



## Velma I. Gall

March 8, 1923 - November 30, 2019

Don Gall was born on February 4, 1924, in Baraboo, Wisconsin. Shortly before, on March 7, 1923, Velma (Val) Zimmerman was born on a small farm near Reedsburg, Wisconsin. She passed away on November 30, 2019, in the Bentley Village Care Center, Naples, FL. Only four days later, on December 4, 2019, her beloved husband, Don, joined her in heaven from their shared room in the same Care Center.

Don and Val had a long history together, beginning with a first date in 1938 which led to their engagement after high school graduation. While Don served his country in the Army during WWII, Val worked as a bookkeeper and teller in Baraboo. The two married in June, 1946, and shared 73 beautifully blessed years together.

Don's career as an executive with General Telephone Company (GTE) moved the couple and their growing family to multiple locations around the country, while Val thrived as a fulltime wife and mother.

Don and Val both loved fishing, revisiting Wisconsin, and supporting the Wisconsin Badgers and the Green Bay Packers. In retirement, they shared a particular passion for serving as caregivers and leaders in Stephen Ministry, also participating in many church and community volunteer organizations. Don loved playing his trumpet in several Naples bands while Val developed her gift

for writing and publishing poetry, using it as a vehicle for “journaling life as she saw it.”

This well-loved couple is survived by three children: Kim (Tom) Manske, Becky (Bill) McDermott and Rick (Deborah) Gall; 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Don and Val were predeceased by their first son Scott in 2017.

A joint memorial service for Don and Val will be celebrated on Monday, January 6, at 1:30 p.m., to be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive, Naples, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Stephen Ministries, 2045 Innerbelt Business Center Drive, St. Louis, MO, 63114.

To sign her guest register or to leave online condolences please visit [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements have been entrusted to Shikany’s Bonita Funeral Home and Crematory Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 6. 1:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Lutheran Church  
777 Mooring Line Drive  
Naples, FL 34102

# Tribute Wall



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