Donald J. Zeinert



06/173/1936 - 12/362/2022

Donald J. Zeinert, age 86, of the Town of Vinland, died Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at home. He was born June 21, 1936, to the late Bruno and Mary (Luebke) Zeinert. While growing up Don helped farm with his parent's and neighbors. On February 15, 1958, Don married Mary Ann Paulson at Christ Lutheran Church in Oshkosh. For 8 years he worked at the Winnebago State Hospital. For 35 years Don dairy farmed before selling the cows, and then continued cash cropping after that, which his sons are still doing. Don was awarded the Quality Milk Award from Lake to Lake (Land O'Lakes) for 20 years. He enjoyed gardening and freezing and canning the produce. Don loved making homemade bread and donuts, along with making lots of homemade candy and cookies at Christmas. He was a member of Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church-Winneconne. Don's wife Mary Ann preceded him in death on December 2, 2012, and on May 28, 2016, he married Dorothy Bain.

Don is survived by his wife and caretaker, Dorothy Zeinert; his children, David (Janet) Zeinert, Janet (John) Kunde, Jeff (Rita) Zeinert, all of Oshkosh; grandchildren, Bailey (T.J.) Coe, Jennifer (Nate) Kaegi, Justin (Sami) Kunde, Jaclynn Kunde; great-grandchildren, Hadlee Kaegi and Trip Coe; stepdaughter, Cynthia (Thomas) Haskins; and many step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by in-laws, Carol Zeinert, Diana (Neil) Rasmussen, Charles (Susan) Paulson, Richard (Ann) Paulson, Edward (Sally) Paulson; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Along with his parents and first wife, Mary Ann, Don was also preceded in death by a son, Brian; grandsons, Joshua Kunde, Noah Zeinert, Sawyer Zeinert; a brother, Kenneth Zeinert; and a sister and brother-in-law, Audrey and John Weber.

A visitation for family and friends will be on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Lord of the Lakes Lutheran Church 6090 Harbour South (corner of Hwy 116 and Harbour South) Winneconne. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday at 11:00 a.m. at the church with Amy Penza officiating. Burial will be in the Brooks Cemetery, Town of Vinland.

Mueller Funeral Home-Winneconne is assisting the family. If you wish please submit online condolences to muellerfh.net.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established.

Don's family wishes to thank Pastors Kevin Heffernan and Amy Penza, along with the Aurora at Home Hospice staff for all of the care given to him.