



Donald Frank Cheloha

November 7, 1938 - November 21, 2022

Donald F. Cheloha was born November 7, 1938 in Columbus, Nebraska to Frank and Helen (Ziemba) Cheloha. He grew up in Duncan, Nebraska, and attended school there, graduating from Duncan High School in 1956. Growing up, Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, trapshooting, and picking mushrooms.

Donald served in the United States Army and the Nebraska National Guard for 5 years from June 1962 until his honorable discharge in August 1967.

Before enlisting in the Army, Donald married Edna Tworek on May 5, 1962 at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Columbus, Nebraska, and to this union, four children were born; Deborah, Donald J., David and Dale. Don and Edna settled in Omaha to raise their family.

Don worked as a Manager, Auditor and Accountant in the Natural gas business. He was also an accomplished trainer of Thoroughbred horses and was proud of the different stakes races he won through the years at Horseman's Park and Fonner Park. He even taught his kids how to ride the horses.

Don will be remembered as a hard-working, strong-willed man. He could be silly, but was very smart, and was a role model for many. He was active with

the Polish Home and enjoyed listening to Polka music. He was a big fan of the Huskers, Kansas City Chiefs and the Detroit Lions, and could be found at times, sipping a glass of bourbon. Don was an avid gardener and enjoyed cooking and entertaining. He especially loved card playing, fishing and taking the kids fishing. He cherished his family and was proud of his 60 years of marriage to Edna, his four children, and all of the grandchildren and great grandchildren. Don will be greatly missed because he was the one you went to when you needed answers, advice, or just to vent.

Don passed away unexpectedly in Omaha, Nebraska on Monday, November 21, 2022, at the age of 84 years and 14 days. He was preceded in death by parents Frank and Helen, and brother Gary Cheloha. Don is survived by his wife Edna, children; Deborah (Rick) Scarborough of Lenexa, KS, Donald J. of Columbus, NE, David of Redondo Beach, CA, and Dale (Pat) of Omaha, 6 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, brother Ken (Pat) Cheloha of Lincoln, NE, sister-in-law Karen Cheloha of Lincoln, NE, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Mass Monday, 10:30 AM at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhorn. Interment with military honors Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Elkhorn. Visitation Sunday 3-6 PM with a Wake service at 6 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Memorials to the family for later designation.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
21901 W. Maple Rd.
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Wake Service

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **28**. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
20500 W. Maple Road
Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald Frank Cheloha*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - November 27, 2022 at 06:38 PM



“ *Donald Frank Cheloha*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Claus Jons would like to express his deepest of sympathy to Edna.*

Claus Jons - November 28, 2022 at 06:29 PM

RS

“ Don. I am still at a loss for words for having lost a good man and friend. I can remember the very first time meeting you and thinking how much I enjoyed talking with you. From that time I cannot count the number of nights you and I spent sitting at the dining table and just talking about world events and past news.

It was incredible the vast knowledge you held and the in depth we often got as well just talking about how to fix a water filler

I remember so well the time spent repairing the mower and ensuring we were going to give the design a 1 star rating for how much we had to take apart to fix one small thing.

You put your trust into me to help you with decisions on fixing the house. Shingles. Paint and windows and how to best use epoxy :) You and I seemed to have the skill to do it all and we did.

Beyond all that the enjoyment of just watching you laugh and share some bourbon will forever be etched into my life.

Thank you for being such a great Father in Law.

I will tell you I love you and hug you goodbye just to make it awkward but I know secretly you never minded.

Richard Scarborough - November 27, 2022 at 06:10 PM

CC

“ *Edna and family - I'm so very sorry to learn of the passing of cousin Don. We had just visited in October while enjoying the Polka music and food at the Polish Home. It was an honor for me to be the ring bearer in your wedding. May he rest in peace as our Lord Jesus provides you comfort with memories of Don.* ”



Carl L Cheloha - November 26, 2022 at 12:13 AM

ST

“ *Love you Don. My horse racing and life mentor. - Steve Zmyewski* ”

Steven - November 25, 2022 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Steve & Jill Zmyewski purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Frank Cheloha.* ”



Steve & Jill Zmyewski - November 25, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Cheloha.* ”



November 25, 2022 at 10:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Cheloha.*



November 23, 2022 at 09:15 PM



“ *Saddened hearing my former brother-in-law, uncle to my children passed away. Praying for Edna and the rest of the family. Murry*

Murry Jay Johnston - November 23, 2022 at 08:53 PM