



Donald C. Jensen

August 21, 1935 - May 17, 2024

Donald C. Jensen, age 88, died peacefully on May 17, 2024. Don was born on August 21, 1935, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin to the parents of Ruth and Christian Jensen ... he was immensely proud of his Danish heritage from his father Christian who emigrated from Denmark. He grew up in Neenah, Wisconsin and graduated from St. Mary Central High School in Menasha, Wisconsin in 1953. He was co-captain of his high school football team and was named to the 1st Team – All League Fox Valley Catholic Conference.

A few years after high school, Don proudly served with the 1st Infantry Division (the BIG RED ONE) in Germany as an army cook.

Don married his forever soul mate Mary Helen Denil in 1958, while attending the University of St Thomas under the GI Bill. He graduated from St Thomas in 1960 after the birth of their first 2 children.

Don and Mary's family include: son Mark Jensen (Cheryl), daughter Elizabeth Wagner (David), son Gregory Jensen (Tracy), son Stephen Jensen (Roula) and daughter Mary Jensen Eddy (Nils). He was a proud Bopa/Poppi to his 10 grandchildren: Alex and Tyler Jensen, Michael, Nicholas and Claire Wagner, Kelly and Christian Jensen, Jamie, Callie and Niko Jensen. Don and Mary have also been blessed with 11 great grandchildren and counting.

Don spent his professional career as a Certified Public Accountant with the International firm of Ernst & Young. He retired as Vice Chairman after 30 years with the firm and eventually made Naples, Florida home.

He was a member of Royal Poinciana Golf Club where he served as a member of the Board of Directors and as a Treasurer.

From a career perspective, he was proud of his accomplishments and his advancement from an Army cook to Vice Chairman of an International CPA firm. However, Don's greatest gifts he cherished most was his wife of 65+ years and the pride of his family and his participation in the activities of his 10 grandchildren. He had an unrelenting work ethic, a good sense of humor and always made time for his family and friends. He had the unique ability to make everyone feel equally special and cultivated an endless list of lifelong friendships.

The family would also like to acknowledge and thank the entire care team from Ms. Daisy who for the past several years have provided so much support, love and compassion to Don and Mary. You are part of our extended family.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Don's name may be made to the charity of your choice.

Tally Ho.

Tribute Wall

PO

“Don was one of the classiest human beings I have ever known. He was a great partner and a great mentor. We used to carry laminated cards with our favorite and eternal wisdom from Don. My favorite was “First, you print all the envelopes.” We believed his wisdom covered two fundamental principles: every successful project is dependent on the logistics, and, in the end, success is down to communication. Don and Mary were so kind to me at the time of the E&W-AY merger, when I reported to him. Some people should just last forever. Don was one of those people. RIP Don.

Paul James Ostling - October 30, 2024 at 09:52 PM

TB

“Stephen and family...
I spent so many nights and days at the Jensen household. I will always remember Mr. Jensen as a kind soul and gentle spirit.

My deepest sympathies to the entire family. He left such an impression on me.

Prayers from the Brady family.

Tim Brady

Tim Brady - May 26, 2024 at 04:27 PM

NB

“ I extend my deepest sympathies to your family. May you find comfort in the in the cherished moments you shared together, and may his memory bring you peace.



Nadege (Miss Daisy's)

Nadege jn baptiste - May 24, 2024 at 11:09 AM

DK

“ To Steve and the rest of the family, I remember your dad fondly. He made a huge impression on me as a teenager when you don't really listen to anyone. He's probably the reason I joined Ernst which led to a very nice career for me. He just always seemed larger than life to me. Steve I would love to reconnect but I'm not on any social platforms. You could e-mail me at Dkourie@Donatos.com My thoughts and prayer are with you all.

Doug Kourie

Doug V Kourie - May 22, 2024 at 09:42 AM

JM

I loved seeing Don come into our pain clinic. His conversations were so thoughtful, generous, and friendly to all our staff. "Go Army" and Villanova (his grandson's school) were usual topics. We tried different approaches for his back pain and he was always patient with us. He seemed to be so joyful in his life and the staff blossomed in his presence. I retired from medicine a couple of years ago and have always missed him and Mary. May he be enjoying the ultimate joy of heaven. James Worden, MD

James Worden, MD - May 26, 2024 at 04:42 PM