



Donald J. Kalishek

January 24, 1929 - March 13, 2019

Donald J. Kalishek, age 90, formerly of Kimberly, passed onto his eternal reward on Wednesday morning, March 13, 2019, in Keshena, Wisconsin. He fought a courageous battle with lung cancer during the last eighteen months of his life.

Don was born on January 24, 1929 in Cresco, Iowa, the son of John and Louisa (Lakes) Kalishek. He grew up in Cresco, and remained an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan throughout his life. Don was proud of his service to his country. He served in the Navy during the Korean War. Following his service, Don worked in the hardware and insurance businesses. He was also employed as a clinic administrator.

Don loved to fish and hunt, and also loved dogs. He spent great times with family and friends on Lake Pepin and Legend Lake. Don was a member of the American Legion. He lived in Kimberly, Wisconsin at the Hallmark Place since 2005. He became a Kimberly Papermaker fan, enjoying many football games. Don developed a special friendship with Lucille Kempen during his time in Kimberly. Lucille took him to many Kempen family outings. His time with Lucille and the Kempen family brought him great joy during the last part of his earthly journey.

Don leaves behind two daughters, Kelly (Dr. Mel) Lightner of Keshena, and Heather Kalishek of Pepin, Wisconsin; his grandchildren, Brock and Paige Lightner; step-sons, Scott and Paul Wirth; and his step-granddaughter, Sarah Wirth. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sandra (Dubbels) Kalishek, and his second wife, Annette (Kaul/Wirth) Kalishek.

A Memorial Mass for Don Kalishek will be celebrated on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Kimberly, Wisconsin. Fr. Michael Lightner will be the Celebrant. Full Military Honors will be conducted by American Legion Post 60 William Verhagen at the church. Visitation will begin at 9:00 AM and continue until the hour of service.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church

620 E. Kimberly Ave., Kimberly, WI, US, 54136

MAR **Memorial Mass** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Don was so much fun to be around and kid with. He brought many happy memories to mom and me. David and I are so glad and honored to have known him.
-Donna and David Evers

Donna Evers - Yesterday at 09:00 PM



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Donna Evers - Yesterday at 08:12 PM



“ The members and officers of the Kimberly American Legion Post #60 offer our condolence to family and friends of Donald. I was honored to present Donald with his 60 years of continuous membership certificate. Donald was a 66 year member. Thanks Lucille for your many years of friendship with Donald. Mel & Kelly for your time & effort for Donald. I did not know Mel, that your wife was his sister. "Like Paul Harvey would say, now you know the rest of the story." Our color guard will be proud to take part in the service for Donald.

Melvin Klarner

Commander American Legion Post #60 Kimberly, WI

God Bless

Melvin Klarner - March 17 at 10:34 AM



“ Don Kalishek was a very good person, and it is sad that he has passed away. Health did take a toll on Don, but he always had a kindness about him, even through his lung cancer. I knew Don through various volunteer functions that I helped at, and he would always have a slight grin on his face followed by a gentle wave of the hand. He is now waving from on high.
Mary Ann Van Leur

Mary Ann Van Leur - March 16 at 02:59 PM



“ Don brought joy to the Kempen family through his friendship with our mother. His sharp wit and deep appreciation for family were always welcome. He will be missed. ~until we meet again,
Karla Stark

Karla Stark - March 15 at 08:54 AM