



## Donald F. Koranda

April 8, 1942 - March 6, 2016

Donald Frank Koranda of Eagle River joined his heavenly family on Sunday, March 6th, 2016. He was 73.

When he was just 21 years old Don lost both his parents within six months of each other. Shortly after he met and later married his first wife Regina Reilly, becoming a trusted and loyal member of the extended Reilly family.

Don and Regina raised their three children, Scott, Michelle and Brian in Chicago, later moving to Woodruff in 1975. Don led the Cub Scouts, coached Little League, and visited the public library with his children every week.

In 1987 Don married E. Jean (Nagle) Hanneman of Eagle River and took the role of a loving father to step-daughters Lori and Karol. His five children never went without and always knew their father was on their side.

Don worked hard his entire life. In Chicago Don discovered his love of drafting and engineering at the Crane Company. After moving to Woodruff Don tried his hand at a few different trades but eventually returned to engineering and became a Senior Engineering Technician at Marathon Electric in Wausau, WI. Don persistently and steadily pursued his education, first attending Chicago Junior College and later earning a Bachelor of Science Degree from UW-Platteville in the Extended Degree program. Well into his retirement Don took

classes as North Central Technical College and later taught a semester of technical drawing at the Antigo campus.

Don retired in 2007 and quickly filled his days with biking, tending to his hosta garden and attending his grandchildren's sporting events, concerts and plays. Don treasured staying in touch. Weekends were spent traveling to visit his cousins in Michigan, his children's families in Wauwatosa, Minneapolis or Crandon, or his brother in Rochester. He traveled as far as Georgia and Hawaii to visit family. Later when unable to travel, Don took full advantage of evening and weekend minutes to call his children, cousins and friends, keeping all of us centered on family. His Sunday evening calls were a constant and will be dearly missed by all.

Don was a member of the Holy Catholic Family church in Woodruff and helped coordinate Summerfest. More recently he led introductory computing classes for seniors.

Don is survived by his wife E. Jean, sons Scott (Shelly) and Brian (Nicole), daughter Michelle (Jay), step-daughters Lori (Mike) and Karol (Jason), and brother Keith (Ann). His grandchildren Sam, Nicholas, Emily, Jeremy, Lucas, Jennifer, Jade, Damon, Tyler, Camryn and his great grandson Mason were his pride and joy. He is further survived by many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his twin brother David, and his parents Frank and Clara (Cygan) Koranda.

Funeral services for Don will be on Tuesday, March 15 at 12:00 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff with visitation beginning 10 a.m. Don's wish was to be buried at St. Mary's cemetery in Chicago with his twin brother and their parents.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary Catholic Cemetery

Evergreen Park, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church

8950 County J

Woodruff, WI 54568

(715) 356-6284

<http://www.holyfamilywoodruff.org>

## Funeral Mass

MAR 15. 12:00 PM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church

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# Tribute Wall

HH

“ *Hodag Hospitality purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald F. Koranda.*



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**Hodag Hospitality** - March 14, 2016 at 09:39 AM

DR

“ *Don And Arlene Reilly lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



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**Don and Arlene Reilly** - March 13, 2016 at 07:01 PM



“ *Karol Valkenaar lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



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**Karol Valkenaar** - March 12, 2016 at 10:19 AM

MT

“ *Mary Therese lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



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**Mary Therese** - March 10, 2016 at 11:21 PM

MT

*Scott, Michelle and Brian, I am so saddened by your loss. Don was always so dear to me and I will miss him and his visits into Chicago. We always got together when he passed thru to see his cousins in Michigan, or in years past, to see Harry and Ellie. I will always remember his good nature and easy going style xoxo!*

**Mary Therese** - March 10, 2016 at 11:26 PM

SR

“ *Sue Reilly-Tracz lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



**Sue Reilly-Tracz** - March 10, 2016 at 01:11 PM

JN

“ *Jeri Nagle lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



**jeri nagle** - March 09, 2016 at 10:59 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald F. Koranda.*



March 09, 2016 at 07:24 PM

MI

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Michelle - March 09, 2016 at 06:05 PM

MI

*Dad designed this video in January 2015 in hopes of starting his own business. A pretty talented guy!*

Michelle - March 10, 2016 at 06:53 AM

DA

*I remember coming to Don at Marathon Electric and asking him for help with a problem. I'd sketch a simple concept and he'd come up with elegant tooling.*

David - March 10, 2016 at 02:56 PM



Jason Valkenaar

*Talented and caring man, your forever in our hearts, thank you for all the wonderful times and memories. WE love you grandpa Don*

Jason Valkenaar - March 11, 2016 at 04:41 PM

DR

*Don enjoyed the technical aspects of his job. When we visited Minocqua at the Reilly homestead and Don would stop by to visit, I encouraged him to update me on his work activities which I enjoyed hearing. He would gladly share numerous incidents of design projects and revision upgrades. We welcomed his visits when we took our annual summer trips to see family.*

*Don and Arlene Reilly*

Don and Arlene Reilly - March 13, 2016 at 06:56 PM

CR

“ I will always remember Don as being a very hard working man, taking a job wherever he could to provide for his family. He loved basketball and bike riding always asking me to meet him for a bike ride. He had a lot of energy:) He was a positive and engaging person. He was a "worker " of God. We would always see him at church when we went to mass up north. Though I am unable to come to your farewell services Don, I will always remember you with admiration and love and keep you always in my heart. God bless.



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**Chris Reilly** - March 09, 2016 at 04:34 PM

CR

“ Chris Reilly lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda



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**Chris Reilly** - March 09, 2016 at 04:24 PM

CM

“ Colleen McGuire lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda



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**Colleen McGuire** - March 09, 2016 at 02:33 PM

BK

“ *Brian Koranda lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



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**Brian Koranda** - March 09, 2016 at 10:43 AM

JH

“ *Jean Hartline lit a candle in memory of Donald F. Koranda*



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**Jean Hartline** - March 09, 2016 at 09:34 AM