



## Donald de Jong

June 11, 1933 - October 27, 2013

### Obituary of Donald de Jong

Donald (Doede) de Jong passed from this earth to his home in Glory on Sunday, October 27, 2013 in Leesburg, Florida, with Gertrude, his wife of 60 years, daughter Alice and son Perry at his bedside.

Donald was born in Sneek, the Netherlands on June 11, 1933 to the late Pieter and Gatske de Jong. That's where as 10 year olds, he and Gertrude fell in love. In 1952 when Gertrude went back for a visit, their love was rekindled and they were married on August 27th, 1953. Before joining his wife in the U.S. he needed to complete his military obligations in the Netherlands. Shortly after arriving in the United States he was drafted into the United States Army and served his new country with pride and devotion.

Through the witness of his new brother- in-law he came to know Jesus Christ as his personal savior. He loved singing all the hymns and was blessed with a great gift of music, playing all his favorite songs from memory. His children would join him on the organ bench and sing along with him. He was so proud of his children who followed him in his love of music.

He is survived by his wife Gertrude (Koerten) de Jong, daughter Alice (Don) Dickson, son Perry (Stephanie) de Jong, and the grandchildren he adored, Nicholas, Christian, Benjamin and Olivia de Jong.

He is also survived by his sister Adrie (Jan) Vanderwerf, Mosinee, Wisconsin, brother Eelke (Riemie) de Jong of Leeuwarden, Netherlands, and Siery (Nolle deceased) Eekhof of Sneek, the Netherlands.

He retired, after 30 years, from the former J.I. Case Company (Drott Mfg.) in Schofield, Wisconsin. After his retirement Donald and his loving wife Gertrude, became snowbirds and spent their winter months in Leesburg, Florida.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 1, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Lake Square Presbyterian Church with Rev. Steve Hulseby officiating. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL with Rev. Bill Birdsall officiating.

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## Interment

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# Tribute Wall

AM

“ For the short time that we have known Donald, we feel honored to have been able to call him a friend. Whenever we met, he always made us feel very special, especially Chris. We always felt his love for God, his wife, and for music. Gertrude, Ali and family, we wish to express our deep regrets for your loss. Please know that you are in our prayers, and we pray that God will grant you the strength needed as you mourn the loss of Donald, husband, father, and grandfather.

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**Andre, Elizabeth Lacroix and Chris MacDonald** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our thoughts and prauers are with you and your family We will miss his precious smile and joyful spirit.

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**Jim and Trish Cornell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Alice, I am so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. He is with our Savior now and he also remains in your heart.

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**Deb Melang** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ May the depth of your faith and the love of those who share your loss comfort you at this time of sadness. Prayers go out to your family.

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**Raylene Downing** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Ali and family, Bill and I are so sorry that we will be leaving Wednesday through Saturday for out of town and will not be able to attend the service. This is very close to our hearts because Bill will be 80 in April and we will be married 60 years then..... We both remember singing with your dad and your mom in the choir..... We will be praying for you now and in the days to follow. May the Lord continue to bless you all.

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**Bill and Marlene Dawsonn** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ So very sorry for your loss. May the love and peace of Christ cover you during this time of grief. We continue to pray for comfort. Love George and Susan

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**Susan and George Bell** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To Gertrude and Family, our deepest sympathies on your loss. I saw you and Don just a few weeks ago - at the doctor's office here in Wausau. It was nice getting caught up a little bit. This news came as a shock to us. We are keeping you, and Don, in our prayers. Patty and Joe Calderaro

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**Patty and Joe Calderaro** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ We so enjoyed spending time with both of you in The villages at the Hettingas . We also had fun being at the fitness center with you. Both of you are great witnesses for Jesus Christ and we look forward to spending eternity together. We will see you in January . In Christ Joanne

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**Chuck and Joanne Altman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FO

“ With great respect for all this joy we had together when being in the past either in Wausau, Leesburg or Friesland(Netherlands) we regret Donald's passing away and wish Gert and children to bear this loss. Hebel & Fopke

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**Fopke** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KV

“ Ali, Joe and I are so sorry for the loss of your father Don. You can live with comfort that your Father is heaven with God. May you feel his love around you always. Love you, Kay and Joe.

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**Kay & Joe Visconti** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Ali, Dave & I just want to let you know we are thinking of you and your family during this sad time. It is obvious that your father was deeply loved and will be greatly missed. Karen & Dave Davis

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**Karen & Dave Davis** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We will miss our good friend and neighbor and the time we spent together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will miss hearing Don's organ music-it was special to us. Wishing you peace and comfort. Please remember Gert that we will always be there for you and you family. Fondest Regards, Domenic and Sue

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**Domenic & Sue Battistella** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. God's peace to you all...

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**Maureen Socha** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ To the wonderful family of Don de Jong, how wonderful that you will meet with him in heaven and spend eternity together.

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**Lou & Sandi Uhlman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ Donald seems like a wonderful man. We're so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in our hearts and prayers. Sometimes a loss truly makes you remember and appreciate how much you have gained from knowing such an important person.

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**Corey and Leslie Jeffers** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ So sorry for your loss. May God bless each & every member of the family and grant you peace.

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**Ruth Sleeth** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My family wishes you our prayers and our thoughts. We know as a strong family you are, you will always keep your Dad, Grandpa, and Husband and this wonderful man close to your heart. Priebe Family

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**Ryan & Susan Priebe** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ My heartfelt condolences on your father's passing. His story is delightful. His earthly life was full. His heavenly life awaits him with much glory.

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**Suzanne Gallant** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ We are sad to hear of Uncle Don's passing. We hurt with you and yet have a joy in our hearts that his Savior is with him and 3 brother-in-laws!! Wooden shoe reunion all praising Jesus!!! Hallilulah !!!' Still our hearts ache and long to see his face, touch his hand, get a hug and long Dutch good byes! Love to hear the songs in my mind that Don played with a full heart!! Praising his Lird!! I will miss him very much and his silly jokes...i repeat some of them too. With Love and Prayers The Stencil Family

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**Marcia and Joel Stencil** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ I was so sorry to hear about the passing from your Husband and Dad/Grandfather. Maybe more suffering from this horrible sicknes has spared him to suffer even longer. We wish you all a lot of strength in the future, to loose a husband and parent always has a huge impact, I for one think about my dear parents daily. Best wishes and fondest regards.

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**Gerry and John de Visser-van Winden** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Andre, Elizabeth Lacroix and Chris MacDonald** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Prayers for peace for you all. So sorry for your loss. Wonderful Obituary sounds like a wonderful man

Donna & Caitlyn Cornette - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. Your music and your faith have always been a positive influence on our family. Isak was so lucky to have you as teacher and I as a friend.

Mike Blum and family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ So sorry to hear about your Dad. Praying for you and family. Love, Barb and George

George & Barb Atkins - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Bob and I are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. It has been a rough year for all of you, so many losses. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Love Bob and Helen Bernhardt

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