



Reverend DJ Dominkowski

February 24, 1939 - July 14, 2017

Rev. Donald J. Dominkowski, "DJ", age 78 went to be with his Lord on July 14th, 2017 at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau, WI. He was born in Ironwood, MI on February 24th, 1939 to John and Sigrid (Aho) Dominkowski. He graduated from Ironwood High School in 1956. On August 26, 1961 he married Maxine Jarvi. Donald attended seminary at Concordia in Springfield, IL and graduated in 1963.

Pastor Dominkowski went on to serve many different churches including churches in Westminster, MA, Forbes, ND, and Hayward/Cable, WI. In 1971 the family moved to Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction, WI where he stayed until retiring in 2012. He also served churches in Minocqua, Mercer, Presque Isle, Land O'Lakes, Manitowish Waters, and Marenisco, MI. Pastor served the Lord and numerous congregations for 51 years.

Other than the church and his family, he loved his many hunting and fishing trips to Alaska and North Dakota, and those that knew him best heard him recount those trips many times. He enjoyed the time spent and looked forward to the adventures with family and the many special friends he had made over the years, especially those in North Dakota.

Our dad was known by many names Pastor, The Rev., DJ, Dom, Preach, Polish Padre', Dad, but his favorite was Papa. He was an active member of his community and many organizations- too many to list here.

We will miss his stories, laughter, kindness, and love. He never missed an opportunity to help those who needed him.

Donald is survived by his wife of 55 years Maxine, son Mark Dominkowski, Cable, WI, daughter Diann (Jim) Koshuta, Three Lakes, WI and son-in-law Jeff Kuglitsch Janesville, WI. He is also survived by his sister Mary Beth (Arthur) Leppi, Minocqua, WI. Papa also leaves behind his precious grandchildren that he loved more than anything Adam and Alysse Kuglitsch, Doug, Sam and Kate Koshuta.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his son Michael Dominkowski and his daughter Debra Kuglitsch.

There will be a visitation on Saturday July 22nd , 2017 from 9AM to 12PM at Trinity Lutheran Church in Boulder Junction, WI. A memorial service will follow at noon, with a luncheon to follow. Pastor Gary Albert will officiate.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 22. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Boulder Junction, WI

Memorial Service

JUL 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Boulder Junction, WI

Tribute Wall

JS

“ Just heard about Pastor Dom through my dad. I am so sorry for your loss. He was a joy in my life on Sundays in the summer when we were at our cabin in Lac du Flambeau. My parents were please to call him and Maxine friends. He will be missed, but celebrated in the heavenly kingdom as God's faithful servant. My deepest sympathy.

Jeanine (Karolus) Sproule

Jeanine Karolus Sproule - August 14, 2017 at 07:07 PM

ML

“ Maxine, Mark, and Diann,

I'm sorry for your loss and present sorrow, but your love for "Dom" will continue as you think back on time shared with him. Look to God's only begotten Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for comfort now and always!

With kind regards, Pastor Mark Latsch

Mark Latsch - July 26, 2017 at 09:53 AM



“ Sympathy Fruits Abound was purchased for the family of Reverend DJ Dominkowski.



July 22, 2017 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ We were saddened to hear of Pastor D's passing. He was a gracious man with a kind heart, hearty laugh, and gentle words of wisdom. Our condolences to all of you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. Therese and Len Safford

therese safford - July 22, 2017 at 08:21 AM

DK

Thank you -- I love your kind words! Diann Koshuta

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:14 AM

BD

“ *Maxine, Mark and Diann,*

Sandy and I are so sorry to hear of Dom's passing. We have such great memories of him, from the campground antics at the GOF to his pastoral "roasts" at the State Convention. He is a permanent part of Deadman family lore by virtue of "roasting and toasting" me at Sandy's first convention-way back in 1992! And of course I richly deserved it- probably not a good idea to flip the "bird" to a verbose camera laden padre while dangling my feet in the hot tub with a tie around my head.

So Sandy can't say she didn't have fair warning from "on high."

He made a difference to a lot of people, and will always live on in our hearts.

God Bless,

Bruce Deadman

Bruce Deadman - July 21, 2017 at 10:12 PM

DK

DU events were some of my best family memories!! We had so much fun and even managed to raise a few dollars for the ducks!!

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Your never forgotten paster D. You were very much loved by entire family. Never will I forget dad (Chuck Evans) calling you polish padre'. Thank you all you gifts. Kimi*

Kimi Sartwell - July 21, 2017 at 09:12 PM

DK

*Thank you for sharing such kind words about my dad--
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:16 AM

TH

“ *We were part of the DU family and have many fond memories on the Dominkowski family. He as a light all of us. He always remembered us and was a great friend. We are so sorry for your loss. The precious memories, he will always be with you.
Tom & Shirley Horner*

Tom & Shirley Horner - July 20, 2017 at 09:33 AM

DK

*Thanks for the note Tom and Shirley -- we sure did have some fun at those events!! Such great memories!!
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:17 AM

AS

“ *Pastor D's gifts of love and support to his congregation and others is beyond words and comprehension. Pastor D visited my parents regularly for over 20 years seeing that all there needs were met, not just spiritual. My family is beyond grateful for his faithful service. Our sympathy to all of family and friends. Anita and Wayne Stolle*

Anita Stolle - July 19, 2017 at 10:59 AM

DK

*I love this story -- my dad would leave the house and go and do stuff like this but we would never know where why or where he was going. I am so proud to be his daughter.
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:19 AM

JH

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of your loss---Pastor D will be missed by many. He gave so much of himself and left behind many fond memories. God Bless...*

Jan Nordlof Hennessey

Jan Nordlof Hennessey - July 18, 2017 at 07:09 PM

DK

Thank you for your kind words. Diann

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:19 AM

JU

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Maxine and your family. May God watch over you at this difficult time. June L. Judd*

June - July 18, 2017 at 01:45 PM

DK

Thank you -- Diann

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:20 AM

CC

“ *The Christensen Family formally of Marenisco extend our deepest sympathy to Pastor D's family. We could never express what he meant to our family and the deep caring and love he gave to our Mom Evelyn. He was truly a gift from God..*

CHRISTIAN CHRISTENSEN - July 18, 2017 at 12:09 PM

DK

Thank you for your kind words they mean so much to our family. Diann

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:21 AM

KG

“ *Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayers. I got to know this wonderful man while a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Land O' Lakes, Wisconsin. Always a pleasure to hear him preach and to just chat with him after a service. Many years later, while working for Shawano County, I find out that the county attorney, Jeff Kuglitsch was married to Pastor's daughter? Indeed a small world. I was blessed to have known Pastor AND his dear daughter Deb. May you feel God's arms around you and his presence at this sad time.*

Kathy Goers - July 18, 2017 at 08:42 AM

DK

*Small world and now my dad and my sister are together. I am sure that they are sitting together celebrating my sisters birthday today!! Thank you for your kind words of encouragement.
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:22 AM



Marsha
Hoeffs

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Dominkowski family. With fond memories, not only as a church family, but also as friends. We would very much like to attend the funeral but we will be in New York visiting Melanie and her family.*

Marsha Hoeffs - July 18, 2017 at 08:21 AM

DK

*Thank you for your kind words -- we sure do have some great memories!! Family time is so important -- we completely understand!!
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:24 AM

BS

“ *Maxine, Mark and Diann, Our deepest condolences on your loss. We have many fond memories of Pastor "D" during our years in Boulder Junction. Gerry and Bonnie Schoesser.*

BONNIE SCHOESSER - July 17, 2017 at 11:32 PM

DK

*Thank you -- I hope that all is well with you!
Diann*

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:24 AM

AS

“ Pastor "D" was such a special man. He was a good friend to many. When my father, Bill Roland, was ill he came to their home and visited, gave communion and really had a great time. He loved my mother's homemade bread and jelly. He often took some home with him and ate it in the truck on the way home! When my father passed away, Pastor "D" was on vacation and drove halfway across the country to be at his funeral. Our family will never forget his kindness and generosity! The Bill and Gladys Roland family send their sincere condolences on his passing.

Arlita Roland Steinhaus - July 17, 2017 at 10:48 PM

DK

It was so nice to see you the other day -- Dad sure did love his Marenisco Church family!!
Diann

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:26 AM

GK

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the Dominkowski family. Pastor D. was loved by many. May you find comfort and peace in your many happy memories of him.
Ginny and Steve Knuth

ginny knuth - July 17, 2017 at 04:56 PM

DK

Thank you for your kind words. Diann

Diann Koshuta - August 01, 2017 at 09:26 AM