



Donald W. Loeffler, Jr.

July 6, 1946 - November 10, 2016

Donald Loeffler, 70, of Mercer, Wisconsin died November 10, 2016 at home with family at his side. He was born to the late Donald and Doris (Johnson) Loeffler on July 6, 1946 in Milwaukee. Don graduated from Shawano High School, attended UW Oshkosh, and received an AD in Accounting from Bryant & Stratton College in 1972. He married Susan Jencen in 1977. They lived in Nashotah, WI before moving the family to Frankfort, IL in 1998. In the fall of 2013, Don and Sue returned to Wisconsin and built a retirement home on a lake in the north woods, a dream fulfilled.

Don worked in the auto carrier business, and he held a variety of positions in operations including terminal manager. He began his career in Milwaukee, with C & J Transport and then E & L Transport. While at E & L Transport, Don transferred to Chicago in 1998. He also worked for PTS, Jack Cooper Transport, and Cassens Transport Company before retiring in 2011.

Don loved singing. His beautiful voice graced the Chancel choirs of Good Shepard United Methodist Church in Oconomowoc, WI and New Lenox United Methodist Church in New Lenox, IL. He also sang with the Lincoln-Way Chorale for several years. He was a loving husband and he was a devoted father, supporting his son Bryan in all of his activities, from t-ball to chaperoning band camp for 4 years. Don enjoyed kayaking on the lake and winter snowshoeing on the forest trails.

Don is survived by his wife Susan, son Bryan (Catherine) and grandson Connor of Crystal Lake, IL, brothers Richard (Pamela) of St. Charles, MO and

Robert of Georgetown, CO, aunt Marilyn Jaehnke, Los Angeles; brother in law John Jencen (Stephanie) of Hartford, sister's in law Cindy Rice (Clif) of Fond du Lac and Kathy Jencen (Denny) of Wisconsin Rapids, other relatives and best friend Michael Carlino of Tinley Park, IL.

Memorial donations can be made to Midwest Mission Distribution Center (PO Box 56 Chatham, IL 62629 or online www.midwestmissiondc.org). Don loved volunteering at the center and did so several times, the last being in December 2015. This was his last "work" before being diagnosed with a very rare Melanoma of the sinuses in January 2016.

The family is grateful for the support and services received from Ministry Home Hospice, the medical care received at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston TX and the loving support received from many friends and our church families.

A Memorial Service will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 3, 2016 at UM Church of the Pines, 415 Chippewa St, Minocqua, WI 54548, with a gathering one hour prior to the service at the church.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church of the Pines
415 Chippwa St
Minocqua, WI 54548
<http://www.umchurchofthepines.org>

Memorial Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DZ

“ We are sorry for your lose of Don. I know he is watching the Loons with God and you will fell him every time you hear their call.

Love

Debra & Dean Zerbst

Oconomoc, WI

Debra Zerbst - December 02, 2016 at 09:01 AM

JF

“ John, Cindy, Kathy. and our families purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Donald W. Loeffler, Jr..



John, Cindy, Kathy. and our families - November 30, 2016 at 01:43 PM



“ Glorious Grace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald W. Loeffler, Jr..



November 28, 2016 at 09:16 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald W. Loeffler, Jr..



November 28, 2016 at 08:58 AM

WW

“ Loeffler Family, I and my family share your loss of Don. We had a good visit with he and Sue at Dick Jensen's Memorial Service last. He graciously invited us to visit when in the Mercer area. He was fortunate to enjoy his retirement dream even though for a brief time. I wish you all peace and strength as I am sure he would have requested of you!

Sharing your loss!

Bill Wrobel and Family

william wrobel - November 19, 2016 at 07:37 PM

MM

“ My condolences to all the members of Don Loeffler's family. Revel in the fact the he was able to enjoy the Northwoods to it's fullest.

*Mike Moum
Lac du Flambeau.*

Mike Moum - November 16, 2016 at 04:32 PM

RG

“ *Doc & Don...the two always went together in our extended college group from UW Oshkosh and Carroll College. At the drop of a hat, we would load up the cars and head for the north woods. There are many fond memories of camping in Door County.*

Doc (Richard) and Don had a hippie apartment on East Bellevue in Milwaukee.

We remember the Moody Blues concert, which was a very big deal at the time.

After the concert we all went to their apartment for our own Door County fish boil right in the Apt.!

Diane and I are very sorry to hear the news. Don was preceded in passing this summer by another college crony, Dr. Dale Pelligrino.

We will remember Don as a special, kind and gentle man.

To Doc, Pam and the Loeffler family, please accept our condolence.

*Robert and Diane Gagliano
840 Grandview Drive
Elm Grove Wi.*

Robert Gagliano - November 16, 2016 at 10:52 AM

CK

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Don's passing he will truly be missed I worked with him for 12 years at E & L he was a very kind and caring individual and had a great sense of humor. Prayers to his family and loved ones.*

*Cindy Klumb
Homewood, IL.*

Cindy Klumb - November 14, 2016 at 09:29 AM