



Emmanuel Donald Trouba

February 17, 1936 - July 30, 2013

Emmanuel (Don) Trouba was born to Joseph and Mary (Kunasek) Trouba on February 17, 1936 on the family farm by Garland, Nebraska. His father had to fetch the doctor by horse and sleigh due to the harsh winter of '36.

After attending rural schools in the area of Garland and Bee, Nebraska, Don graduated from Dwight Assumption High School in 1953 where he played basketball and developed many life-long friends. At the time of his passing Don was looking forward to his 60th high school reunion, which was held July 27 in Dwight.

In November of 1957, Don joined the United States Marine Corps serving 6 months in the Jacksonville, FL area as an Aircraft Mechanic helper. From 1958 to 1961 he was employed in the US Post Office and Dwight Cooperative Credit Association in Dwight, Nebraska. From 1961 to 1975, he served as a Nebraska State Bank Examiner with the exception of one year spent at Douglas County Bank, Omaha, as a Loan Officer. In 1975 Don joined the Bank of Elkhorn and remained there until 1985 when he left and worked in the Insurance Industry until 1992, when he joined First Data Resources and remained there until he retired in 2009, working part-time during the final years.

Don married Marie (Emma) Fanta on November 28, 1964 at Assumption Church, Dwight Nebraska. Don and Emma have lived in Elkhorn since 1975, or as Don called it with his typically dry wit, "Elkhoma."

His passion for all things Czech manifested itself most vividly in music. He

was an avid button accordion player. Self-taught, he owned 9 accordions and could be found playing in parades, bars, and charity functions in the surrounding area. Don's love of the Czech music took him on several trips to the Czech Republic where he enjoyed playing his button accordion on the stage in Horovice, CR. At home he enjoyed listening to the Czech radio station as well as reading the paper while drinking a tomato beer on the deck, much to his delight. He was the family genealogist and loved telling people about his family and heritage. One of his greatest pleasures was that of going to the Farmer's Market in Omaha on Saturday mornings to play his accordion, socialize and raise money for various Omaha charities.

Born on a farm, he never lost contact with his roots and on rainy days, particularly, he enjoyed the short drive to his acreage by Leshara, NE "just to see how the crops were doing." He tended to stay home during the "dry season."

Don was handy and could fix most things, a skill he applied through the years on accordions, clocks and, above all, vehicles. He loved classic vehicles such as old Ford tractors, Model A's, his maroon 1965 Galaxie 500, and most of all driving around in his red 1994 Beretta which he said was a "poor man's sports car."

Don is survived by his wife Emma, 1 daughter: Stephanie (Mike) Sharp, and 3 sons: Kevin (Christina), Newburgh, IN., David of Geneva,. Switzerland and Donnie (Shannon) of Gretna, NE, as well as 7 grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, brother Richard and wife Shirley; brother Leonard, and sister and husband MaryAnn and Louie Cecava.

Surviving are brothers Ed of Ceresco, NE and Joe (Marianne) of Dwight.

Trouba, Emmanuel Don age 77 years of Elkhorn, NE

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friends from 6 to 8; Wake service Friday at 7 PM all at the funeral home;
Funeral Mass Saturday 11 AM at Assumption Catholic Church in Dwight, NE;
Interment Assumption Catholic Cemetery; Memorials to St. Patrick's School
Assc, Assumption Catholic Church or American Heart Assc. Condolences to
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Tribute Wall



“ *Emmanuel Donald Trouba*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in the loss of Don. Loved his Czech music and remember when he attended some of our dances. Deepest Sympathy. Eddie Malina Band*

Ed & Barb Malina - August 05, 2013 at 12:04 PM



“ *I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Don, your husband and father. I remember him as being witty and always quick with words. I enjoyed my visits to your home when Stephanie and I were good friends in college. You all made me feel so welcome, and like part of the family, even though I have no Czech blood in me. I really enjoyed your dad's stories about his heritage- I'm sure you'll all keep those memories dear. Take care and may God Bless you! Marie Kaiser Dahlhoff and Family*

Marie Kaiser Dahlhoff - August 03, 2013 at 02:02 AM



“ *Allan and I wish to send you the fullest of condolences. Although we knew Don for just a short time, his love for Czech music and his heritage will be a wonderful memory of him. He will be missed greatly.*

Eleanor Bucknam - August 02, 2013 at 11:34 PM

DS

“ I was saddened to read about Don's passing. I worked with Don on the Nebraska Drpt. of Banking crew. He was a fine guy to work with. I enjoyed reading the obituary. He had a full life.

Duane Stokebrand - August 02, 2013 at 07:14 PM

JP

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies.

Jim and Jim Pavel - August 01, 2013 at 04:24 PM

MB

“ Don was a ray of sunshine for the Omaha Czech Cultural Club! His wealth of knowledge, funny wit, and ready accordion gave us many happy times. We can thank God for the privilege of knowing this truly good man. Emma and family, we pray for comfort and strength for you in the days and weeks ahead.

Monica Brown - August 01, 2013 at 12:58 PM

LF

“ We will miss Uncle Don's ever present smile and family stories. He was a cornerstone of the family and I always appreciated how he kept us connected with Dad. May he now rest in peace with those loved ones who we miss. His love of music and the accordion is now being enjoyed by them.

Laura Trouba Jennings and family - August 01, 2013 at 12:18 PM

JA

“ We are so sorry to hear about Don. You are in our thoughts and prayers. He will be missed. Love to all of you. John & Aggie5

John & Aggie - August 01, 2013 at 11:58 AM