



Donald M. Towle

September 14, 1933 - May 21, 2014

Donald M. Towle, 80 years young, of Topeka, passed away Wednesday, May 21, 2014. Don was born September 14, 1933, in Topeka to Winifred (Brouyette) and Bernard Towle. He married Adeline Moberly on June 19, 1954, at Holy Name Catholic Church. Don graduated Summa Cum Laude from Washburn University, June 5, 1966, while managing a local grocery store. He survived the grocery store collapsing around him during the June 8, 1966, tornado. Soon after he started a new career with Kansas Bankers Surety Company. During his 46 year tenure he grew the company from a local Kansas company to a publicly traded Berkshire Hathaway subsidiary before retiring as President and CEO on December 31, 2013. Don loved Adeline and they held hands every time they could. Together they traveled the world, visiting 65 countries on six continents. When they were not traveling they cherished spending time with their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren sharing the stories of their adventures. Don's hobby was sailing and he raised his family at the Shawnee Yacht Club. He served in many capacities including Commodore. For the last several years, Don and Adeline ran the Race Committee which officiates sailboat races. He was so proud of his Irish heritage that he became a citizen of Ireland, as well as being a citizen of the United States of America. He often stated, "I am glad I don't get all the government I pay for." Don is survived by his loving bride, Adeline; children, Mark and Linda Towle, Richmond TX, Chuck and Dana Towle, Topeka, Donald M. Towle, Jr., Grandview MO, Allan and Chris Towle, Topeka, Sherry and Paul Bures, Topeka, Tim and Joy Towle, Lawrence KS; grandchildren, Karen and Vince Ferraro, Brian and Erica Towle, Tony and Sarah Towle, Tina and Brandon Goodrich, Tommy and Kelley Van Towle, Jamie and Russell Bonneville, John Towle, Mike and Olivia Towle, Robin and Nate Young, Lisa Towle, Shayli Towle, Andy Towle, Patrick and Lindsay Towle, Matthew Towle, Joey Towle, Daniel Towle, Katie Towle, Jacob Bures, Sarah Bures, Zachary Bures, David Bures, Maria Bures, Leah Towle, Megan Towle; great-grandchildren, Gianna Ferraro, Caden Ferraro, Xavery Goodrich, Joey Bonneville, Madison Bonneville, Zora Young, Caitlin Birk; brothers and sisters, George Towle, Dorothy Weir, Thomas Towle, Jeannie and Bob Sebree. We love you Don (Dad, Grandpa), and miss you very much, but we know that God has welcomed you home. Visitation will be 5-7 p.m. Monday at Christ the King Catholic Church, 5973 SW 25th Street, Topeka KS 66614, with a Rosary at 7

p.m. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at Christ the King Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to Mary's Choice (a pregnancy resource center), P.O. Box 8689 Topeka KS 66608.

Tribute Wall



“ Donald M. Towle

January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM

HJ

“ My most sincere and heartfelt condolences go to Allan and his family in the passing of Mr Don Towle. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time of grief. God Bless.

Herman Jones - June 02, 2014 at 05:14 PM

BL

“ Dear Aunt Adeline,

*My deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss.
I will remember Uncle Don as a true gentleman and an honorable family man.
He has left a legacy that you all must be very proud to be a part of.*

Bev Towle

Bev Towle Love - May 29, 2014 at 08:27 PM

SL

“ While I wasn't fortunate enough to know Don, Tim has shared several stories of his father with me. My favorite is about feeling self important with the test for validity, placing your finger in a glass of water and leaving the imprint after your finger is removed. This simple story spoke volumes to me about the man. As difficult as these times are, remember you have a husband, father and grandfather who's waiting for you to come back home to him with open arms when your time comes.

Steve & Laura - May 28, 2014 at 07:53 PM

DW

“ Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with the Towle family. It is hard to underestimate the effect that Don has had on my professional life. In one of my lowest moments, Don called me and gave me his unswerving loyalty. I only hope that I can, some day, pay forward that gesture. He will be greatly missed.

Dave & Bev White - May 27, 2014 at 05:46 PM

NR

“ Adaline and family, Don was such a nice man. We remember him working with the girls at gymnastics so many years ago. Such a kind and patient man while teaching. Nancy and Larry Redd

Nancy Redd - May 27, 2014 at 04:45 PM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jeanette Bouzianis - May 27, 2014 at 08:12 AM

DS

“ Adeline & family, we were so sorry to learn of Don's passing. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. (We did let some of the Ottawa relatives know per Carol Lee Roy.)

Dennis & Judy Strawn - May 26, 2014 at 06:05 PM

EC

“ For Don's unselfish dedication to the Shawnee Yacht Club and for his infectious love of sailing. May a fair wind always blow in his sails. Members (and Former Members) of the Shawnee Yacht Club.

Eric Kjorlie, Commodore - May 26, 2014 at 10:36 AM

JF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever. Adeline and Don were always there when needed. I can not make the funeral but will be thinking of the family. Best wishes.

Jean Glynn Figge - May 23, 2014 at 08:34 PM

HB

“ Towle Family, my condolences for your loss of a family member.

Harry Burnette - May 23, 2014 at 10:40 AM

JK

“ •Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one.

Jack Korus - May 23, 2014 at 09:12 AM

CO

“ *The Towle family is in our thoughts & prayers. Please let us know if we can help in anyway, even from ATL.* ”

Carlos, Jennifer, Tomas, & Alyssa Ordonez - May 23, 2014 at 08:56 AM