



## Donald "Don" Berl Eilander

September 21, 1937 - January 14, 2022

Donald "Don" Berl Eilander, age 84, of Albia, IA, passed away on January 14, 2022, at the Mahaska Health Hospital in Oskaloosa, surrounded by his family.

Don was born on September 21, 1937, at home to Burl and Marie (Reynolds) Eilander. He attended Newton Schools. He served his country in the United States Army from 1960 - 1966 as a sniper in Germany. Don worked for his uncle, Garret Eilander, at Merchant Storage and Transfer in Newton, Iowa. On September 20, 1963, he was united in marriage to Joyce McCammant in Newton.

In 1976, Don and Joyce moved to Albia, Iowa and started attending the Albia Baptist Temple, where they have attended for 46 years. They owned the Albia Dairy Bar from 1976 -1980 and Smitty's Sandwich Shop from 1979 - 1999. They also owned DJ's Corner from 1990 - 1995 in Moravia. Don enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to the lake, and boating. He spent his mornings with his friends at Hardees and loved spending time with his grandchildren and family.

Don is survived by his wife of 58 years, Joyce McCammant Eilander; his children, Donnie Eilander of Georgetown, Delaware, Kelley (Terry) Yenger of Newton, Iowa, Kim (Mike) Beaty of Moravia, Iowa, and Brian Eilander of Los Angeles, California; his grandchildren; Jeremy (Reanna) Yenger of Newton, Iowa, Tara (Josh) Whitson of Newton, Iowa, Brenden (Alaina) Eilander of Des

Moines, Iowa, Shaun Eilander of Des Moines, Iowa, Donovan (Nicole) Beaty of Centerville and Brianna Beaty of Moravia; his great grandchildren, Izabella, Gabriel, Brklyn, and Hunter Whitson and Ainsley, Benson, and Cabot Yenger of Newton, Iowa; and his sister, Sherry Wharff of Newton, Iowa. Don is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Burl and Marie Eilander; his son, Brent Eilander of Ottumwa; his siblings, Betty (Gene) McDonald, Lloyd (Lois) Eilander, Sylvester (Janet) Eilander, Barb (Chris) Smith and Gene Wharff of Newton, and Cinda Shaver of Kellogg, Iowa; and his twin sister, Donna Marie Eilander in infancy.

Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2022, at the Albia Baptist Temple in Albia, with Don's family present throughout to greet family and friends.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, January 22, 2022, at the Albia Baptist Temple in Albia, with Pastor Chris Harris officiating and military honors provided by the American Legion of Albia, Lovilia, and Melrose. A luncheon will be held at the Albia Baptist Temple following the service. Following the luncheon, burial will be at Newton Union Cemetery in Newton, IA.

# Cemetery Details

## Newton Union Cemetery

1601 W 4th St. N  
Newton, IA 50208

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Albia Baptist Temple  
624 A Ave W  
Albia, IA 52531-1831  
(641) 932-5516

## Funeral Service

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Albia Baptist Temple  
624 A Ave W

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Don" Berl Eilander

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ Donald "Don" Berl Eilander

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ Myself an our card group loved going to Joyce an Dons home . Don loved watching tv in a comfortable room . Sometimes he would come out to chat with us an visit while we played cards . Sometimes I would take coffee an desert back to him . He was always all smiles an greatly enjoyed it an I would chat for a bit .. sometimes tho he would go off to Hardee's for his coffee ! I have missed that whiled he was ill ! Don was definitely one of best ! We will all miss him .. Hugs an prayers for Joyce an a special family .

Evelyn Sharpe - January 23, 2022 at 07:39 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



January 20, 2022 at 01:29 PM

CS

“ Chris and Lorna Smith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



Chris and Lorna Smith - January 20, 2022 at 12:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



January 20, 2022 at 10:36 AM

MJ

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Don was a wonderful person and always had a smile...Prayers to your family...

Mike and Donna Judge - January 18, 2022 at 05:40 PM

JY

Mike, thank you for your kind words. All the best,  
Jeremy Yenger

Jeremy Yenger - January 20, 2022 at 12:40 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



January 18, 2022 at 10:52 AM

BT

“ Brenden & Shaun Eilander & Peggy & Tim purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



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**Brenden & Shaun Eilander & Peggy & Tim** - January 18, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



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January 18, 2022 at 09:14 AM



“ Sorry to

*Hear about Don's*

*Passing.He was a good neighbor and friends.*

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**Dallas Tucker** - January 17, 2022 at 11:22 AM

MM

“ So sorry for your loss. My family stopped at DJs in Moravia on our way home from visiting family in Rathbun. Prayers for his family and his friends.

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**Mary (Koon) Mattix** - January 15, 2022 at 10:22 PM

IH

“ Our family have known the Eilander family for many years. My husband Jim considered Don one of his best friends. Jim loved meeting the men at Hardees every morning at 10:00 . It was one of his greatest joys. We will miss his smile and friendliness at church. Love to Joyce and family.

Iva Mae Hatfield - January 15, 2022 at 07:39 PM

DC

“ So sorry to hear about Donald. I remember when I first met Donald was at Newton Baptist Temple. Joyce and Donald had us teens at their house many times for fellowship. Donald played an important roll in our lives as teens and then down the road as adults. Donald was fun loving, a great father figure who loved his family, us teens and Jesus Christ with all his heart. You will be greatly missed Donald! Love you!

Donna Clement - January 15, 2022 at 06:53 PM

DH

“ He was my “boss”, friend, and a swell guy that never said a bad thing about anyone. He sure looked forward to his break time when Joyce arrived to work. He always returned though to pound those tenderloins. They were honored in the “IOWA” magazine one year and he was so proud! Rest In Peace my friend till we meet again! Condolences to the whole family-Love you Joyce!

Dalene Hamilton - January 15, 2022 at 06:52 PM

JC

“ So sorry to here of Don's passing. He and my Mom Judy worked a long time together at smitty's. My sympathy to Joyce and family.

Julie Carter - January 15, 2022 at 05:40 PM

KC

“ use to into the Albia Cafe and he'd say if Joyce calls tell her I'm my way, even though he was still there drinking coffee. Such a sad loss. Prayers to the family.

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**Karen Coatney** - January 15, 2022 at 04:55 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Berl Eilander.



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January 15, 2022 at 02:33 PM