



Donald James Brosseau

July 8, 1930 - January 3, 2019

Donald James Brosseau, age 88, of Marshall, MN passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019. A memorial gathering of family and friends will be held on Monday, January 7, 2019 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Hamilton Funeral Home.

Donald James Brosseau was born July 8, 1930, to Eugene and Francis (Langin) Brosseau in Marshall, MN. He grew up on the family farm near Lynd, MN. Donald was baptized, received first communion, and was confirmed in the Catholic faith. He attended school in Lynd, graduating with the class of 1948. After several years of work with area farmers, he took over the family farm from his Dad.

On August 21, 1951, Don was united in marriage to Margie Castle in Marshall. The couple made their home on the family farm in 1954 and raised 6 children: Sandy, Debbie, Doug, Kathie, Diane, and Carol. They farmed for 60 years until retirement and then Don and Margie moved into their new home in Marshall. Don and Margie shared over 67 years of marriage together.

Farming and family were Don's life passions. He also enjoyed years of horse shows and rodeos with his kids which developed into road trips to see family and friends when time would allow. Over the years their travels took them to many parts of the United States as well as New Zealand. Winters were spent in Hawaii and then later in Florida for a number of years. Don particularly enjoyed the many cruises they took together.

Donald is survived by his loving wife, Margie Brosseau; children, Sandy (Howie) Steenhoven of Marshall, MN; Debbie (Gordon) Cleveland of Custer, SD; Doug (Jeana) Brosseau of Albuquerque, NM; Kathie (Allan) Nelson of Chanhassen, MN; Diane Helmin (fiancé Les Weitzel) of Harris, MN; Carol Brosseau of Albuquerque, NM; 8 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Eugene and Francis Brosseau; brother, Gene (Judy) Brosseau; grandson, David Petersen; and son-in-law, Chill Helmin.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking that memorials be sent to a Veterans Organization of your choice. Thank you.

Events

JAN **Memorial Gathering of Family and Friends** 01:00PM - 03:00PM

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Hamilton Funeral Home

701 Jewett Street, Marshall, MN, US, 56258

Comments



“ My sympathy to you, Marge, and all the family. I always enjoyed visiting with you and Don at the school reunions. I still remember babysitting the kids...they were all so well behaved. The photos are brought back wonderful memories. Your place always seemed so neat and well-kept. Blessed be Don's memory!

Charleen Kleine Helgesen - January 12, 2019 at 08:10 PM



“ Blessings to you and your family. Don was a fine man. My parents always enjoyed get togethers with you both. My deepest respect and condolences. Gail Sand

Gail Sand - January 21, 2019 at 01:35 PM



“ My prayers and condolences going out to the Brosseau family. A great family that I was very lucky to know while growing up.



Dee Dee (Tubbs) Garrels - January 08, 2019 at 07:33 AM



“ Thank you for sharing all those wonderful pictures of your dad with family! They touched my heart and the beautiful poem made me cry! I'm really missing him and just the thought that I won't be getting any more letters from him or having such great phone conversations with him, just breaks my heart! Hope you all will be ok. Sending our love to all of you.

Rosalie (Kack)Hardoin

Rosalie Hardoin - January 07, 2019 at 05:24 PM



“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hamilton Funeral Home - January 06, 2019 at 05:04 PM



“ Good bye my dear friend...I will miss you.....Roxanna

roxanna seymour - January 05, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald James Brosseau.



January 05, 2019 at 03:24 PM



“ Louise Cooke lit a candle in memory of Donald James Brosseau



Louise Cooke - January 05, 2019 at 03:20 PM



“ From Rosalie Hardoin and Louise Cooke purchased the White Sympathy Standing Baskets for the family of Donald James Brosseau.



From Rosalie Hardoin and Louise Cooke - January 05, 2019 at 03:15 PM



“ Don was my mother's (Donna Caron)cousin. As kids travelling from California to visit our grandfather, Joe Kack in Marshall, we would get together with Don and Margie at their farm. One especially fun memory was when we were there chasing their chickens and even rode one of the cows. That was quite an adventure for us never having been on a farm!

More recently, my husband Jim and I would take annual motorcycle road trips and would always stop by to see Don and Margie and Sandy and Howie when we were "in the area". Don was always ready to drive us around to see the places where family had lived and loved sharing the stories....there were lots of them! Margie is the family historian and she showed us pictures of the relatives and it was always so interesting.

He took us out the the house where he was born and where my mother and her twin bother (Donald Caron) and their younger sister (Lucille Caron) had been raised by their grandmother, Victoria Brosseau.

Don was quite a letter writer too! He would write a couple very informative letters every year telling us about he and Margie's travels all over the world and in Florida when they were the "snow birds". And he would call to check to see how we were doing when the California fires would be burning. He was a talker too and we loved hearing from him!

Don will be missed and we send our love and prayers to the family. God bless you all.

Louise & Jim Cooke
Arnold California

Louise Cooke - January 05, 2019 at 03:00 PM



“ Don Brosseau was my mom's, younger cousin. They lived together on their Grandma Brosseau farm, while growing up. My mom's parents died when she was a young child. Don, was born in the same house, with his parents, who helped out their mom on the farm. Louise Cooke is my older sister, and we have fond memories of driving to Minnesota for many summers, on road trips from California. I remember staying at my Uncle Mike and Mamie Mootz home when in Marshall. I have great memories at Don and Margie farm, where we used to climb up into the tall crate that held the hay and run through cow pies, along the way. Then our moms would clean us up and I remember having the most delicious apple pie that Margie made. Sandy and I became pen pals and wrote letters to each other for many years.

In 2005, my two sister's and I went to visit once again after about 50 years and that was my last visit, while Don and Margie were still on the farm. Don and Margie did come out to California, when they were on their Panama cruise. Our cousin, Paul, picked them up in San Pedro and they stayed at a hotel in Ventura. We all went to the Reagan Presidential Library and I picked them up and showed them around Santa Barbara and drove them around the burn area after one of our California wildfires.

Don would always write the most interesting letters to me once a year and we would call

each other once a year or so and update each other, on our lives and we also liked talking politics! Don would also talk about growing up around my mom and when he first met my dad, amongst other memories.

I just sent Don and Margie a Christmas card and letter and it was returned to me. I wondered why cause I hadn't heard anything from Don, for awhile. I had been meaning to call him, but got busy with Christmas! I was shocked and deeply saddened when I heard from my sister, Louise, of his passing.

I send my condolences to Margie, all of his kids and grandkids. My heart goes out to you! My husband, Michael and I, pray that you will be comforted, from the loss of such a great man! I will really miss his letters and phone calls!

Sending love,

Rosalie and Michael Hardoin

Santa Barbara, California

Rosalie Hardoin - January 06, 2019 at 01:02 AM



“ Carol and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Blessings
Tammy VanOverbeke

Tammy VanOverbeke - January 07, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I was so pleased to meet him and Margie when they came to our house when they were visiting in California. It was great to see him with his cousin (my Uncle) Don Caron. With 2 Dons and my husband Ron we had quite a time with mixed up names! Don was my mom Donna Caron Kack's cousin. We enjoyed visiting and seeing the Ronald Reagan Library "even though Don was a Democrat!" My condolences to sweet Margie and all the family. Joan(Kack) Plander
Thousand Oaks, CA

Joan Plander - January 07, 2019 at 11:12 PM



“ 1-2-1 Marketing Services Group, Inc. purchased the Plants-A-Plenty for the family of Donald James Brosseau.



1-2-1 Marketing Services Group, Inc. - January 04, 2019 at 12:11 PM