancy Hinricher - January 07, 2022 at 12:59 AM

MP

*Thoughts and prayers to you Sophie and Gerald, and the family, from
glen and Mavis Prins*

mavis prins - January 07, 2022 at 03:21 PM

BR

“ *Betty and family -sorry for your loss of Don*

from Brenda Scheerhoorn



Brenda - January 05, 2022 at 08:00 PM