



## Donald David Brown

July 21, 1920 - February 28, 2020

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Donald David Brown, of Waverly, Iowa, died on Friday, February 28, 2020, at 10:35 a.m. at Prelude Homes and Services in Woodbury, Minnesota, where he had been a resident for 80 days. Don died at the age of 99 from heart failure.

Don was born on July 21, 1920, Mt. Vernon Township, Black Hawk County, Iowa, the son of Peter and Inger (Hansen) Brown. Don attended the Denver School system through his sophomore year, graduating from the Waverly High School in 1938. After graduation Don farmed with his parents until he enlisted in the U.S. Navy on September 30, 1942. He attended St. Olaf College while in the service and took pilot training then entered active service on January 6, 1943. Don was a seaman, first class, and ran the forward elevator on the USS Belleau Wood Aircraft carrier in the Pacific during World War II until being honorably discharged on November 26, 1945.

On October 20, 1944, Don was united in marriage to Frances Virginia Pearson in the United Brethren Church in Hudson. Virginia lived in Santa Rosa, California, until Don was discharged from the U.S. Navy. The couple moved back to Iowa, farmed in the Waverly area, and in 1950 took over the family farm in southeast Waverly. Don sold Funks' G seed corn for more than 30 years while he was farming. Don and Virginia raised three children. Don's sweetheart Ginny died on October 20, 1982.

On January 20, 1983, Don married Alene (Piland) Luder in Apache Junction, Arizona. The couple wintered in Arizona and made their permanent home in Waverly. In 1991 Don and Alene moved off the farm to a home in town. Alene died on January 21, 2008. Don continued to make his home in Waverly.

Don enjoyed many hobbies and activities in his life. Some of his favorites included fishing in the U.S. and Canada; woodworking; traveling all over the U.S. including Alaska and Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Nova Scotia, Australia, New Zealand, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, England, Switzerland, France, Spain, Italy, Germany, Caribbean cruises. Don enjoyed dancing, reading and playing cards with family and friends.

Don was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church for 35 plus years. Prior to attending Trinity he was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls. Don volunteered at church, and in the community assisting to build Kids Kingdom playground, and helped dismantle homes for Habitat for Humanity. Don was a member of the Bremer County Farm Bureau, and the Bremer County Fair Board. He was one of the originators of the Bremer County Pork Producers and an active member. He had leadership roles and was a member of the local American Legion. He marched in every Memorial Day parade with his fellow veterans until he was in his late 80's.

Don is survived by his children and their families: Dennis (Kay) of Frederika, Iowa; Kenneth (Ranee) of Waverly, Iowa; and Donna (Dave) Baker of Woodbury, Minnesota; his grandchildren and great

grandchildren: Jill (Matt) Backus, Zeke, Zemirah, Zivah, of Missouri; Julie (Brian) Faust, Jacob, Hannah of Wisconsin; Mark (Meredith) Brown, Grace, Rosie of Waverly; Cody Brown of Waverly; Kristofer (Spring) Brown of Washington; Matt (Maja) Baker, Zoe, Miles of Minnesota; Melissa Baker, Devan and Damon of Minnesota; nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; his wives, Virginia and Alene; siblings Harold, Anna Vernita and Stan; and a granddaughter, Brenda Brown.

Celebration of Life services will be held on Friday, March 6, 2020, at 10:30 AM at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, with Pastor Tom Barnard and Pastor Stephen Moore officiating. Visitation will be held at Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly on Thursday, March 5, 2020, at 4:30-6:30 PM and a half hour prior to services at the church. Burial will be in the Harlington Cemetery in Waverly with military graveside rites conducted by the Waverly Area Veterans Honor Guard. Memorials may be directed to Trinity Methodist Church or the family. Online condolences for Don's family may be left at [www.kaisercorson.com](http://www.kaisercorson.com). Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting the family. (319-352-1187)

## Cemetery

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### HARLINGTON CEMETERY

1001 1st Street S.W.,  
Waverly, IA 50677

## Events

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### SERVICE

10:30 AM

Trinity United  
Methodist Church  
1400 West Bremer  
Ave., Waverly, IA 50677



### VISITATION

4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Kaiser-Corson Funeral  
Home, Waverly 218  
2nd St. SE , P.O. Box  
215 , Waverly, IA  
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# Tribute Wall

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## J John cmelik

Ken,Dennis,Donna Sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. I spent the better part of my youth as friends of the Brown family and your Dad always treated me well.Even if I'm sure he always wondered what is wrong with those kids from town that Ken keeps making friends with. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you. John Cmelik

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## D Dan and Paulette Norton

Thoughts and prayers to the entire family at this very difficult time. So sorry for your loss With deepest sympathy, Dan and Paulette Norton

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## N Nancy and Phil Brand

Your dad had a wonderful, long life. Many memories and stories to bring you comfort during this sad time. We are so sorry for your loss. Love and hugs from Nancy and Phil

### D Donna

Thank you.

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## J johnsonlr34@gmail.com

Donna, Dave and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father! Parents are a special part of us always! I pray your memories of time with him bring smiles and comfort. Linda Dewey Johnson

### D Donna

Thank you Linda.

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## B Bruce and Marilyn Buxton

To Don's family...you have lost your patriarch, we have lost our friend. We mourn your loss with you for sure. Don was a seaman first class, but also just first class everything! We are so blessed that he was a member of our church. Not that long ago, the pastor asked us to "dance" to the song the congregation was singing, and who was rockin' the rhythm with his arms up and waving at age 95...DON. What a terrific fellow. Peace and comfort to you all, and thank you for sharing him with us! So sorry that we will not be able to attend his Celebration or visitation.

### D Donna

Thank you for your kind words Marilyn.

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**Mandy Brandt**

My prayers go out to his family during this difficult time. Don had such a warm heart and a friendly smile to share. He will be greatly missed... -

Mandy Brandt

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