



Donald G Wachholz

May 3, 2014

Donald George Wachholz, 82, of Minocqua, Wisconsin passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents Helen and George Wachholz of St. Paul, Minnesota. Don graduated from Wilson High School, Macalester College, and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. He was married to his wife Nadine for over 60 years.

Don served in the United States Army with the Second Armored Division in Bad Kreuznach, Germany. Following his time in the service and graduation from college, Don worked for First National Bank of Minneapolis. He moved with his family to Minocqua, Wisconsin in 1973 when he joined Lakeland State Bank which later became F&M Bank-Lakeland. He retired from the bank as its President after 22 years of service.

For over 40 years Don was an active member of the Lakeland community. He served in leadership capacities on community boards and committees including; Howard Young Health Care Foundation, Howard Young Medical Center, Ascension Lutheran Church, Board of Education of Lakeland Union High School, Minocqua/Woodruff Chamber of Commerce, and Lakeland Development Committee.

As a founding member of the Lakeland Rotary Club, he helped start the club and develop its robust participation in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. As a member of Rotary, he was a past European Correspondent of Central States Rotary Youth Exchange, Regional Coordinator for District PolioPlus

Campaign, Member of the District Executive Committee and Governor's Advisory Council, a District Governor, District Rotary Foundation Chairman, Vice Chairman of the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund Committee, and Chairman of the District Project Fund Committee. He was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor and Contributor to the Rotary Foundation. He was a Recipient of the Citation for meritorious service from the Rotary Foundation.

He enjoyed various hobbies including woodworking, photography, reading, television and golf. He was a coach for the Lakeland Youth Hockey Program and a long standing member of The Alligators coffee group. He along with his wife were able to travel throughout the world in support of their exchange students and charitable activities including, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Russia, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Italy, Croatia, Turkey, Greece, Israel, Zimbabwe, South Africa, India, Australia, New Zealand, Argentina, Chile, Hong Kong, and Japan.

Don was a beloved banker and member of the community and devoted Minnesota Vikings fan. Don is survived by his wife, Nadine, and his sons; Rob (Laurie), Karl, and Kurt (Tracy). He is survived by four grandchildren, Benjamin, Jacob, Jordan, and Luke. He is also survived by his Sisters Gretchen (Tom) Berger and Karen (Tom) Sullivan and Brother-in-Law Harold (Greta) Anderson and many nieces and nephews and many hosted exchange students.

Don's life will be honored on Saturday May 10th at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua with a visitation beginning at 11:00 am followed by memorial service at noon with a celebration of life to follow. The burial service will take place at Elmhurst cemetery in St. Paul at 2:00 on Monday.

Memorials in lieu of flowers appreciated for Howard Young Health Care Foundation, Lakeland Noon Rotary Club Foundation, Seasons of Life Hospice House, Ascension Lutheran Building Fund or a charity of your choice..

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Funeral Service

MAY 10. 12:00 PM (CT)

Ascension Lutheran Church
7937 Hwy 51 S
Minocqua, WI

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Nadine, I am saddened to hear of Don's passing from this life. I'm quite sure, however, that he is with our Lord. He was such a kind and gentle man. I didn't often have the opportunity to spend much time with him, but, of the time I did, I knew I was with an extraordinary man. My sympathetic thoughts are with you and your family. --Jenni Tiziani*

Jennifer Tiziani - June 15, 2014 at 03:52 PM

DE

“ *Nadine,
We were truly saddened by Don passing. I will remember him fondly as a member of the Rotery & much more!! Don Egan*

Don Egan - June 07, 2014 at 11:10 AM

TR

“ *Don was an extraordinary man.*

He impacted so many people with his gentle leadership and presence.

Don was my first hockey coach, Steve's Godfather, and always kept my Dad and Uncle Gary on point. Most importantly, he was a great dad and husband.

Our families have had so many wonderful memories together... A trip to Minneapolis was always better when Don and Nadine were with us. Go Vikings!

God bless you Don.

Todd Rosholt

Todd Rosholt - May 10, 2014 at 05:19 PM

RS

“ *Don was a marvelous person. He will be missed by many people. Our love and prayers go out to Nadine and his family. Penny and Roger Samuelson*

Roger Samuelson - May 10, 2014 at 12:15 PM

CB

“ Don was a wonderful man and influential in my life. He encouraged me and walked me through the process of becoming a Rotary exchange student, visited me, along with my parents and the Rosholts for a memorable romp in Denmark, and stayed a part of my life. Nadine, I treasure you and Don for the friendship you shared with my parents and the love and support you gave during Sue's illness. I love you both.

Cyndy Bennett

Cynthia Bennett - May 09, 2014 at 11:29 AM

BS

“ Don was a solid member of our Rotary Youth Exchange family. This family of Central States Rotary Youth Exchange is one to always remember and you, Nadine, were right there,too. Our sympathy and warmest thoughts. Bob Shoemaker, past chairman, Central States Rotary Youth Exchange and Mary Ann.

Bob Shoemaker - May 09, 2014 at 10:07 AM

PC

“ Don, I will always remeber you, with a big smile and strong voice. I ´m sure you are taking pictures of flowers at heaven right now. I will miss you very much.

Will be always very thankfull of my year, as exchange student, in Minocqua with you and Nadine, thankfull of our friendship all these years.

Pamela Calaf

Pamela Calaf - May 07, 2014 at 06:35 PM

GS

“ I will always remember Don's hearty laugh!
That will stay with me forever! Rest in peace
Don. Our thoughts and prayers are with
Nadine and family.

Love,

Greg, Mary , Anthony and Tim Sicora.



Greg Sicora - May 07, 2014 at 08:25 AM

BA

“ Bush and Adeeba purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald G Wachholz.



Bush and Adeeba - May 07, 2014 at 06:36 AM

NS

“ We know that Don has moved on to a better place where he will continue to express the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self". We were lucky enough to have Don and Nadine as early mentors in Rotary. Both Don and Nadine were open, welcoming and supportive. We wish Nadine and the family a sense of peace and understanding that God's time is all that counts. Don touched many lives in his career and in Rotary. The world is a better place for his having passed through it. We send our love and condolences.
North & Jan Shetter

north shetter - May 06, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ *As member of Ascension, I know you will be greatly missed. You did so much for so many here in Minocqua. Prayers to Nadine Va Oscislowski*

Valerie Oscislowski - May 06, 2014 at 03:24 PM



“ *Tropical Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald G Wachholz.*



May 06, 2014 at 03:01 PM



“ *The Holmgren Family purchased the Blooming Garden Basket for the family of Donald G Wachholz.*



The Holmgren Family - May 06, 2014 at 09:37 AM



“ *Nadine and family, You are in my prayers and thoughts. Don was a great man and gave many hours to the Howard Young Foundation and the hospital. I truly enjoyed working with him for many years on the Board. Thank you for sharing him with us.*
Barb and Will Maines



Barb Maines - May 06, 2014 at 08:13 AM

TH

“ Don was a good friend and great Rotarian. He truly believed in service above self He was a great supporter of his local community and the world community. He understood the world needed both. We enjoyed our relationship with Don and Nadine and hope to continue a relationship with Nadine. We extend our prayers and sympathy to Nadine and Don's family. Jill & Tom Herlache.

Tom Herlache - May 05, 2014 at 09:48 PM

MH

“ Don's commitment to public service was not only local but international, as was his positive impact. I always admired and looked up to him and Nadine. It could be that in heaven the Vikings win Super Bowls.

Mark Hartzheim - May 05, 2014 at 09:28 PM

PD

“ Dear Don,
Thank you for ushering me into the Foundation and the 'higher' echelons of Rotary. You guided me, counseled me and helped me do my best. My memories of you will always be filled with love and trust and I am sure all who knew you will share in that sentiment. You will continue to be a guiding light for me and for thousands of others
Dear Nadine,
You have my deepest condolences and a bunch of hugs.
Pryse

Pryse Duerfeldt - May 05, 2014 at 07:41 PM

KA

“ Don was my big brother. He was 13 years older than me so I don't have a lot of memories when I was growing up. I was only 9 when Don and Nadine got married and then they went off to Germany because he was in the Army.

The memories I do have is visiting them many times in Arizona and also the times they visited Tom and me in Florida and also at our cabin in Northern Minnesota. Another thought I have of Don is that he loved Nut Goodies candy and could not buy them in WI. So this year as I was buying Easter candy for the grandchildren and saw Nut Goodies. I immediately purchased six Nut Goodies and sent them to Don with an Easter card. I received an email back from him saying "Thank You" three times and that he was enjoying his first Nut Goodie with his after dinner coffee. As I think back, I have so many other wonderful memories and these will always be in my heart as I think of Don.

I will miss you Don.

Love, your little sister, Karen

Karen - May 05, 2014 at 01:33 PM

MS

“ A wonderful uncle , husband, father and grandfather. His life here with us will live on through many amazing memories. Our condolences and prayers for your peace - love always.
Sean and Melissa.

melissa sullivan - May 05, 2014 at 12:30 PM

SS

“Don was a wonderful man and inspiration to his family. I will never forget his contagious laugh. We will really miss him and I was glad to have him as a part of my life. Prayers to all of the family as we celebrate his life and mourn his passing.”

Sean Sullivan - May 05, 2014 at 12:00 PM

MF

“A wonderful person and my Godfather. Don touched many people during his incredible life. He was admired and he will be deeply missed.”

Michael Sullivan (and family) - May 05, 2014 at 10:57 AM

PR

“One amazing, caring man. I am so fortunate to have known Don via Lakeland Rotary. To serve with him on the board; work with Don in Rotary Youth Exchange - he was District Governor in 1989-90 I believe. Such devotion and generosity. God's blessings to Nadine and the family.”

Pete Rondello - May 04, 2014 at 08:57 PM

JH

“Don contributed so much to the Minocqua area over the years. He was a gentle, gentle man.”

Joe Handrick - May 04, 2014 at 07:37 PM

VS

“Such a wonderful person. Will be missed by many. Prayers to the family.”

Vickie Shughart - May 04, 2014 at 06:55 PM

YB

“ Remembering Him as a very pleasant person
when working at the Bank in town.
RIP Donald.



Yvonne Braun - May 03, 2014 at 09:52 PM