



Donald D. Obermiller

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Donald D. Obermiller, 82, of Clinton passed away Monday, August 19, 2024 at Eagle Point Health Care Center - Clinton.

A visitation will start at 10:30 am and a Celebration of Life will start at 11:30 am on Saturday, September 28, 2024, the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory. A private burial will be held prior to the visitation. A lunch will be served at the Camanche Community Center immediately following the service. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com.

Donald Delbert Obermiller was born July 19, 1942 in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Delbert and Betty Jane (Platt) Obermiller. He was a 1960 graduate of Clinton High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1961 to 1964. In 1964 he married Shizuko Tobaru in Okinawa, Japan. Donald proudly worked as a firefighter for the City of Clinton for 32 years and retired as the Department's first Training Officer.

A dreamer and a man of action, Don lived life to its fullest as he pursued a myriad of hobbies and interests throughout his entire life. He loved the outdoors going back to his childhood as he fished and hunted along the Mississippi River while growing up in Camanche. He loved swimming, daily sunrise walks to Eagle Point, biking to Thompson Nature Center, kayaking, canoeing, prairie preservation, and any other activity that got him outside.

Deeply devoted to his family, Don enjoyed family gatherings, playing cards, dominoes and chess. As a loving grandfather, he spent countless and patient hours playing and spending time with his five grandchildren. He was immensely proud of his family.

Quick to laugh and quick to tease, Don's brilliant blue eyes were well known. Outgoing and friendly, he made friends everywhere he went, as he showed genuine interest and compassionate consideration toward others. He will be missed deeply.



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Don is survived by his wife Shizuko of Clinton, three children: David Obermiller of St. Peter, Minnesota, Cindy (Mike Yackshaw) Obermiller of Clinton, and Lisa (Dan Blaszcinski) of Chicago, Illinois; grandchildren: Daniel (Carol), Ry, Ben, Lilly and Delaney; siblings: Randa McAlpine of Camanche, Bonnie Flynn of Ingleside, Texas and Julie (Jeff) Harmon of Clinton; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers-in-law: Bruce McAlpine and Jim Flynn and his dog Barney. The family truly appreciates the care Don received from the compassionate staff at Eagle Point Nursing Home.

Memorials may be made to the family.



Events

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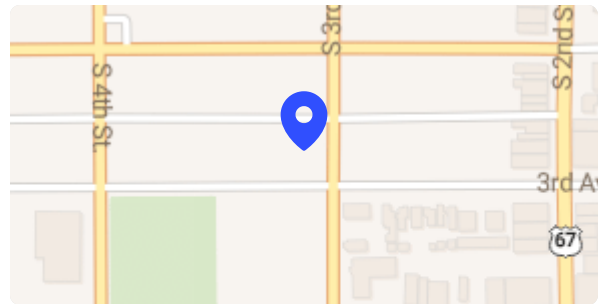
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Memorial Visitation

Saturday, September 28, 2024

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton
302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732

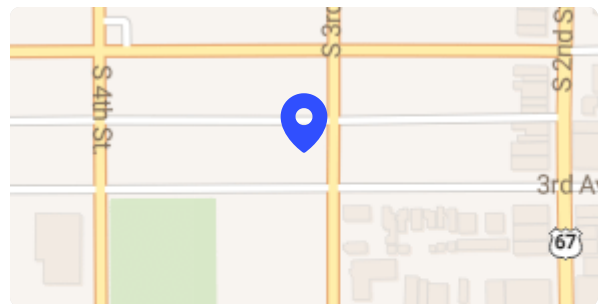


Celebration of life

Saturday, September 28, 2024

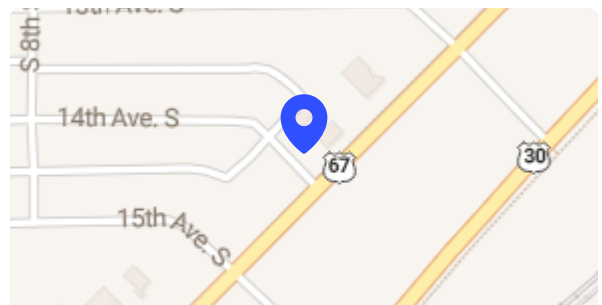
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Cemetery Details

Smith Cemetery
1398 US 67, Clinton IA 52732





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CP

Chief Michael Kuk, Phd. posted:

I just received word about Don's passing. I am extremely saddened by the Solemn news. He was an excellent firefighter and officer during his entire career. His family and friends can be very proud to know this about his career and attention to duty. He was a dedicated Marine Corps Veteran, and I salute him for that also as a Vietnam Veteran. May Don Rest in Paradise!

January 14 at 5:53 PM

HE

Harvey Evers posted:

I spent many hours with,Don floating around Lake Winnabagosh hunting walleye honorable wonderful man RIP. My friend

October 14 at 8:53 AM

DM

Doug Mcalpine posted:

Uncle Don was a role model for honor, strength, and loyalty to his family and friends. Our families shared so many great memories from vacations, parties, or just hanging out. Don was always a big part of that, he will be missed. All my love to the Obermiller family,Doug McAlpine

September 28 at 10:28 AM

WA

With Love, Anna And Alex sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Obermiller family.



September 24 at 7:39 AM



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SB

Stephen D Bromley posted:

To all of Don's family you have my deepest sympathy. Obie was a great friend and fishing partner. We had so much fun fishing together. From ice fishing to going after walleyes or pan fish. We always had cookies or treats from Sweet Heart bakery and more importantly whether or not we caught fish, we had so many great conversations about so many things with fun and laughter. We all had the greatest respect for Don as a firefighter and training officer at CFD. Blessings and Prayers, Steve Bromley

August 24 at 10:47 AM

DE

Dawn Eickert September 27 at 3:40 PM

My sympathy to the whole family. I have many fond memories of your dad he was a great man.

MM

Mike Moran posted:

Sorry to read of your dad's passing, Dave. I trust you and your sisters take great pride in the life he lived. Here's to better days ahead for your family.

August 23 at 5:55 AM

LD

Linda Dutchess posted:

Don will be missed by so many! I will miss the evenings that I spent playing cards and games with him and the family. Don was always fun to be around and I loved listening to his stories. I will miss him. Positive thoughts and prayers for all the family! ❤️

August 22 at 11:34 AM

DE

Dawn Eickert posted:

So sorry to hear of Dons passing. My heart goes out to the whole family he was a great guy. Still remember him picking us up from the disco in the jeep.

August 22 at 5:39 AM



Lynn Thoms August 23 at 7:58 AM

So very sorry for your loss. Gary thought so much of the firefighter he was. We enjoyed the visits we had in church. Thoughts and prayers 🙏. Lynn Thoms



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Lynn Thoms lit a candle in honor of Donald.



August 21 at 1:31 PM



Richard Voda posted:

To all the Obermiller family Sue and I send you our deepest condolences. Don was great friend and fellow firefighter. Dick Voda.

August 19 at 2:10 PM



Lynn Thoms August 21 at 1:33 PM

So very sorry for your loss. Gary always talked about what a great fire fighter he was. Thoughts and prayers 🙏



Lynn Thoms August 21 at 1:29 PM

So very sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers 🙏



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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