

Donald Heinitz passed away in the angel wing at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in New Rockford, ND, on September 14, 2020, at the age of 84.

Donald Eugene Heinitz was born on October 12, 1935, in Carrington, ND, to Andrew and Charlotte Heinitz. Growing up he was a letter winner in basketball and football while in Carrington and he graduated in 1953 from Carrington High School. Don attended the University of North Dakota, studying Business Management and Engineering. That began his lifelong love and support of UND Fighting Sioux Athletics. He was a season ticket holder for basketball, football and hockey at the university for over 40 years.

Don joined the National Guard in 1953 with an honorable discharge in 1961. Don was married to Leila Lura, they had three children, Kim, Rod and Monica. They later divorced. He married Elaine Lee on June 2, 1976 in Carrington and gained three step children, Deb, Jim and Kevin. He started working for Frank Buzell at James River Electric as an apprentice electrician. Later on, he purchased the business and continued to own and operate the business until he retired in 2001.

Throughout his life, he loved to fish, hunt and bowled in his younger years. Golf was his true passion, he won many tournaments over the years and took much pride after his retirement by putting in countless hours helping construct the new Crossroads Golf Club. After completion of the course, he mowed the greens daily for over 15 years, taking much pride in the shape of the course and how the greens looked.

Don was a loyal friend to many. He loved to tell jokes and would challenge anyone to discuss the rivalry between his UND Fighting Sioux and the Bison of NDSU. He loved to meet new people and could carry on conversations about any topic. He was a great son, father and grandfather. Throughout the years, Don was a member of Kiwanis, board member of the Federated Church and Crossroads Golf Club.

He is survived by his daughter, Kim (Scott) Stafford of New Rockford, ND; son, Rod Heinitz (Stacey Rzaszutak) of Carrington, ND; five grandchildren, Shawn (Ashley) Stafford of Devils Lake, Shane Stafford of West Fargo, Rebecca Heinitz (Ade Damola) of St. Paul, MN, Nicole Heinitz of Bismarck, ND and Jacob Heinitz (Samantha Spiesz) of Moorhead, MN and two great grandchildren, Saige and Saidee Stafford.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Charlotte Heinitz; his first wife, Leila (Lura) Heinitz and second wife, Elaine (Burkhardt) Heinitz and his daughter, Monica Rae Heinitz.



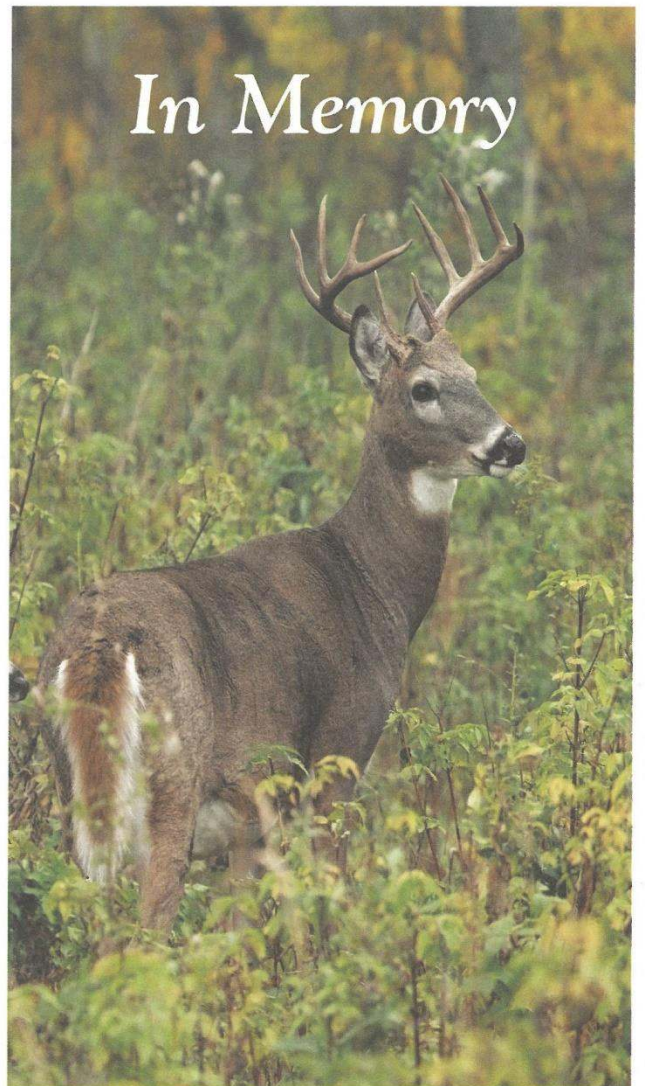
After Glow

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an Afterglow
of smiles when day is done.

I'd like to leave an echo...
whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy time and laughing times
and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve,
to dry before the sun
Of happy memories that I leave
When day is done.



In Memory

In Loving Memory of *Donald E. Heinitz*

October 12, 1935 - Carrington, ND
September 14, 2020 - New Rockford, ND

VISITATION

Sunday, September 20, 2020
12:00PM-5:00PM
Evans Funeral Home, Carrington, ND

GRAVESIDE SERVICE

Monday, September 21, 2020 ~ 10:30AM
Carrington Cemetery, Carrington, ND

OFFICIATING

Rev. Rick Loewen

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Old Rugged Cross
Because He Lives

PALLBEARERS

All of Don's Family & Friends

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Don's Grandchildren & His Coffee Crew

BURIAL

Carrington Cemetery

Arrangements by
Evans Funeral Home - Carrington & New Rockford, ND

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