

Don Schaben, 82

Feb. 23, 1935 - April 15, 2017

DEFIANCE – Donald William, son of Clarence 'Bud' and Catherine (Block) Schaben, was born February 23, 1935 at Defiance. Don grew up on the family farm and as the oldest son helped with chores before going to school. He graduated from St. Paul's School in Defiance in 1952. After completing his schooling, Don worked on a section crew for the Milwaukee Railroad by Portsmouth. He then operated the Standard Oil Station in Defiance for a short time.



On February 9, 1957, Don was united in marriage with Judith Boeck at Sacred Heart Church in Manilla. They made their home in Defiance and were the parents of six children. Don worked at Farmland Foods, a packing house, in Denison for 35 years. Don and Judy cooked for Bingo, weddings, funerals and other activities at St. Peter's Church in Defiance over the years. He played softball and enjoyed coaching a girl's softball team. Playing cards with his friends and fishing, especially catfish fishing at Storm Lake, were great enjoyments during his life. Don was a Chicago Cubs baseball fan since 1945 and he lived to see their World Series win last year. Don and Judy celebrated 60 years of marriage in 2017.

As Don's health failed, Judy faithfully cared for him in their home. However, due to the progression of his Alzheimer's disease, Don moved to the St. Anthony Nursing Home in Carroll in 2012. He then moved to the Manning Plaza Nursing Home in November of 2015. Don died there surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 15, 2017. He was 82 years, one month and 23 days of age.

Don is preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Adolph 'Addie' Schaben; Dennis Schaben and Warren 'Tobe' Schaben and brothers-in-law Leo McCollough and Lyle Christensen.

Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Judy Schaben of Manning; six children: Gwen and husband Jeff Jahn of Manning; Donna and husband Dan Arp of Manning; Brenda and husband Steve Gross of Earling; Sandy and husband Terry Tremel of Houston, TX; Bryce Schaben and wife Carrie of Defiance; and Jaclyn and husband John Ohde of Manning; nine granddaughters and nine grandsons; 13 great-grandchildren, including two sets of twins; three sisters Mary and husband Rich Muell of Missouri Valley; Alice McCollough of Carroll; and Marlene Christensen of Elk Horn; brother Allen Schaben and wife Joann of Harlan; sister-in law Luann Schaben of Defiance; other relatives and many friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was held April 19 at 11 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Defiance with Rev. Guthrie Dolan, celebrant. Casket bearers included grandsons Kevin Arp, Cory Arp, Josh Schaben, Jake Schaben, Zach Jahn, Mitch Gross, Neil Gross, Sam Wegner, Ben Wegner.

Honorary Casket Bearers included granddaughters Jenny Nowland, Tara Herrold, Danielle Segebart, Darcy Jordan, Jill Tremel, Christina Tremel, Katie Cutts, Jess Schaben and Sydney Wegner

Interment was in St. Peter's Cemetery, Defiance. Ohde Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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