



Donald B. Weixelman

August 30, 1932 - April 10, 2011

Donald Weixelman passed from his loving family into the arms of his Lord on April 10, 2011. Don was born to Antone and Marie Weixelman on August 30, 1932 at the home on a small farm near Louisville, Kansas. He grew up during a time when farms were plowed by horses and planted by hand. By the time he graduated from Wamego High School in 1950, the age of the tractor had been established. He earned his way into college by picking berries, combining and working hard with his hands. After the flood of 1950, he worked the summer as a gandy dancer railroad construction worker. He entered Kansas State University in 1950 and went on to get degrees in Agricultural Economics and Business. He met Diane Gayle Brainard on a blind date while there and they remained together for their future adventures. While at KSU, he traveled with the International Foreign Youth Exchange to Lebanon and Syria to teach irrigation and farming techniques. He studied under the ROTC program and after graduating from KSU in 1954, he entered the army as a 2nd Lieutenant. Don and Diane were married on November 20th, 1954. After a brief honeymoon, Don began his service with the Army and served in Korea immediately after the armistice ceasefire was signed. He returned home from Korea to his wife and firstborn son in 1957. The family first settled in Abilene, Kansas where he worked for the Duckwall/Alco stores, Diane's family business. A love of the land pulled Don and Diane to Fort Collins to pursue opportunities with United Farm Agency in 1959. Don had an amazing love of working with land and sharing it with others. He went on to

create, multiple mountain properties into developments that others could enjoy. On many occasions he noted that he wanted people to be able to camp on and enjoy the sunset from their own piece of land. He made this possible for many, developing areas such as Glacier View Meadows, Crystal Lakes, Rist Canyon, Beaver Meadows Resort Ranch and more. He and his wife loved children and went on to raise 7 of their own. Children were welcome in the Weixelman home, and the house was always alive with activity; nobody left hungry. His children and their friends spent many weekend and summer hours in the outdoors helping Don lay out roads, build ski trails, find property corners and appreciate the earth and wildlife. Many foreign exchange students learned about United States culture from the home of Don and Diane. Don enjoyed hiking in the out of doors, camping, skiing, horseback riding, and driving the sleigh and carriage. His activities included photography, building rock walls, gardening, a challenging game of cribbage or pitch the conversation that came with the game and sitting by the fire with his family. Don is survived by his wife, Diane, who has been at his side as a wife and business partner for 56 years. He would not go through a door without holding it open for her, and still loved holding her hand. He is also survived by 6 children, Joseph Weixelman and his wife Chris Tee of Wayne, Nebraska, Janice Weixelman of Red Feather Lakes, former son-in-law, Marvin Wawerski, Mike Weixelman of Timnath, Chris Weixelman and his wife Azar, of San Diego, California, Gary Weixelman of Fort Collins and Linda Weixelman of Red Feather Lakes; grandchildren, Shawn Weixelman and his wife Nannette, Christopher Weixelman, James Weixelman, Kai Weixelman, Tansy Wawerski, Tye Wawerski , Nasim Weixelman, Yasseyy Weixelman, Nika Weixelman, and Nafeis Weixelman; great-granddaughter, Winter Weixelman; brothers, James Weixelman and his wife, Jill of Wamego, Kansas; sisters, Antonette Novelly of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Cecilia Muckenthaler and her husband George of Dayton, Ohio, Bernadine Weixelman of Blytheville, Arkansas, sisters-in-law, Betty Wingate of Folsom, California, Gloria Weixelman of Topeka, Kansas and Marie Weixelman of Lincoln, Nebraska, and many nieces, nephews, great-

nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Tony Weixelman; parents, Antone and Marie Weixelman; brothers, George Wingate, Louis Weixelman and his wife Cleo, Paul Weixelman and Dennis Weixelman; sisters, Victoria Zoeller, Rita Meinhardt and her husband Eddie, and Dorothy Ebert and her husband Pete. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Collins in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. A Rosary Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment with Military Honors will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery in Flush, Kansas.

Tribute Wall

KJ

“ We just learned of this today and are so very upset to not have know before, but wanted to say that Don will be missed by our family

Kenny & Pat Jan - April 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I met Don for the first time this past summer while attending the Weixelman family reunion there at Red Feather Resort. Please accept my sincere condolences for Don's passing. God bless, Cousin Mike

Mike G. Weixelman - April 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Mike - Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Caroline Tu Farley - April 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry for your lose! Our thoughts and prayer go to all!

Janet Helzer Farkas - April 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ To the Weixelman Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you!
With Love, Jenny Russell-Ochwat and Family

Jennifer Russell-Ochwat - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *Janice, I am so sorry for your family's loss. My prayers are with you and your family.*

Beth Hixson - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to Diane and the Weixelman family for their loss. Don was as genuine a man as they come. He had great insight, determination, character, and strength; as well as a gentle heart. His life's work will forever shine on through his family and his accomplishments. Thank you, Don, for all we learned from you.*

Stephen and Christine Allen - April 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LT

My memories of Don, Diane and their children are filled with years of fun and laughter as their vision become a reality. They remain among my fondest memories. Thank you for what all of you gave.

Linda Tippett - January 23, 2025 at 03:42 PM

JR

“ *To the Weixelman Family, All of us here at Stewart & Associates want to express our sincere gratitude for the privilege of being able to work with Don on his projects for more than 40 years. It was a great honor to be able to do the engineering and surveying on most of his subdivisions. We are deeply saddened by his passing, and our thoughts are with the Weixelman Family. The Stewart & Associates Family*

Jay Robinson - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“Diane, Linda, Gary and family, I am shocked and saddened to hear of Don's passing. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. I know he was so loved and respected by you all. I have such fond memories of your gentle husband and father. Bless you all.

Betsy Strafach - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“Don and Diane were a great influence on me and my family and I will always be thankful to them for the time and effort they spent with me. They are the type of people that makes me proud to be a "Kansan".

John Mckelvey - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RL

“What a Man!. Don took me in with so many other "wandering boys" and taught me the basics of real estate development, a love for the outdoors, an appreciation of nature's bounty, and a how to be a salesman with integrity and honor. I'll never forget him taking me to lunch one day and giving me a stern lecture about my dancing on a table during a meeting at Beaver Meadows. When I brought my daughter to Colorado for her first time in 2005, Don and Diane regaled her with stories about my youthful indiscretions as well as built me up in her eyes for which I was grateful. He taught me to cross country ski, how to tickle trout, how to tell bear poop from coyote, and how to man up when it was needed. Sorry about wrecking the Jimmy, Don and thanks for the lecture. Cousin Joe, take care of your mother. Diane, my heart mourns your loss. The Great Spirit has been joined by a friend of the earth. The music of the heavens has a fresh voice.

Robert Manley Brainard Lucas - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *Diane, Linda, and family, My heart goes out to you in your time of mourning. I am proud to have known Don and I know you will miss him. He left quite a legacy...and that's just the part that I knew about. I met Don in 1989 and I immediately got along with him...he was cut from the same cloth as both of my grandfathers. When we proposed to do a music festival at Beaver Meadows some years back I was sure he would say no way...but not only did he agree, but he built an amazing stage for us to use....I will miss him also...Rob*

Rob Solomon - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ *From Marble to Manzanillo an icon in many lives. Don has left me and many others with wisdom and an appreciation for who we are, where we are, and why it's important to share our love of nature. Among the stories told, I like to recall the sales meeting one cold winter day at the old Curry home, now Glacier View Meadows. Don had a roaring fire in the fireplace at 'his' end of the great room, while the meeting chairs were carefully arranged at the far and cold other end. His message was that our civilization has not had the benefit of central heat for that many generations, point well made. Then we were instructed on how to help our prospective owners reconnect to that not-so-distant past and own a special place to enjoy and share their true and not yet totally civilized roots with friends and family. Don and his family shared their home with my young and growing family when Sherri and I were just getting settled in Ft Collins. Thank you Diane and all the family. We miss him, too.*

Erick Weiss - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Diane and Family, We know that Don's passing will bring you comfort as they do for us. We feel that to have known Don at all was a gift and admired him for his strength of character and his faith. We will continue to be inspired by the actions he took and the things he said while he was a part of our lives. Don will live in our memories.

Ernie and Glenda Komarek - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Our prayers and sympathy are with you. It was so good to be able to visit with you last summer.

Mary Lou and Ken Kocher - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

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John Mckelvey - April 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ Diane- I'm so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have such fond memories of the 5 years I worked for you and Don in the office at Glacier View. I will admit that he wasn't always the easiest person to work for, but I respected and admired him and you for all that both of you accomplished for the area that we lived in. He gave me my first job in Colorado, and I will always be grateful for that opportunity and for all I learned from both of you. God Bless. Claudia

Claudia Kroemer - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ I was shocked to hear of Don's passing. I enjoyed working with Don several years ago on the land adjacent to Beaver Meadows. Through that experience I had the opportunity to meet several family members. It was clear that Don was loved by all of them. He was a fine person and you have been blessed to have him as a husband and father. Best to you all, Jim Sell

Jim Sell - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Joseph: Our deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Gary and Maria Weddel

Gary and Maria - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Peace be with you, and all the family. In loving memory The Milners

The Milners - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Sorry to read of Don's death. Didn't know him well but admired the fights he was able to take on and win. A while back he drove us to the very top of a mountain to see a lot which was for sale. I admired his driving, too! God Bless his family.

Rose Brinks - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ I am not sure how many of the family will remember me, but I will say the time spent with the Weixelman family was always great. Don was an amazing dad and husband. And at the tender age of 16-17, I could see that was the type of husband I would like. My prayers go to all of you.

Lois Jekel-Buderus - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Not how did he die, but how did he live? Not what did he gain, but what did he give? These are the units to measure the worth Of a man as a man, regardless of birth. Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed? But had he befriended those really in need? Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer, To bring back a smile, to banish a tear? Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, But how many were sorry when he passed away. - Anonymous Janice: Out deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Colleen, Kenny & Ken

Colleen Pettit - April 13, 2011 at 12:00 AM