



Donald Chickering

September 17, 1935 - June 27, 2018

Donald Hart Chickering, 82, of rural Bloomfield, Iowa passed away on June 27, 2018 at Good Samaritan Society – Ottumwa. He was born on September 17, 1935 near Floris, Iowa to Charles Roosevelt and Doris Marguerite Hart Chickering. He married Kay Chickering on June 12, 1955 at the Floris Baptist Church and they recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary.

Don was a hard-working farmer who raised cattle, pigs, chickens, beans, corn, and hay. After several years, he sold his livestock and continued raising crops. He was one of the first farmers in the area to practice no-till farming and his corn and bean yields often won awards. He also ran a bull dozer for many years with Joel Wuthrich and the two made many ponds in the county for people as well as doing other jobs together. Soil conservation was very important to Don and he was instrumental in starting the Soap Creek Water Shed Project.

While not farming, Don was active in many organizations in Davis County, serving on the board of the Rural Electric Coop, Cattleman's Association and Corn Growers Association. He was also an active member of the Floris Baptist Church where he served as deacon and trustee. Don played an active role in getting people to sign up for rural water in the planning stages of that project. Despite all the time and effort he put into farming, soil conservation, and working on the bull dozer he still found time to do a little fishing and to

spend lots of time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Kay; seven children, Diana (Mike) Rysdam, Donald Mark (Judy) Chickering, Douglas (Karen) Chickering, Daniel (Tierre) Chickering, Deborah (Gary) Roberts, Danelle (David) Tucker, Danette (Jon) Elechicon; 28 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; sister, Phyllis (David) Birdsall; mother-in-law, Celma "Sally" Birdsall; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three grandchildren, Monica and Melissa Rysdam, Kyle Roberts; and a brother, Bob Chickering.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018 at the Wagler Funeral Home in Bloomfield with Pastor Mel Kendall officiating. Burial will be at the Floris Cemetery. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday with the family present to greet friends from 2-4:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials have been established to the Alzheimer's Association and the Floris Baptist Church.

Cemetery Details

Floris Cemetery

Floris, IA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUL 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Wagler Funeral Home
304 West Jefferson Street
Bloomfield, IA 52537
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Funeral Services

JUL 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Chickering*

January 28, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of Donald Chickering.*



July 02, 2018 at 11:09 AM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald Chickering.*



June 30, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Donald Chickering.*



June 30, 2018 at 04:32 PM

BM

“ *Barbie Meredith lit a candle in memory of Donald Chickering*



Barbie Meredith - June 29, 2018 at 12:55 PM

BM

So Sorry for your loss, Kay and Family

Barbie Meredith - June 29, 2018 at 12:57 PM

BM

My Prayers and Thoughts are with you all

Barbie Meredith - June 29, 2018 at 01:02 PM

BC

“ *my heart goes out to this very dedicated Christian family.ive been blessed to have known DON and the whole family for many years.your all in my thoughts and prayers.*

becky coyne(brown) - June 29, 2018 at 01:40 AM

LR

“ *Hi. Thier to the. Family of. Don I. Am sorry to. Hear. Hear. About. Him past. Away my. Sympathy. To. All. The. Family. Lynn roberts*



lynn. roberts - June 28, 2018 at 05:02 PM

LR

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



lynn. roberts - June 28, 2018 at 05:00 PM

DA

Sorry for your loss. The obit was impressive. Glad to hear that he knew the Lord and that you'll see him again one day.

Deborah Adams - June 29, 2018 at 05:56 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Chickering.*



June 28, 2018 at 04:43 PM