



Donald R. Stafford

December 31, 2011

Donald R. Stafford, 85, Topeka, was called to his heavenly home on Saturday, December 31, 2011. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle and was greatly loved by his family. Don graduated from Salina High School in 1944 and received his BS in Civil Engineering from Kansas State University in 1958. He was a Civil Engineer until his retirement in 1991 from Ernest-Spencer, Inc. Don served his country as a radio operator in WWII in the 5th infantry division and the Korean Conflict, and was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, Star to Combat Infantryman Badge, Korean Service Medal with three Campaign Stars and the Cluster to Purple Heart. Don was active in the Boy Scouts of America for several years and was also active in various ministries in the Catholic Church. Don greatly enjoyed being involved in and attending activities with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Leona Stafford and a daughter-in-law, Angie Stafford. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Veronica; his eight children, Patricia Stafford, Roberta (Ralph Terry) Brown, Thomas Stafford (Deanna Othmer), David (Krista) Stafford, all of Topeka, Mary Stafford (Lloyd May), Hoyt, Christine (Timothy) Riddle, Carson City NV, Paul (Kristy) Stafford, Berryton and James (Joni) Stafford, Spurgeon IN; a brother, Darrell Stafford, Mt. Vernon IN; 28 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren and two nephews. Mr. Stafford will lie in state from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan

Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will be Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church; where a parish rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Church. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Stafford*

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of Don. Growing up living right door, the Staffords were my extended family. Don and Veronica always were good hearted and I remember lots of love and laughter. Will miss being able to stop by and see Don smile with a twinkle in his eyes, as we'd catch up on the 'kids' and talk of days gone by in our old neighborhood. To all the Stafford 'kids' I grew up with, my condolences. Don will forever be in our hearts and memories. My thoughts, care and peace be with you.*

"Death is only the horizon, and the horizon is nothing save the limit of our sight"--.

Joanne Bauman - January 05, 2012 at 11:46 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with the entire Stafford family. May the many memories bring you comfort.*

Susan Swalwell - January 05, 2012 at 12:25 AM



“ *We are sorry for your loss. Our prayers are with you all. May the Dear Lord receive him with open arms. And I'm sure Rico will be there to greet him with a smile and many questions about the family. May the Blessed Lady be with you to aid in comforting you.*

rose ayala - January 04, 2012 at 09:54 PM

CM

“ I cannot begin to tell you how sorry I was to hear about Don's passing. He was such a good man with a kind and gentle heart. His family always brought so much joy to him. Anytime we would come over you could see his eyes light up and a big smile come to his face. His smile and laugh always had a way of lifting one's spirits and would always warm my heart. Don was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. I pray that during this difficult time, that you will be able to re-live and talk together of all of the wonderful times and memories you shared with him. He would love that. It would bring that big smile to his face and I pray that you will feel that great warmth, love and comfort of his shining down upon you from the heavens. Please know that my thoughts, prayers and love are with each and every one of you always.

Cindy Olmstead, Julaine, Jennifer & Jason's Mom - January 04, 2012 at 04:50 PM

NR

“ Pat and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father.

Our kindest personal regards,
Nancy and Larry Redd

Nancy Redd - January 04, 2012 at 10:58 AM

MR

“ I have only had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Stafford a few times, but through those brief introductions, and through the witness of one of his son's (Jamie), I know that he was a man of faith and love for his family. My wife (Marlene) and I extend our sympathy to the family and pray that God wraps his loving arms around you with comfort during this difficult time. God Bless...

Michael Robbins - January 03, 2012 at 07:54 PM

CU

“ I have had the privilege of working with Don and his son Dave. My sympathy goes out to Veronica and the whole family. I will keep you all in my prayers

Cindy Umscheid - January 03, 2012 at 04:18 PM

RH

“ Don and I served on the 1st Call to share Committe many years ago. Got to know him then. Liked him right from the start. We both had a passion for K-State which we talked about many times over the years. We both served on several Ministries at MPH and our paths crossed a number of times. Always enjoyed visiting with him. Will miss his Smile and hand shake. He was a good man. My deepest Condolences to the Family

Richard Hylton - January 03, 2012 at 12:41 PM

LM

“ Pat, my deepest sympathy to your family. I never met your father, but he must have been a good person to have raised such a wonderful daughter. I will keep you in my prayers.

Lupe Martinez - January 03, 2012 at 12:05 PM

KF

“ I only met Mr. Stafford one time and that was at his son's (Jamie) and Joni's wedding. He had such a wonderful and kind personality. You can tell thru my contact with Jamie he was a man who cared for his family and raised them well under God's guidance. May he rest in peace and know my thoughts and prayers are with the family during this difficult time. God Bless...

Kim Fuqua - January 03, 2012 at 08:33 AM