



## DONALD ANTHONY KARELS

April 1, 1939 - October 22, 2023

Donald Anthony Karels

Donald Karels, age 84, of Caledonia, passed away on October 22, 2023, at Gundersen Medical Center, LaCrosse, WI.

Don was born April 1, 1939, in Caledonia to Lawrence and Leocadia (Becker) Karels. He attended school in Caledonia and graduated from Loretto High School.

Don served his country in the U.S. Navy from October 24, 1961 - February 23, 1966. He served as an Aviation Store Keeper. He worked as a supervisor for 1st class mail for the U.S. Postal Service. Don was a member of St. Mary's Church, Caledonia.

He enjoyed antiques and collectibles, and country music along with old time music.

Don is survived by a daughter, Theresa Johnk; grandchildren, Chloe and Hayden; siblings Leland (Ruby) Karels, Kathy (Al) Copeland, Mary Karels, Nathalie (Tom) Weibel, and Julie (Larry) Burroughs, sister in law, Sue Karels; many nieces and nephews; and special friend, Charles Kingsbury.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Muriel (Dick) Loomis, Vernon Karels, Joanne (Jerome) Brague, Wilfred Karels, Virginia (Paul) McCauley, Jerry Karels, Terry Karels, and George Karels.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 am, Tuesday, November 14, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 am before the service at the church. Luncheon will follow and interment with military honors will be at 2 pm at Minnesota State Veteran's Cemetery, Preston, MN.

The funeral will be livestreamed on St. Mary's Church and School, Caledonia, Facebook page.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
513 S Pine St  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
(507) 725-3804

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **14**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

NOV **14**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery  
715 US 52  
Preston, MN 55965

# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of DONALD ANTHONY KARELS.*



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November 10, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ *Don was one the first people I met and a great friend when I moved to the La crosse area from the east side of the state. By chance we were at the same campground in Iowa one weekend when we met. In meeting him I also made other friends over the years. He will be greatly missed. My condolences to the family.*

*Chris Kinjerski*

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**chris kinjerski** - November 01, 2023 at 11:54 AM



*Don was a great friend. He was always kind toward my disabled brother and even colored Easter eggs with him. Don was with me and my immediate family at the hospital when my disabled brother died and my brother wanted him there I drove Don to many VA appointments, we camped, took many, many road trips nobody knew about and we laughed more than most people could in a lifetime. Goodbye, Don. Thank you.*

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**Tim** - November 01, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Donnie was a wonderful friend, and I will miss him. Charles Kingsbury*

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**Charles Edward Kingsbury** - October 28, 2023 at 11:12 PM

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“ *The memories I have of singing in the St. Mary's Adult Choir with Don and his sister Muriel will always stay with me. God Bless Don's memory and may His Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.*



*In Eternal Peace,  
Candis Wiste*

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**Candis Wiste** - October 27, 2023 at 09:37 AM