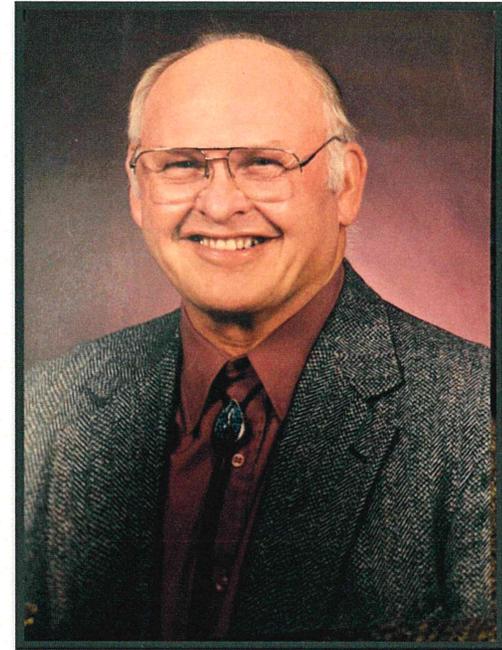


The Old Farmer's Prayer...

Time just keeps moving on
And many years have come and gone
But I grow old without regret
My hopes are in what may come yet.
On the farm I work each day
This is where I wish to stay
I watch the seeds each season sprout
From the soil as the plants rise out.
I study nature and I learn
To know the earth and feel her turn
I love her dearly in all her seasons
For I have learned her secret reasons.
All that will live in the bosom of the earth
She is the loving mother of all birth
When my body is old and spent
And my soul to Heaven has went.
Please compost and spread me on this plain
So my body Mother Earth can claim
That is where I wish to be
Then nature can nourish new life with me.
So do not for me grieve and weep
I didn't leave, I only sleep
I am with the soil here below
Where I can nourish life of beauty and glow.
Here I can help the falling rain
Grow golden fields of ripened grain
From here I can join the winds that blow
And meet the softly falling snow.
Here I can help the sun's warm light
Grow food for birds of gliding flight
I can be in the beautiful flowers of spring
And in ever other living thing.
So do not weep for me and cry,
I am here,
I did not die.

Steve Watkins, Author

*In Loving Memory Of
Donald Arthur Van Egdome*



*January 12, 1935
March 29, 2025*

Donald Arthur Van Egdom was born January 12, 1935, in Lyon County near Inwood, Iowa, the son of Peter and Jennie (Herman) Van Egdom. He graduated from Sioux Center High School in 1954.

Don married Lois Schneider on February 12, 1955, in Luverne, Minnesota. To this union 5 daughters and one son were born. Don worked for his brothers until being drafted into the US Army in 1957. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas before being sent to Erlangen, Germany, until being honorably discharged in 1959.

Don then worked for LG Everist and Coop Gas and Oil from 1959 to 1964, when he started Don's Pump Service. In 1972, the family moved from their residence in Hawarden, Iowa to a farm at the entrance of Oak Grove State Park. Don started farming the home place as well as operating Don's Pump Service, which he ran for 26 years until 1990. He then farmed full time until retirement in 2005.

Following retirement, Don and Lois moved to a home in Sioux Center until they moved to Aspen Heights in Hull, Iowa. Just recently, they moved to Crown Pointe in Sioux Center.

Don and Lois loved to travel and were fortunate to spend time together in Africa, Alaska, Europe, as well as many other destinations. They cherished trips taken with family. Don served as a deacon at the Hawarden Christian Reformed Church and as an elder at the Community Reformed Church.

Don was and always had been a farmer at heart. The only thing he loved more than farming was being able to share it with the numerous grandkids and great grandkids. He was truly happiest in the tractor or combine. After retirement he was able to pursue another passion: restoring antique tractors and riding in numerous tractor rides. You could find him at MJ's in Sioux Center having coffee with the group that met there. He never met a stranger.

Don loved his family and the times they spent together. His teasing, joking, smile, and sense of humor were the best. You couldn't leave without a hug!

He died on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 90 years.

Don is survived by his wife, Lois; 6 children, Donine Ruhland of Omaha, Nebraska, Lori Peterson (Brent) of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, Rachele Warner (Darrell) of Sioux Center, Stacey Johnson (Stuart) of Hawarden, Robert Van Egdom (Michelle) of Bellevue, Nebraska, and Jamie Moothart living in Hawarden; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Zeanna Van Egdom of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; brother-in-law, Norman Ykema of Luverne, Minnesota; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Peter and Jennie; 5 brothers, John and wife Jennie, Edward and wife Jeanette, Theodore, Peter Jr., and Elmer; and 3 sisters, Elizabeth Vander Esch and husband Henry, Nellie Vande Stroet and husband Gilbert, and Evelyn Ykema

Remembering The Life Of Donald Arthur Van Egdom

FUNERAL SERVICE

10:30 a.m. Monday, April 7, 2025

Faith Christian Reformed Church

Sioux Center, Iowa

OFFICIATING

Reverend Dave Smit

PIANIST

Mary Bierma

SPECIAL MUSIC

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow" Joi Ebel recorded

CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS

"Rock Of Ages"

"There's Room At The Cross"

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

CASKET BEARERS

Jeremy Ruhland ~ Kyle Ruhland

Weston Van Donge ~ Jared Thomas

Alissa Van Meeteren ~ Carolyn Puhl ~ Drake Van Egdom

INTERMENT WITH MILITARY RITES 1:15 p.m.

Two Oaks American Legion Post 254 of Hawarden

Iowa Army Honor Guard

Grace Hill Cemetery

Hawarden, Iowa