



Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen

February 13, 1937 - February 19, 2026

Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen, 89, of Mokena, formerly Park Forest and Cicero, passed away surrounded by his family on Feb. 19, 2026. He is survived by his beloved wife of 59 years, Donna Marie Tollefsen nee Peterson; devoted daughter Susan Marie (David) Fuhrman of Cedar Lake Indiana and Mary Louise Mertz; cherished grandchildren: Christopher (Maeko) Kramer, Elizabeth Marie (Clint) Chambliss, Joseph (Tara) Kramer, Jackie Jender, Derek (Kristine) Fuhrman, Robert (Tara) Fuhrman and Cody (Shannon) Heldak; great-grandchildren: Kai, Adriana, and Adrian Kramer and Luke and Ellie Fuhrman. Brother of the late Russell (Bernadine) Tollefsen and late Diane (late Michael) Morano. Brother-in-law of late James "Jim" (Judy) Peterson and late David (Gen) Peterson and cousin, Sally Fortune. He was a dear uncle, cousin and friend of many who was cherished by all of his nieces and nephews. Family was the focus of Don's life.

Born to George and Ella Tollefsen and raised in Cicero, Illinois. Don attended St. Francis of Rome Catholic School and graduated from Morton East High School. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he served during the Vietnam War. Upon his return home, Don met Donna at a party where they fell in love, marrying Aug. 5 1968. In the 90's they moved to Park Forest and since 2000 have resided in Mokena. Don served as the Treasurer and past Post Commander of Homewood VFW Wally Burns Post 8077. In 2019 Don was part of Honor Flight Chicago to Washington D.C. to the Vietnam War

Memorial.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Feb. 27th from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with a VFW Service at 6:00 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28th visitation from 10:00 p.m. until time of Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. with Military honors at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423. Memorials may be directed to Misericordia Home on behalf of Jackie Jender. For info or to sign guestbook please visit heartlandmemorial.com or call Heartland Memorial Center (708)444-2266.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kurtz Memorial Chapel (Frankfort)
65 Old Frankfort Way
P.O Box 1031
Frankfort, IL 60423
(708) 444-2266
info@heartlandmemorial.com
<https://www.heartlandmemorial.com/>

Visitation

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral service

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Tribute Wall

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“ *The Bean family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.*



The Bean family - February 27 at 10:53 AM

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“ *The Bean family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.*

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“ *PJ, Rachel and Travis Johnson purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.*



PJ, Rachel and Travis Johnson - February 25 at 03:43 PM

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“ *PJ, Rachel and Travis Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.*

PJ, Rachel and Travis Johnson - February 25 at 03:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.



February 23 at 01:29 PM



“ *Your AT&T Family purchased the Gracious Laven der Basket* for the family of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.



Your AT&T Family - February 23 at 08:40 AM



“ *Timothy and Doreen Meyer purchased the Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Donald "Don" G. Tollefsen.



Timothy and Doreen Meyer - February 21 at 07:20 PM