



Donald Davis

May 6, 1928 - January 20, 2016

Donald Lee Davis, age 87, of Washington, Iowa, formerly of rural Columbus Junction, passed away Wednesday, January 20, 2016 at the M.L. McCreedy Home in Washington after being in poor health for several years.

Celebration of life services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the Salem Welsh Presbyterian Church in rural Columbus City, with Pastor Dottie Halverson officiating. General calling hours will be held from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Friday at the Jones & Eden Funeral Home in Washington. The family will receive friends from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday morning at the Salem Welsh Presbyterian Church. Interment will be held at Cambrian Cemetery in rural Columbus Junction, Iowa. Memorials have been established for Salem Welsh Presbyterian Church, Cambrian Cemetery and Hospice of Washington County. Online condolences may be sent for Don's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com.

Donald Lee Davis was born May 6, 1928 in rural Columbus Junction, Iowa, the son of Hugh Rees and Claudia (Evans) Davis. He graduated from Wyman High School and attended Central College in Pella, Iowa. Don was united in marriage to Alice B. Reschly on August 15, 1976 in the Davis home, where Donald was born. They resided there until 1994, when he and Alice moved to their home in Washington, Iowa.

Donald attended grade school through high school in the Wyman Consolidated School. He graduated in 1945 as valedictorian of his class and went on to attend Central College in Pella, Iowa for a year. He then returned to work with his dad on the family livestock and grain farm.

He was a lifetime member of the Salem Welsh Presbyterian Church, where he served many years as Trustee and Elder and provided general rebuilding and repair work for the church as long as his health allowed. Donald was very loyal to his school, serving on the alumni committee a number of times before the annual school reunions were discontinued in 2010. He enjoyed recalling and sharing many comical experiences and enjoyed

athletics, having played high school basketball and baseball.

Donald also enjoyed being a part of the “fox hunters” who were an active organized group of men in the community who hunted together on Saturdays during the winter months. At the end of the season they had a soup supper supported by money they received from selling the fox pelts. He and Alice spent many hours helping those in need and were apologetic to the end for not being able to do more. Don never missed a Rees family reunion and always showed an interest in, and asked about the welfare of others, especially in the Davis, Rees and Reschly families, and of his many friends.

Don is survived by his sisters-in-law, Susan Gilmore, Helen Reschly and Sonja Reschly; cousin, Mary Baker and husband Dean; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; brothers-in-law, Harold Gilmore , James, Donald and Robert Reschly; and cousins, Hugh Carrol Davis, Miriam Davis, Mildred Davis and Norma Whitham.

Cemetery

Cambrian

Columbus Junction, IA,

Events

JAN 22 **Calling Hours** 12:00PM - 05:00PM

Jones - Eden Funeral Home
116 East Main, Washington, IA, US, 52353

JAN 23 **Family Receiving Friends** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

Salem Welsh Presbyterian Church
IA, US

JAN 23 **Celebration of Life** 10:30AM

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IA, US

Comments



“ Can't say I knew Don well being a long-distance cousin from the Oregon Hunt family. However we did began corresponding some years back with occasional phone calls. And, a visit to Iowa a few years back. I was always impressed with his gentle and considerate spirit. Special memories. Melissa Jo (Hunt) Monaco

Melissa Jo (Hunt) Monaco - January 23, 2016 at 07:28 AM



“ I am both grieving and celebrating Don's life from afar. He was such a kind and caring person and helped those around him. I have always been so grateful to him and his wife, Alice, for assisting my twin sister, Carole. For over 10 years they provided transportation and care for Carole to Salem Church, weddings, funerals, picnics, etc. May both of them have health and peace in Heaven.

Bob and Cheryl (Rees) Michaelsen - Texas

Bob Michaelsen - January 22, 2016 at 09:39 PM



“ Donald was a sweet man. Our family very much appreciates the years that he and his wife drove Carol to church. He had such a kind smile. Thankful for him.

sarah - January 21, 2016 at 10:06 PM



“ Such a nice man. I'm sure he is at peace and was so glad to see his Alice again.

Lynette Sievers - January 21, 2016 at 06:07 PM