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Donald L. Behrens

Donald L. Behrens, 70, of Sumner, died Sunday, November 13, 2016, at Community Memorial Hospital in Sumner, surrounded by his loving family.

Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, November 16, 2016, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sumner with Rev. George Volkert officiating. Burial will follow at Lutheran Cemetery of Sumner Township of rural Sumner with military rites conducted by Thomas E. Woods Post #223, American Legion of Sumner. Friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 15th at Becker-Milnes Funeral Home in Sumner and for one hour preceding services at the church on Wednesday.

Donald Lee, son of Reinhart and Esther (Seehase) Behrens was born November 10, 1946 in Sumner. He was baptized by Rev. Nagler on December 1, 1946, and confirmed by Rev. Kramer April 10, 1960, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Don received his education in the Sumner Schools, graduating from Sumner High School in 1964. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict and was stationed in Korea. On January 26, 1969, he was united in marriage with JoAnn Bolte by Rev. Kamrath at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Don worked for Hydrotile in Nashua before working for Overton Chemical Company for many years prior to retiring due to health concerns in 2005. He was a life long member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sumner, and was a long time member of the Thomas E. Woods Post # 223, American Legion of Sumner. Don enjoyed fishing and sports of all kinds, but most especially treasured the time spent with his grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, JoAnn of Sumner, Don is survived by his two children, Matt Behrens of Oskaloosa, Kansas and Michelle (John) Ruzicka of Marble Rock; five grandchildren, Hillary Behrens, Delaney, Jackson, Brennan, and Atley Ruzicka; one brother, Duane (Sharon) Behrens of Sumner; mother-in-law, Pauline Bolte of Fredericksburg; two brothers-in-law, Dale (Karen) Bolte of Oceanview, California, Paul (Mary) Bolte of Sumner; one sister-in-law, Elaine (Roger) Wedemeier of Sumner; and several nieces and nephews; and great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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Mary Allen on **December 3, 2016** at 11:33 AM said:

I just read about Don's passing. He is @ peace now. Both of your families will take comfort in that. God Bless to all.

Susan Meighan Howard on **November 29, 2016** at 6:37 AM said:

Don was a close friend of my x-husband and I for many years. He was a wonderful guy ! We both thought the world of him ! Just had to say something in memory of this special guy!

Cindee and Mark Hoberg on **November 19, 2016** at 7:09 PM said:

Don will be missed in our Timberwoods community. Our sympathy to Joanne and family. Rest In Peace Don.

Joann on **November 16, 2016** at 7:19 PM said:

Our deepest sympathy. We so enjoyed talking to Don when we were at Timberwoods Resort. He had such a great sense of humor. We know that his suffering is over. May you be comforted during this difficult time by your family and friends and the wonderful memories of the time you shared with Don. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Arnie and Alice Sadowsky

Iva Clinton on **November 15, 2016** at 2:03 PM said:

JoAnn,
My deepest sympathy to you and your family.
God Bless you.
Iva

Dave and Sandy Jaschen on **November 15, 2016** at 7:34 AM said:

To the family,
Dave and I send our sympathy to all of you. So sorry to hear about Donnie. May you find comfort in the days ahead.
Sandy Jaschen

Keith and Linda Sadowsky on **November 14, 2016** at 6:50 PM said:

JoAnn we were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He will be missed. We will keep you all in our prayers.

What a great picture of Don fishing. He always told us Jo caught the big fish. Now I wonder as I know he could always share a good story.

Emily Mathews on **November 14, 2016** at 2:41 PM said:

My deepest sympathies!
You will remain in my thoughts and prayers!

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