



Donald Sorensen

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Donald Albert Sorensen passed away March 9, 2013 in Clinton, Iowa. He was born on April 30, 1927 in Clinton to Petrine (Morsing) and Carsten Sorensen. After graduating from Clinton High School in 1945 Don served one year in the US Army before being honorably discharged.

Don married Joan Dinnie in Clinton, Iowa on September 25, 1948. He was founder and CEO of Sorensen Homes, Inc. a residential and land development company. Over the course of his forty year career he built more than 800 home, apartment houses and condominiums. He was the first to introduce the condominium concept to Clinton.

Don was active in many professional organizations including the Builders Club (President), American Builders & Contractors, Clinton Board of Realtors (President), Clinton Board of Realtors (President), Gyros, AMVETS, Slo-Spokes and Clinton Country Club (President.)

In his retirement Don enjoyed wood-working and making unique creations from golf balls. He and Joan wintered for many years in Destin, Florida. Don also enjoyed golfing and his Wednesday poker games.

Don is survived by his wife Joan, daughter Donna (Kris Westphal) Sorensen of Iowa City, daughter Debbie (Bob) Ketelsen of Clinton, daughter Deena (Kevin) Determan of Clinton, son Ken (Sue) Sorensen of Eden Prairie, MN, daughter-in-law Beth Wirtz of Phoenix, AZ, twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, his brother and his son Kevin.

A Service to Celebrate Don's life will be 10:30am, Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at the Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes & Crematory. Burial will be in the Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Don's grandsons Tony Cozzolino, Nathan Determan, Bret Sorensen, Bart Sorensen, Ben Sorensen, Blake Sorensen and Kyle Sorensen. Visitation will be Tuesday evening



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from 4:00-7:00pm at the funeral home. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at www.snellzornig.com

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Clinton County Chapter of Relay for Life.



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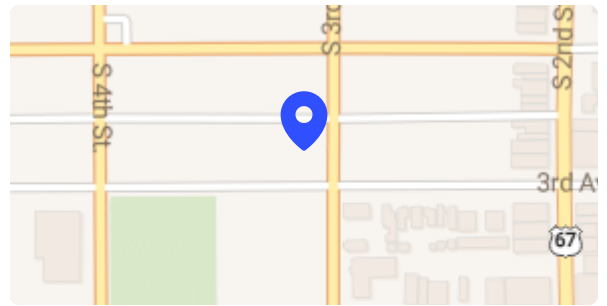
Visitation

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT

Snell-Zornig Funeral Home & Crematory, Clinton

302 Third Avenue South, Clinton IA 52732



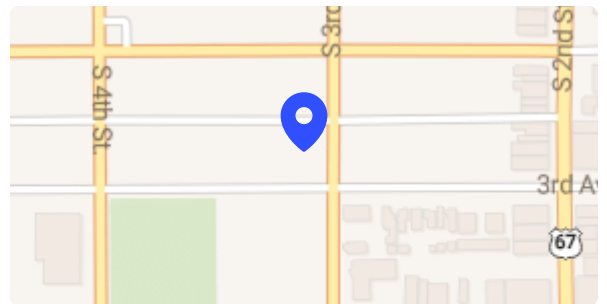
Service

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CT

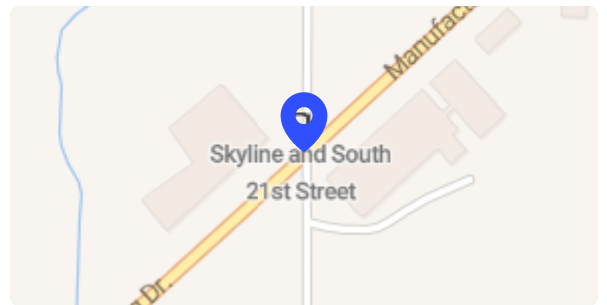
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Cemetery Details

Clinton Lawn Cemetery
2100 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton IA 52732





Tribute Wall

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Shannan Cozzolino lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Missing you a lot today Grandpa.....

April 2 at 8:23 AM



Patricia Sima posted:

Hi to Joan and All the family, We just heard the very sad news about Don. We are so sorry and want you to know we are thinking of you with love and sympathy. Don was a CLINTON ICON and he will never be forgotten. We thank him for the FOUR lovely homes that he built for us over the years!! We were friends AND neighbors for so many years and we will remember Don as a guy with a heart of gold. With Sympathy and Love, Patricia and Don Sima Hendersonville, North Carolina

March 16 at 9:29 AM



M Golinviaux lit a candle in honor of Donald.

March 15 at 4:21 PM



Linda Casey lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Dear Joan and Donna and all the family...I know you have many great memories of Don and all the happy times. As a young girl growing up, I always admired your family and the closeness and love that you had for each other. I will never forget the joy that Don and the rest of the family had when watching the Clinton Clippers play ball. We appreciated all your support. Don is the reason the word gentle is in the wordgentleman. I'm praying for strength for you and your family at this time. His spirit will always be with you.Linda (Kiefer) Casey

March 14 at 10:18 AM



John Lawson posted:

Donna and the Sorenson family.....I'm sorry to hear of your father's passing, and certainly hope that your memories will bring you strength in this time of sorrow. John Lawson

March 14 at 5:40 AM



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VJ

Vicki Johnson lit a candle in honor of Donald.

To the Sorensen family; hold on to your memories and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Your in my thoughts and prayers. Fonzie

March 12 at 5:56 PM



BM

Betty And Bill Mosgrove posted:

Dear Joan and family,Our sympathy to you all.We had the good fortune to live in two Sorensen homes. Don built the first one for us in 1953.We left Clinton for a while and bought another from him in 1984.He was a man who knew how to have a good time and was fun to be with!I think he invented some new holidays so we could celebrate!He will be missed !Love,Betty and Bill MosgroveFt. Myers, FL

March 12 at 4:08 PM

VJ

Vicki Johnson posted:

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March 12 at 8:57 AM

SJ

Sarah Jacoby posted:

I rented my first apartment from Don as a college student many, many years ago. He was always a fair and decent guy to me, and I am sorry to hear of his passing. My condolences to his family.
Sarah Jacoby

March 12 at 8:13 AM

PH

Pat Houar posted:

Dear Donna,I remember you telling of your father's construction business and sharing his fun handmade items like the paperweights with an embedded green-glass pine tree. Thinking of you and your family.Blessings,Pat Houar

March 12 at 7:27 AM



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RS

Robert Simmons posted:

May it help in some way to know that friends are sharing your sorrow. Bob and Betty Simmons

March 12 at 6:19 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Sorensen family.



March 12 at 5:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Sorensen family.



March 12 at 4:35 AM

VJ

Vicki Johnson posted:

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March 11 at 6:09 PM

KT

Karen Taylor posted:

To Joan, Donna, Debbie, Ken, Deena and all of your family -- You have my deepest sympathy on the loss of a very special husband, dad, and grandfather. May you help each other to bear this very painful time, and may many good memories help to ease your grief. I will always remember Don's great sense of humor and his zany golf ball creations! Karen Taylor

March 11 at 3:20 PM

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March 11 at 11:12 AM



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March 11 at 10:58 AM



JB

Jim And Jonett Butler posted:

We send our sympathy to the Sorenson family and have many memories of watching Clinton High School sports and other activities. We are thinking of you at this difficult time. Jim and JoNett Butler

March 11 at 8:03 AM

JS

Jill Schneden posted:

Hugs across the miles to all the Sorensen family members.

March 11 at 5:50 AM

PJ

Paul Juhl posted:

My sympathy to the entire Sorensen family. I know that your many memories will provide you comfort during the coming days. Paul Juhl

March 10 at 7:27 AM

TD

Trischa Debo lit a candle in honor of Donald.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. You are a great family and support to each other...hugs

March 10 at 6:13 AM



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March 10 at 6:03 AM



Jonett & Jim Butler March 10 at 8:45 AM

We send our sympathy to the Sorenson family. We shared many Clinton High School sporting events and have great memories of those times. Jim and JoNett Butler - Atlantis, Florida



Dawn Harvey posted:

Joan and all the kids, I am sad to hear about Don. I remember many good things about him. And he was funny too! What an accomplished man as well. Dawn and Tim Harvey (Sharon's daughter)

March 10 at 5:25 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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