



Donald Altheide

January 14, 1933 - May 7, 2025

Donald Vernet Altheide, 92, passed away May 7, 2025 at his home in Bloomfield, Iowa. He was born January 14, 1933 to Vernet and Elsie (Blackwell) Altheide at home in Stiles, Iowa. Don married Mary Lou Leonard in 1954, she passed away in 1973. To this union four children were born. After her death, he married Dolores "Dee" (Mason) Campbell in 1974. Donald was a graduate of Bloomfield High School in 1951. He was a lifelong member of the Stiles Christian Church, serving as Secretary/Treasurer and Deacon for many years. In his early years, he was a 4-H leader. Don was a Davis County farmer his entire life. He was the recipient of the first FFA Star Chapter Farmer award while still in high school, the Davis County Young Farmer award, and the 1975 Farm Bureau Farmer of the Year. Don loved to play cards, especially Pitch, with the Petefish Scale Yards gang and the card club members. He was an avid sports enthusiast, particularly football and basketball, often challenging his sons and their friends to a basketball game well into his 60's.

He is survived by his wife, Dee, and their five children, Steve (Sheila) Altheide of El Dorado Springs, Missouri, Jeff (JoAnn) Altheide, Ed Altheide both of Bloomfield, LuAnn (Mark) Head of Chillicothe, Missouri, Shelley (Randy) Mitzelfelt of New Virginia, Iowa; 12 grandchildren, Travis (Marianne) Altheide, Shannon Altheide, Tiffany (Shaun) Weir, Amber Altheide, Caleb Altheide, Hannah (Matt) Ridgway, Luke Altheide, Mason Altheide, Ian (Amber) Mitzelfelt, Ethan Mitzelfelt, Eryn (Noah) Hefner, AJ (Kortney) Mitzelfelt; 13

great-grandchildren, Dylan and Peyton Altheide, Seamus and Amelia Altheide, Niya Damazo, Jamisyn Murphy, Elena, Barrett, and Benjamin Ridgway, River Altheide, Violet Hefner, Harper and Reid Mitzelfelt; sister, Marlene Cook of Ottumwa, Iowa; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mary Lou Altheide; three sisters, Helen (infant), Lois Fitzgerald, Phyllis Shelton; and a brother, Richard Altheide.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 12, 2025 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Kramer Smith and Steve Altheide officiating. Burial will be at the IOOF Cemetery in Bloomfield. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday with the family present to greet friends from 5-7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials have been established to Stiles Christian Church and Hospice Serving Davis and Wapello Counties.

Cemetery Details

IOOF Cemetery

620 North Madison Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
(641) 664-3421
<https://www.waglerfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation with Family Present

MAY 11. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAY 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SW

“ Dee, so sorry to hear about Don. Thinking of you and your family. He was one of our favorite customers at Susie's office.

Sheila Westegard - May 12, 2025 at 08:41 AM

SL

“ We are sorry to hear of Donald's passing! Our sympathies are with you! Kris remembers going to family reunions and playing baseball! Family and memories help us thru these trying times!! May his soul rest in peace.. Kris and Suzie lister (Glen Lister's son).

Suzie Lister - May 11, 2025 at 08:41 PM

MD

“ Sending my deepest sympathy with love and prayers to Dee and all the family, Marilyn Downing

Marilyn Downing - May 11, 2025 at 05:09 PM

KM

“ Don and Dee were so kind to me growing up. They treated me as part of their brood anytime LuAnn invited me over. Such great memories!

Konnie Maskell - May 11, 2025 at 02:13 PM

RF

“ Ryan & Valerie Hubbard Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Altheide.



Ryan & Valerie Hubbard Family - May 10, 2025 at 02:37 PM

KR

“ *Kelly and Sherri Riggan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald Altheide.*



Kelly and Sherri Riggan - May 10, 2025 at 10:41 AM

SL

“ *I remember him from lawm mower shop*



Steven lowe - May 09, 2025 at 10:21 PM

LR

“ *Lynn. Roberts lit a candle in memory of Donald Altheide*



Lynn. roberts - May 09, 2025 at 07:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Altheide.*



May 09, 2025 at 04:25 PM



“ *Regina Gooden lit a candle in memory of Donald Altheide*



Regina Gooden - May 09, 2025 at 02:17 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Donald Altheide.*



May 09, 2025 at 12:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Altheide.*

May 09, 2025 at 12:52 PM