



Donald J. Hammersmith

August 21, 1930 - February 23, 2017

You make a LIVING by what you get.

You make a LIFE by what you give.

Donald Joyce Hammersmith, a community servant, history and science buff, passed away February 23rd, 2017 at 86 years young.

“Donny” was born August 21, 1930 in Denver Colorado to Arnold and Amelia (Tombarge) Hammersmith. At age four, this hard working owner of Hammersmith Plumbing moved to North Dakota, where he lived happily for 82 years until moving to Hannaford North Dakota in October 2017 where he peacefully “retired” among friends.

A life fully lived; Donny was confirmed in the Dazey United Methodist Church and graduated from Dazey High School in 1949. A veteran, he served in the Korean Conflict, he was stationed in Alaska and Labrador from 1952 to 1954. Serving proudly he always said, with just one eye!!

He was an active member of the Dazey American Legion (Post Commander} and Dazey Cemetery Board. Donny was known to make wooden white crosses for Memorial Day remembrances.

Donny had MANY interests; steam threshers, North Dakota Winter Show, roller skating, building various small models from blue prints of trains and planes. At the time of his death he was building a replica of a plane owned by the Bryn Family of Dazey. Passionate about being a great friend and was to many, he enjoyed daily coffee with the guys at the Hannaford Cafe.

Donny leaves behind his many friends, past patrons, his sister and brother in law Darlene and Esley Short, nephew Ty, daughter and son in-law Charlene and Bruce Gannarelli, Grandchildren Daniel and Corey Gannarelli { Britany and Genevieve}, nephew Neal Swenson, and Donny’s California family. He will be welcomed home by his parents, sister

Delores, brother in-law Ole, son Ronald, special friend Edna, special friends Mr. and Mrs. Cal Vincent, ex-wife Donna, and extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 4th at Dazey Lutheran Church at 10:30 a.m., with viewing one hour prior to service. A burial with Military honors is scheduled for May 1st in the Dazey cemetery. Funeral arrangements are by Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel, Valley City. You may visit an online guestbook for Donny at www.oliver-nathanchapel.com

Cemetery Details

Dazey Cemetery

Dazey, ND

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Dazey, ND

Funeral Service

MAR 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Dazey, ND

Tribute Wall

AT

“ Oh Donnie, you will be missed for more than your handy-man skills, altho' our trip to the farm this summer just won't be the same without you. Your great stories, your special wit, your seemingly unending energy brought us something to look forward to.---Blessings to your loved ones---Alana Tolstad

Alana Tolstad - April 25, 2017 at 10:37 AM

WE

“ Don is going to be sorely missed. I enjoyed talking with him whenever he visited the Barnes County Museum. A wealth of information and a super nice guy as well. Our condolences to you folks.

Wes Anderson
BCHS
Valley City

Wes - March 03, 2017 at 02:46 PM

FK

“ From Dean and Deb Knudsen purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Donald J. Hammersmith.



From Dean and Deb Knudsen - February 28, 2017 at 08:10 AM

HS

“ Heart of America Medical Center Acute Care Staff purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald J. Hammersmith.



Heart of America Medical Center Acute Care Staff - February 27, 2017 at 12:25 PM

BP

“ Loved the fact that , Donny , if he was anywhere near, he would stop, and have a visit whether it was the two of us , or if it was just one of us .. always open, friendly, and a gentleman .. a dear loyal friend , and one that would be available to be a help , no matter if he had to go the extra mile in his day .. Loved, and Appreciated his friendship .. Myron, and Mikki Petersen

Beverly , and Myron Petersen - February 26, 2017 at 09:19 AM

KH

My sincere sympathies to you Cherry and family.. I remember your father when we were teenagers- he always had a smile and a good story to tell.. Take care ..Karen Hagen

karen hagen - February 27, 2017 at 09:07 AM

JB

Cherry Your dad was special to our family. He was always there to help for any of our needs. We enjoyed coffee together and will always remember how good he was to us. Jim Broten

Jim Broten - February 27, 2017 at 12:38 PM