



Don L. Huston

May 12, 1927 - January 11, 2020

Don L. Huston, 92, of Albia died on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020 at the Monroe County Hospice Room.

He was born on May 12, 1927 to Louis and Nina Blake Huston in St. Louis, Mo. Following his high school graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served from July 27, 1944 to Dec. 24, 1946 with the U.S. occupation forces in Germany.

Upon his discharge he enrolled in the University of Missouri School of Journalism, graduating in June of 1951. He married Carol Johnson on Sept. 16, 1950. They were married 66 years before her death on Dec. 18, 2016.

Don started his newspaper career in Sikeston, Mo. then moved his young family to Audubon, Iowa where he served as editor of the newspaper. In August of 1955 he became editor of the Waverly Independent and Bremer County Democrat, serving in that position 39 years until his retirement in 1993. He was known as a tough-minded and fair newspaper professional, devoted to his community.

He was an active member of Waverly Jaycees, served for years on the Waverly Heritage Days Committee, served on the Waverly Human Relations Committee in the 1960s and was an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly. When he and his wife, Carol, moved to Albia in 2014 to be closer to their daughter and her family, he became active in Trinity UMC in Albia, attending the Trinity Builders Sunday School Class. He also joined the Albia Newspaper staff as a volunteer, writing the "Looking Back Column." He continued to write, completing a book of personal memories for his children and grandchildren.

In his younger years he enjoyed following his seven children in their sports, music, drama and debate activities in high school and college. Later, he enjoyed traveling with his wife throughout the U.S. to visit children and grandchildren scattered from Washington, D.C. to San Francisco. He was also an avid fisherman and reader of history.

He is survived by six children, Pat (Susan Jacques) Meyer, Iowa City; David (Judy) Huston, Dallas, Texas; Janis (David) Paxton, Albia; Donald Huston, Boise, Ida.; Denis (Cathy) Huston, Orinda, Calif.; and Devon Huston, Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several step grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brothers Douglas of New York and Denis of Missouri; brother-in-law Junior Johnson and sister-in-law Martha Shern and numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol, son, Daniel and daughters-in-law Joan and Laura.

Visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m. until the time of service on Friday, Jan. 17, 2020, at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albia.

Funeral services are Friday, Jan. 17, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, the Rev. Roger Henry officiating. Military rites will be provided by the American Legion of Albia, Melrose and Lovilia. Burial will be in Waverly, Ia.

Memorials can be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church Family Life Center or the Daniel Huston Memorial Scholarship at Wartburg College.

Cemetery

Harlington Cemetery

Waverly, IA,

Events

JAN **Visitation** 09:00AM - 10:30AM

17

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East, Albia, IA, US, 52531

JAN **Funeral Service** 10:30AM

17

Trinity United Methodist Church
1117 Benton Ave East, Albia, IA, US, 52531

Comments



“ Don was a dedicated newspaper reporter who strove for the truth. He impressed those who read the Waverly paper with his thorough coverage of local issues and his forthright manner. Although, I did not always agree with him in his editorials, I admired his interest in politics and truthfulness.

I knew him better through Carol's and Don's participation in bible studies at Trinity. He was obviously a student of information and a follower of Jesus Christ. He had great insights into the bible which he shared, but he also was quite willing to hear other's perspectives on biblical passages.

Don was a modest man that could easily be underestimated because he did not brag, complain, nor criticize others. He was quite happy to be Don and pursue his quiet life with Carol. His strength and convictions helped many of us with gentle comments that made us think about what was happening in our lives and the direction in which we were going.

The "Bible Studies Class" at Trinity missed them when they decided to move to Albia. It was with sadness that I read about this great man's passing in the paper. Prayers are coming for the family.

Beverly Boveia - January 18, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ I am sorry that weather prevented me from attending Don's service. He was a great mentor during my 10 years on the Waverly Newspapers staff and a great friend over the ensuing years. I know how proud he was of the Huston brood, and I'm thankful he was able to spend his last years near family. Don set a standard for our community newspaper that remains unsurpassed. Sympathies to all of you in this time of sorrow.

Linda Moeller - January 17, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Don L. Huston.



January 16, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Self-Help International, we'd like to extend our sympathies to the family. Don was an institution in Waverly for many years, and a friend of Self-Help and the Schield family. He is well-remembered and missed here.

Susan Cornforth
SHI Staff

Susan Cornforth - January 15, 2020 at 02:52 PM



“ Huston Family,

I'm sorry to hear of Don's passing, yet relieved to know that he's no longer suffering and is in the presence of his Lord and Savior and reunited with his wife and many others.

I enjoyed getting to know Don through church (in Albia); I admired his determination to do as much for himself as he could for as long as possible. He contributed a great deal and will be missed by many.

You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time and in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

Kim Jolly

Kim Jolly - January 14, 2020 at 04:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don L. Huston.



January 14, 2020 at 03:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Don L. Huston.



January 13, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don L. Huston.



January 13, 2020 at 02:47 PM