

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths
of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art
with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house
of the LORD for ever.*

In Loving Memory of



*Donald Wray
Lemler*

August 9, 1941

August 4, 2024

Donald Wray Lemler

Donald W. Lemler, 82, of Smithton, MO, passed away on Sunday, August 4, 2024, at his home in Smithton. He was born on August 9, 1941, in Morgan County, MO, the son of Lee Edwin Lemler and Agnes Lorene (Klein) Lemler, who preceded him in death.

On April 19, 1963, in Stover, MO, he was united in marriage to Bonnie L. Homan, who preceded him in death on January 4, 2021.

Donnie graduated from Stover High School and attended Florence United Methodist Church with his family while growing up. He spent most of his youth near Florence, MO. After getting married, he moved to Fulton, Tipton, and later settled in Smithton. Donnie started working in road construction at the age of 18, where he worked for Twehaus Construction, Koerkenmeier Construction, and Kelly Brother Construction. He eventually joined Clarkson Construction and became a Paving Superintendent, retiring from Clarkson after 26 years.

Donnie had a passion for tractors, particularly John Deere tractors. He enjoyed mowing, working in the garden, and chatting with his neighbors. He was always ready to help fix things that his daughters broke. Additionally, he liked sports and was known as the Croquet King by his family. He spent many hours playing games and cards with his grandchildren. Donnie could often be seen cruising in his side-by-side "buggy" around Smithton, Florence, and the surrounding area.

Survivors include three daughters, Debbie Klatt (Patrick) of Ozark, MO, Brenda Lemler of Auxvasse, MO, and Melissa Archibald (Shane) of Blue Eye, MO; one brother, Bobbie Lemler and a brother-in-law, Bob Bremer, both of Smithton, MO; six grandchildren, Erin, Brandon, Trevor, Blake, Chase, and Seth; three grand dogs, Dallas, Eva, and Winston, and lots of grand kitties.

In addition to his wife and parents, Don was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Jean Bremer.

