

Donald Lloyd Beck

September 30, 1932 - February 4, 2015
Resided in Waverly, IA

Obituary

Don Beck, 82, of Waverly, Iowa, died peacefully, surrounded by his family on Wednesday evening, February 4, 2015, at the Rehabilitation Center of Allison.

Donald Lloyd Beck was born on September 30, 1932, in Waltham, Minnesota, the son of Earl and Angeline (Severtson) Beck. He was baptized in 1932, in Waltham and confirmed in 1945, at Grace Lutheran Church in Austin, Minnesota. Don attended Austin High School. On November 23, 1949, Don entered the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War as a Radar Operator. He was honorably discharged with the rank of Airman First Class on November 25, 1953. On December 3, 1955, he was united in marriage to Charlene Faye McLaughlin in Manning, Iowa. Don started at Shield Bantam Company in Waverly in March of 1959. Starting as a draftsman, he advanced to service manager. He retired on April 1, 1993, following 34 years of service.

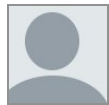
Don was a faithful member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly and also a member of the Amvets Post #79, V.F.W. Post #2208, Waverly Archery Club, and IOMA Pool Association. In his spare time, Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, any activity outdoors, dog training, billiards, wood-working, archery and golf (getting 2 holes-in-one in one year). He was an Iowa State Archery champion and an Iowa Billiards champion. What gave Don the most joy was spending time with his family, his friends and his labradors.

Don is survived by his loving wife of over 59 years, Charlene Beck of Waverly, Iowa; his four children; Jeff (Cathy) Beck of Chaska, Minnesota, Greg (Katie) Beck of Mingo, Iowa, Jackie (Alan) Bumgardner of Austin, Minnesota, Valerie (Kirk) Dixon of Parkville, Missouri; 9 grandchildren, Angel (Luke) Gindele, Ben and Jason Beck, Ali and Carlee Beck, Alex (Michelle) Bumgardner and Ashley (Patrick) McLaren, Jackson and Jayme Dixon; 5 great grandchildren, Kailee Beck, Clayton and Gabrielle Gindele, Eli Bumgardner, Beckett McLaren; 3 step-grandchildren; one sister, Marvel Mogen of Austin, Minnesota; and a brother Gary (Gloria) Beck of Sun

City, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Angeline Beck; 2 sisters, Betty Heise, Donna O'Haver; 2 brothers, Roger and Laverne Beck; and his father and mother-in-law, Frank and Violet McLaughlin.

The family will greet friends on Thursday, February 12th from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly. Memorial services will be held on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Waverly, with Pastor Joyce Sandberg officiating. Don's body has been cremated. His brain has been donated to the Cure PSP Brain Bank to aid in finding a cause and cure for this rare disease. Memorials may be directed to CurePSP.org (Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, the disease that took Don) or charity of choice. Online condolences for Don's family may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. 319-352-1187

Guestbook



[Jim and Yvonne Beam](#)

Created: February 12, 2015

Charlene and Family:

We are sorry to hear of Don's passing but know he is now at peace. Don was a very compassionate person and treated everyone with equal respect. We always enjoyed talking to Don about labs; he had a special knowledge of how to work with/train them. We are sorry we will not be able to attend the visitation and funeral but will keep you all in our prayers.



[Carolyn Kronschnabl](#)

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I am so very sorry for your loss. Don will always be in our hearts. He was a wonderful man.



[mary ann deike](#)

Created: February 09, 2015

To the Family of Don Beck, you are in my prayers for peace and strength. I knew when I saw the big calendar of the beautiful black labs in his office that he was a good guy. At age 18 and working at Schield Bantam, he always made me feel very capable and I kept learning. I am fortunate to have known him. Mary Ann Deike



[Jo and Ron Gruenwald](#)

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We are so sorry to learn of Don's death. Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Ron and Jo Gruenwald

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Dan and Paulette Norton

Charlene,Jeff,Greg,Jackie and Valerie
 Thoughts and prayers to you all at this very difficult time.
 Our hearts ache for your loss,but hopefully all those wonderful memories of Don
 will live in your hearts forever.
 We are out of town and will not be able to make the visitation or the memorial
 service,but will be with you all in spirit.
 With deepest sympathy,
 Dan and Paulette Norton



Allyn Ramker

Created: February 08, 2015

We were neighbors on First Ave. SE (on top of the hill) when the Becks moved to
 town. Our families have been life long friends.
 Many wonderful memories. I remember Jeff, Apus, and eating the dogs food in their
 garage. Don was so mad, not that we were eating dog food, but because we didn't
 leave enough for, Blackie, the dog.
 When I was a junior in high school, I came home to a Ramker basement party. Don
 wanted to wrestle. Naturally we couldn't talk him out of it. It took him an hour to get
 off the floor after we wrestled. From that day forward, including last Christmas, we
 greeted each other with "wanna wrestle?"
 Our sadness is only surpassed by all the wonderful Don and Charlene memories.
 Our thoughts and prayers go to the kids and their families, and to Charlene. Charlene
 is the kindest, caring and loving person we know.
 All our love,
 Allyn and Debbie Ramker



David and MerryFredrick

Created: February 07, 2015

Don Beck was my mentor and friend in my first job in marketing at Schield Bantam
 in the late 60s. I remember him often in the days since, the good heart and friendly
 spirit he always demonstrated towards me and other people. A good person gone,
 but not forgotten.



dhunter

Created: February 07, 2015

May God hold all of Don's family and friends in his loving embrace and give all
 Peace. Don was like a second father to me, there to teach, to play, to hunt with his
 sons and me. I learned much from Don and Charlene. I would never be the shot he
 was with pool cue or bow but was lucky to have him in my life and his entire family
 as well. Having lost my own father and father in law I can understand and
 sympathize. Don is in a better place even as we miss him we thank God for the end
 of his suffering. I am sure he was a class act to the end as were my father and father
 in law. Fine examples of great men, I hope to live up to the bar they set and live a
 life as full of dignity and grace as they did.May God Bless and keep Don and his

family!



[Gerri D](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

My prayers of peace are with your family. My dad passed away from this horrible disease 28 years ago...back before they had an easy name to give it. Your dad's suffering is over.



[Tammy McKenzie](#)

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Our deepest sympathy to the entire Beck family. May your precious memories comfort you.

Scott and Tammy McKenzie



[Jeff Beck](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

For those of you who may be unaware, dad was diagnosed with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. It's been a long, slow ordeal. 8-10 years ago he started to have trouble walking and occasionally fell, but he fought through it. He could sure take a fall. Mortals would have broken many bones. He still was out to supervise us kids, push the tire swing, throw the ball for the dogs, split wood, play pool at the Waterloo senior center, visit family and friends and he'd work around the yard. He was not going to be relegated to a couch. The last six months have been downhill quicker. He slowly lost his ability to talk but he was able to hear and understand everything, he maintained his sense of humor, and he LOVED to have grandchildren on his lap. It was a struggle for him to just get around the house. Mom, being the saint she is, was his caregiver. Oh, the stories. She is our rock. The past month was in the delightful care of the Rehabilitation Center of

Allison. His last meal was ice cream and root beer pop on Monday. How befitting. He was at peace, ready to go and pain free as his last 2 days passed. He was making eye contact and trying to talk up until the time he left us. He is in a better place.



[Jeff Beck](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

We miss you dad â€¦ more than I'm capable of articulating.

You were a unique blend of tough as nails, extreme competitor, Iowa State champ archer, Iowa and Texas State champ pool player, bow hunter with a Pope & Young buck hanging on the wall (â€œusing a gun wasn't challenging enoughâ€), camper, mountain lover, Lake Michigan to Canada to Alaska fisherman, for over 20 years you heated your house with logs you cut and split, you remodeled houses, you were a landlord, you traveled the country, you were a common sense guy who

tried to always do what was right, you stood up to injustice, you were a risk taker that got us on "short cuts" that weren't short and scared everyone but they sure built character and added to the story vault, you were a woodworking craftsman/artist that has built museum quality pieces for family and friends, you raised and trained labs and hunted with them, and I could go on and on. Through all of that I never heard you brag. You loved to tell stories, but you didn't boast about your accomplishment and I never heard you put anyone down because they weren't as talented or as good as you. Your work spoke for itself.

AND you still had time for family and friends. By example and teaching, you and mom taught your kids (take tears break here) work ethic, values, how to fix about anything, not lose fingers on a tablesaw, cooking (thanks Mom), calculated risk, survival, family, fun and a great sense of humor. You didn't judge and you were always there for support and advice. You didn't just take us regularly on 3-4 hour trips to Grandpa and Grandmas, we'd stop to see aunts and uncles along the way. You were amazing with our kids and their kids. Your grandchildren all have a large part of you in them that will serve as protection and guidance for their lives. (another tear break - enough already) Speaking for those too young to type, I know they are thrilled that they had you as Grandpa and Grandma. You treated your friends as family and you would do anything for them as they would for you. You are special, special people. Dad, Mom, we were all lucky to have been touched by you.

Thanks for listening dad!!

Your proud son, jeff.



[Dave and Maureen Baier](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

Thinking of you and your family Charlene. I always thought a lot of Don. He was one of the nicest men I worked with. You have our deepest sympathy.



[Lon Peterson](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

The world lost a great man Wednesday. Rest in peace Don.



[Angel Beck Gindele](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

Grandpa, there's no doubt you stopped by to enjoy the warmth, embrace us in your arms & give us all a silent kiss on the cheek. I find comfort in knowing that. We know you're happy doing the things you haven't been able to do in the last few years; playing pool, wood working, pulling back your bow, dancing. You put up a good fight....

Our hearts were heavy today, as we learned another angel joined the forces Wed

night to watch over our family. It's not easy losing a grandparent (and I know we haven't even begun to grieve), but we also lost a friend. I grieve for myself and my children, but I also grieve for my husband- who, over the last several years, became extremely close to the man. My whole family can tell you that Luke is grandpa's twin. I will forever be grateful for their relationship, and I know Luke is nothing but honored to have been able to be so close to him. I grieve for my dad, who lost a great father, and my grandmother who lost her husband. I grieve for the rest of my family who will no doubt miss the person my grandpa was. I am extremely proud to be a Beck- and am extremely grateful to have so many great memories with my grandpa, and to have learned so many lessons & values from him.

You put up a good fight, grandpa, but we're happy you're now in a better place. We will miss you every day, but find peace in knowing you're happy. You are the man legends are made of. We love you.



[Doug and Darcy Bruns](#)

Created: February 06, 2015

What great memories we have of Don. Him, Kenny and Doug elk hunting in Colorado and the stories they'd share. Don would have a twinkle in his eye as he retold them. The wonderful wood projects he created for us and others. Him and Levi sharing hunting magazines and hunting stories. Him and Charlene coming to the kids activities. So many great memories of a great friend. Our sympathy to Charlene and the Beck Family.

Photos



Services

Funeral Home

Kaiser-Corson Funeral Homes, Inc.-Waverly

218 2nd Street SE P.O. Box 215
Waverly, IA US 50677-0215



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Family Greeting

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Thursday, February 12, 2015
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Memorial Services

St. Paul's Lutheran Church- Waverly

112 2nd Ave. NW
Waverly, IA US



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Friday, February 13, 2015
11:00 AM



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