



Donald Leroy Stiles

March 11, 1934 - January 3, 2015

Hastings Funeral Home in Perry is in charge of arrangements for Donald Leroy Stiles, 80, of Bedford, Texas, formerly of this area. Don died January 3, 2015 at Parkwood Healthcare Community in Bedford. Services are pending at this time.

Donald Stiles, 80, died January 3, 2015 in Bedford, Texas. Burial will be at Dawson, Iowa with a family memorial service to be held at a later date. Don was born on March 11, 1934 in Coon Rapids, Iowa to Lloyd Amos and Louise (Jones) Stiles. Don began his school years in the one room Orange Township country school near Coon Rapids. In 1940, his parents purchased a farm northwest of Dawson and Don became a Dawson Bulldog. He graduated from Dawson High School with the class of 1951. Don accepted Jesus into his life while he was still in his teens. Don was an only child but always felt part of a large extended family as Lloyd's siblings Dean, Verne, Wayne, Merle, Bertha, Paul and Darwin Stiles as well as Louise's sister, Helen Jones, were frequent visitors on the farm during Don's early years. Don was the eldest of the many first cousins soon to follow. Following high school, Don joined the US Navy Reserve and was called to active duty aboard the USS Salem. In June 1958, Don and Phyllis Whisler were married in Perry Iowa. They were the parents of daughters, Deanea and Donna, and years later welcomed son-in-law Matthew Johnston into their family. Together Don and Phyllis shared a good life, worked side by side on the family farms and raised their daughters just across the road from Don's parents. The home farms became the backdrop for family gatherings and memories throughout the years. Upon retirement, Don and Phyllis lived in Rippey and later in Jefferson. When Phyllis's health declined, they moved to Coon Rapids. They were married almost 51 years when Phyllis passed away in June 2009. In 2013, Don moved to Bedford Texas where he spent his final years. Don and Phyllis partnered with Lloyd and Louise in Stiles and Sons Livestock and Grain. Don was proud to receive a soil conservation award for innovative farming practices. Don and Phyllis shared an avid interest in family genealogy. Don enjoyed writing and contributed to several family genealogy publications over the years. He became a lifetime member of the Stiles Family in America Association. Don was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Korean War Veterans Association. He loved to travel and his journey through life allowed him to sail the seas, visit several continents, islands, and many states. Don was preceded in death by his wife,

his parents, and his uncles and aunts. He is survived by daughters Deanea of West Des Moines Iowa and Donna (Matt) Johnston of Euless Texas; sister-in-laws Lois Pompe of Slater, Joyce Armstrong of Ames, Peggy Whisler of Corona California, and Rita Revelle of West Valley City Utah; Aunt Lillian Petty of Statesboro, Georgia; nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends.

Comments



“ I have very fond memories of dealing with both Don and Phyllis at the Rippey Farmers Co-Op in the 80's and 90's. Don always had a story to tell. They were both very special people and I feel privileged to have known them. My most sincere condolences to you all. Dolores Morgart(ex-bookkeeper for the old Rippey Co-Op)

Dolores Morgart - April 28, 2018 at 04:47 AM