



Donald Rae Trampf

March 4, 1942 - July 1, 2019

Donald Rae Trampf, age 77 of Berlin, passed away at home with family by his side on July 1, 2019.

Born on March 4, 1942 Berlin, the son of Ralph and Clara (Seaman) Trampf, Don was a lifelong resident of Berlin. He attended Saint Stanislaus Catholic School graduating in 1956 and Berlin High School, graduating in 1960.

Don married Arla Mae Kohn on August 25, 1962. Together they raised 4 children.

Don worked at Realist (David White) for 18 years, at Senior Engineering for 17 years and at Flash Trucking for 9 years. During this time he served the Berlin and Green Lake County area in a variety of roles. He was a member of the St. Stanislaus Church Council and the Oakwood Cemetery Board. He was a member of the both the Green Lake County and Waushara County Fire Officers Association, the Winnebago Area Fire Fighters Association, and the Green Lake County Sheriffs Association. He joined the Berlin Fire Department in 1965 and served as Fire Chief from 1973-1987. In 1987, Don retired from the Fire Department, but returned in 1991 as an advisor and safety officer.

Don also served on Berlin's Police and Fire Commission as well as the Police and Fire Explorer Post. During his fire fighting service, Don received an award for Outstanding Service and First President of Green Lake County Fire Officers Association.

Notable accomplishments in his fire fighting career include helping to develop the Mutual Aid Agreement with neighboring communities in which community

fire departments agree to provide aid at no cost when needed for large fires. This became a template for neighboring communities throughout the state. Also during his service, he along with Deputy Chief, Robert Trampf, worked with architects to design the safety building that houses the fire department and emergency government today.

Don was elected to the Berlin High School Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018 for his accomplishments as a four sport athlete participating in baseball and basketball, and lettering in track and football. He earned a WIAA State Championship in shotput and held a record of 50'4" for nearly three decades. Don was an avid hunter, fisherman and card player who loved his community. Arla passed away on August 26, 2001. In time Don connected with former Berlin High School classmate Jane (Goodnature) Suleski. They were married on April 1, 2005. Together they enjoyed spending time with friends and family. They particularly enjoyed card games with friends and particularly playing Sheepshead at the Berlin Senior Center. Don and Jane shared many car rides together taking in the scenery and stopping to test their luck at the casino. Don is survived by his wife Jane; daughters, Tricia Drover, Connie (John) Kittleson, and Vicki (Don) Konen; his son, Mark (Stacey) Trampf; step-daughter Lori (Kurt Reinholz) Suleski; grandchildren, Joseph and Jessica Drover, Kayla and Alex Konen, Ben and Tyler Kittleson; step-granddaughters, Abby and Cassie Eckelberg; and great-grandsons Dustin and Liam. He was preceded in death by his wife Arla, his parents, Ralph and Clara Trampf; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Franklin and Norma Kohn; his brother Eugene Trampf, and his sisters Kathleen Parsons, Virginia Eagan and Marilyn Siebenhaar.

The family would like to thank all of the hospice nurses who provided such excellent care, particularly Heidi and Sarah. Don's children especially want to thank Jane who so lovingly cared for Don.

In lieu of flowers, Don had requested that memorial gifts be made to the Berlin Fire Department or the Berlin Senior Center.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery

Berlin, WI 54923

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
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Visitation

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

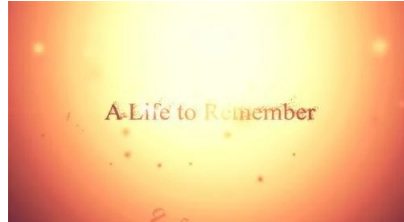
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Rae Trampf*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - July 12, 2019 at 07:50 PM

KA

What a beautiful tribute! I'll miss you Don ❤️

Katy Arndt - July 24, 2019 at 08:29 PM

PG

Oh Janie.....I am soooo very sorry to hear about Don! You guys enjoyed each others company so much! A huge bear hug from me!
Pam Garvin

Pam Garvin - July 29, 2019 at 12:52 AM



“ *160 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - July 12, 2019 at 06:43 PM

CR

“ Candy, Shavonne and Richard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Rae Trampf.



Candy, Shavonne and Richard - July 12, 2019 at 09:44 AM

FO

“ Fidelity National Title Offices purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Rae Trampf.



Fidelity National Title Offices - July 12, 2019 at 09:35 AM

DT

“ Jane, so sorry for the loss of your husband Don. May Don Rest In Peace!

My sincere condolence.

Diana Trampf



Diana Trampf - July 09, 2019 at 02:15 AM

DC

“ I did not know Don very well because every time we came to visit he was out doing some of his civic duties, but I did get to know Uncle Ralph and Aunt Clara, Eugene, Kathleen, Virginia and Marilyn. I knew Don had to be a great man because he was raised by such loving parents and grew up with four wonderful siblings.



Sending all my sympathies to all of Don's family and friends. I now feel Don will be united with his immediate family for a game of sheepshead. Don Rest In Peace!

Diana Trampf. 1st Cousin - July 09, 2019 at 02:01 AM

BG

“ Jane, so sorry to hear about the passing of your husband Don. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Barbara Gaggiano - July 06, 2019 at 04:26 PM