



Donald M Berg

April 26, 1946 - September 23, 2025

Donald M Berg passed away after a short but mighty battle with lymphoma on Tuesday September 23rd 2025 in Venice Florida. Don was 79 years old and was born in St Paul MN to Martin and Elvera Berg.

Don was blessed and thankful for growing up in the small and caring community of Dassel, MN where he established his values and work ethic. Don and his wife, Jadyne (Skoog) met in this small town and grew up together attending church and school. Don loved to tell the story of falling in love with her 'across the baptismal font' as they were baptized the same day in the same church.

Growing up in central Minnesota's farming community, Don also formed his life-long interest in agriculture. Following high school, Don attended the University of Minnesota and earned a degree in Dairy Production.

In 1966, Don married his high school sweetheart, Jadyne, and they went on to have an adventurous and meaningful life together for 59 years. Three children blessed their life. Don liked to say that the reward for parenting was their grandchildren - they have 5 grandchildren that have all added joy and energy to the family.

Following graduation from the U of M, Don was privileged to join Land

O'Lakes where he held various positions for over 35 years which included Vice President of the dairy supply chain for all the manufacturing and fluid milk plants. He completed his career as VP of Public Affairs, and Corporate Communications at Land O'Lakes.

Upon retirement, Don and Jadyne kept their presence in Minnesota to be close to family with many weekends on lakes that included hours of pulling waterskiing and tubing grandchildren in his Starcraft. They established their residence in Venice, Florida where they both spent time volunteering, hosting family and friends and becoming active in their church. Emmanuel Lutheran became their church home which was an important aspect of their lives. Don really enjoyed his time with the choir and men's chorus, serving on call committees and a strong advocate for outreach activities as he believed our faith needed to make a difference outside church doors.

Don was a great dad, and an even better "Papa" to his grandchildren. He enjoyed hearing about their latest adventures and his love for them will only flourish with them throughout their lives.

Donald was preceded in death by his sister, Marlene in August 2025, and also his parents Martin and Elvera.

Survived by his wife Jadyne (affectionately called Punky). Children Michael (Kate) Berg, Paul (Chris) Berg and Missy (Dave) Lodermeier and grandchildren Michela, Grace, Lucas, Derrick and Joshua.

A memorial service will be held in Venice Florida at Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday September 28th. Visitation will be held at 1pm in the narthex of the church with a service beginning at 2pm.

A Funeral and internment will take place in Minnesota on Saturday October

11, 2025 at the place where it all began for Don and Punky - at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Dassel MN. Visitation begins at 11am, Funeral at 1 pm. Following fellowship, the family will be placing Don in his final resting place at Mt Hermon Lutheran Church, Annandale MN.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be gifted to tidewellfoundation.org/donate as the hospice house in Venice Florida was impactful in Don's respectful and meaningful passing.

Also, Don had planned on being a part of the 65th Anniversary Celebration for Emmanuel Lutheran, gifts may be given to <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR-CB/campaign/C-15K6T>

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church

1284 Keats Ave NW
Annandale, MN 55302

Previous Events

Time to gather with family

OCT 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
221 Atlantic Ave E
Dassel, MN 55325
office@glcdassel.com
<http://www.glcdassel.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

PO

“ Jerry often spoke of Don and said they were friends and enjoyed similar work. I wish he could share a memory, but Jerry is recovering from several strokes. Please know that he thought highly of Don - as a friend and as a colleague. Patricia Olson

Patricia Olson - November 04, 2025 at 12:08 PM

CC

“ Don was a truly unique individual...friend, colleague, coach, mentor and supervisor. Always a champion for famers, he worked diligently to help them succeed.

You never know how it will work when a co-worker becomes a supervisor. In this case, I was extremely fortunate. In forty years in the agriculture industry, Don was the only supervisor who would end our calls with, "What can I do to help you?"

His devotion to family and faith was also steadfast. Don will be sorely missed by all the people he touched literally around the country. God bless Don and his family. I know he will be watching over the rest of us.

In faith,
Chuck Cruickshank

Chuck Cruickshank - October 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.



October 09, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald M Berg.

October 09, 2025 at 10:36 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.



October 09, 2025 at 09:55 AM



“ To the entire Berg family, our deep sympathies. Punky, we were out of the country when we got this sad news. We've been with you in spirit as you all walk this path together. Don was a very special man and he'll be missed by all who knew him. Our loss is heaven's gain.

John & Kitty Pallanch - October 07, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.



October 04, 2025 at 01:03 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.*



October 03, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald M Berg.

October 03, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.*



September 30, 2025 at 09:42 AM



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September 30, 2025 at 09:42 AM

JR

“ Our condolences to Don's family. As a member of the PIPS bike group, Don brought humor, camaraderie and a genuine interest in everyone. Such a very good man.

Sincerely,
John and Anne Marie Ritchie

John Ritchie - September 27, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald M Berg.



September 26, 2025 at 05:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald M Berg.

September 26, 2025 at 05:18 PM

MK

“ My deepest condolences to Don's family on his passing. My connection to Don was through his leadership in the dairy industry. Dairy farmers in Minnesota, the Midwest and throughout the country have lost a great friend in Don. His knowledge, insights, and great sense of humor will be remembered by many. Sincerely, Mike Kruger, formerly of Midwest Dairy Association

Michael Kruger - September 26, 2025 at 12:46 PM

PM

Although I only knew Don briefly meeting him through the Venice PIPS Bike Group, I was always impressed by his joy in life, and his interest in others. He had the unique ability to draw others out. He will be missed by the PIPS. Pam Miller

Pam Miller - September 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM