



Donald H. Sheldon

December 18, 1943 - November 16, 2021

Donald H. Sheldon Jr, age 77, of Johnston, Iowa passed away November 16th, 2021 at Iowa Methodist West. A visitation will be held Friday December 3rd from 9am to 11am, at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 6270 Merle Hay Rd Johnston IA. A funeral service will immediately follow at 11am. Burial will be at Roland Cemetery.

Donald H. Sheldon Jr was born on December 18th, 1943, the son of Donald and Rebecca (Vieth) Sheldon in Aiken SC. He graduated from Rockwell-Swaledale High School in 1962, and Drake University in 1976 with a B.S. in Business. He started as an electrician, then a draftsman, and retired as a designer after 35 years of service at John Deere Des Moines Works, located in Ankeny IA. He was designer/co-designer for 5 US patents related to cotton pickers; US5412930A, US4850184A, US5394680A, US4793127A, and US5271713A.

Don married Sandra Sherwood on June 4th, 1966 in Ames IA. To this union they had two sons: Michael and Willie. Don enjoyed playing tennis, collecting antique radios, crafting with stained glass and fishing. He was a loyal member of the Johnston Jaycees for many years. He volunteered at both haunted house locations, assisting for the Jaycees to fund the purchase of Johnston's first tornado siren. He helped with the ice skating rink and playground equipment at the Lion's club, and helped recruiting for Dewey Park.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, a grand-nephew, and several aunts and uncles. Don is survived by sons Michael (Kelly) Sheldon of Johnston and Willie Sheldon of Grimes, brother Bill (Pat) Sheldon of Rockwell, granddaughter Stevie Wallace (Andrew Newell), niece Tara (Tom) Hensley of Rockwell, nephew Todd Sheldon (Shannon Anderson) of Mason City, nephew Thad (Andrea) Sheldon of Iowa City, and many grand nieces/nephews.

Online condolences may be left at adamssodestrum.com

Adams Funeral Home in Ames is assisting the family with arrangements.

Events



VISITATION

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Messiah Lutheran
Church 6270 Merle
Hay Rd., Johnston, IA
50131 Funeral Service
will begin at 11 AM



FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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50131

Tribute Wall



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Willie and Mike, We are thinking of you during this difficult time.



"Medium Dish Garden"
was purchased for the family of Donald H. Sheldon

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Bret and Diana Schroeder

With fond memories of Don. You're all in our thoughts and prayers. May God's blessing and peace that passes all understanding attend you.



"Fall Fantasia"
was purchased for the family of Donald H. Sheldon

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Paula Cordes

Michael and Kelly, I'm sorry for your loss. Thoughts are with you at this time.

C

Craig E. Derby

So sorry for your loss. Don and I along with Rex Beach carpooled to JDDMW together for a few years. Best memory of Don, was one Christmas our family got a knock at the front door. There stood Santa Claus and his helper (Don and Willie). They came in and had each kid sit on his lap and tell him what they wanted for Christmas and then gave them a candy cane. It was a Christmas when our oldest daughter was just questioning whether there was really a Santa. It made her Christmas, and a believer for another year. Don told me the next day, he had just gotten the Santa suit and was wanting to try it out. We were the lucky family he choose. RIP Don. You and Sandy can now dance again in Heaven! Craig Derby



Douglas, Linda and Matthew Fils

Mike, Kelly and Willie: Remember that we love and care about you. Our warmest condolences on Don's passing.



"Days of Sunshine Bouquet"

was purchased for the family of Donald H. Sheldon



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Larry Fitzgerald

Sorry to hear of Don's passing. Grew up with him in Rockwell. Lots of good memories. Thinking of you Mike and Willie and your families. The Fitzgerald's.
