



## Donald C. Kamm

February 17, 1927 - December 27, 2016

RACINE: Donald C. Kamm, 89, was called to his home in Heaven on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 from Ascension All Saints Hospital.

Don was a lifelong resident of Racine, born on February 17, 1927, the son of Julius and Agnes (nee: Liefke) Kamm. He graduated from William Horlick High School, class of 1945, and then served in the United States Navy during World War II. Don received his BS Degree from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 1950. On December 1, 1951 he was united in marriage to Esther Nielsen. Don retired in 1982 after 27 years at Walker Forge, Inc. as Vice President of Production. Don was a lifelong member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, where he served on the Stewardship, Finance and Ushering Committees and was very proud that his great grandchildren were the sixth generation of his family to be members of the Church.

He thoroughly enjoyed his family and his life. He was an avid Wisconsin Badger football fan attending several games each year, including several bowl games, and was a member of the UW Alumni Association. He loved to travel to Las Vegas, which he visited 48 times, mostly with great friends Ken and Marie Karsnick. He visited Las Vegas in 2012 with the “guys” from the family, sons Dave & Kurt Kamm, son-in-law Dick Hill, and grandsons Bryan & Greg Kamm, Erik & Sam Hill, and Matt Pope. He loved vacationing in Siesta Key, FL with his family and playing in his golf league at Ives Grove with many friends. He looked forward to the annual Horlick Rebel Golf Outing each July to see so many great friends and Horlick Alumni. He also enjoyed hosting the

Kamm family Christmas party and 4th of July party each year.

Don is survived by his daughter Barbara (Randolph) Pope and their sons Jason and Matthew Pope, son David (Diane) Kamm and their children Bryan (Callan) Kamm, Gregory (Kayla) Kamm and Lauren Kamm, daughter Joan (Richard) Hill and their children Erik Hill, Allison (Henry) Weiner and Samuel Hill, daughter Jill Kamm and her daughter Elizabeth Joyce, and son Kurt (Cindy) Kamm, and their children Kylie and Konnor Kamm. In addition, he is survived by great grandchildren Eleiana & Gavin Pope (Jason Pope), Julian Kamm (Bryan and Callan Kamm) and Jude and Nora Kamm (Gregory and Kayla Kamm). Don was preceded in death by his wife Esther on November 5, 2010, along with brother Robert Kamm, and sisters Bernice McMahon and Lois Konecny. He is also survived by his very special friend Nancy Stretti and his very close friends Ken & Marie Karsnick and Dave & Mary Remus. He will be dearly missed by his family and by so many friends and people that knew him.

Visitation will occur at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 728 Villa Street on Monday, January 2 starting at 10:00 with the funeral service to follow at 11:30.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church are suggested.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
728 Villa Street  
Racine, WI

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 11:30 AM (CT)

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728 Villa Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald C. Kamm*



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**Sturino Funeral Home** - December 31, 2016 at 10:08 AM

RA

“ *Rest in peace Don. You will be missed every Tuesday at the Yardarm. Our sincere sympathy to your family.*

*Matt and Rita Andis*

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**Rita Andis** - January 03, 2017 at 07:29 AM

PD

“ *After my wife and I bought our home at Villas of Meadowbrook, I went across the street to introduce myself to our new neighbor. Without missing a beat, Don said he knew who I was even with my mustache. He remembered hiring me at Walker Forge back in the 60's! What a man, what a gentleman and what a great neighbor!*

*Sincerely missed by Paul & Kay Dawson*

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**Paul Dawson** - January 02, 2017 at 02:16 PM

MS

“ Kurt, Cindy, Kylie, Konnor & Kamm family,

*So sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories of your Dad/Grandpa. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Tim, Mary Jo, Maggie & Will Sullivan*

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**Mary Jo Sullivan** - January 02, 2017 at 01:14 PM

KM

“ Mr. Kamm brought me to my first Badger game with Kurt...will never forget the experience and what a class act he was.....Thank You and God Bless your Family..Go Badgers....

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**Kipp Molbeck** - January 02, 2017 at 11:06 AM

BP

“ Bill & Brenda Pulvermacher lit a candle in memory of Donald C. Kamm



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**Bill & Brenda Pulvermacher** - January 02, 2017 at 06:36 AM

BI

*Dave Diane and family- we are so very sorry for your loss. Heaven gained an angel.*

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**Bill** - January 02, 2017 at 06:37 AM

BH

“ I met Mr. Kamm at one of the first Rebel Golf Outings. I remember he referred to me as a young lady. His smile was contagious.

Barbara Hyttel - January 01, 2017 at 01:18 PM



“ Dear Jill & Joan & Family,

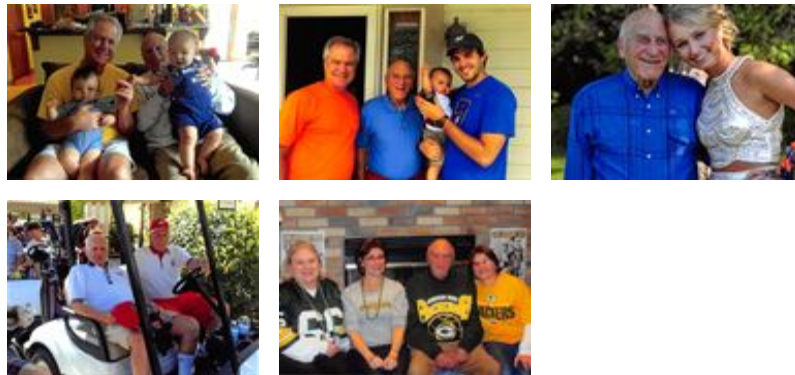
I sorry to hear of the recent loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sally J. Nelson

Sally Nelson - January 01, 2017 at 12:05 PM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



Sturino Funeral Home - December 31, 2016 at 09:34 AM

CH

“ I'm (almost) at a loss of words at this moment. Would have to use superlatives in any and all memories of my Uncle Don. Truly he was the head of the "Kamm Klan" as we so fondly referred to him. He lived a life worthy of honor and emulation - with constant love, encouragement, selflessness, consistency, forthrightness, service (to others, his family, and his church). There was always room for one more in his home and at his table. Never a doubt as to his love for his children and grandchildren (and his lucky relatives), and especially his wife Esther. Whether it was by direct or indirect example, he (and Esther) led their children and grandchildren to be loving, generous, caring Christians. I can't think of a better, more fitting quote than that found in the Bible, Matthew 25 verse 21, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant,...enter into the joy of your Master." It's with joyful sorrow that we say goodbye to a man so loved. He will be sorely missed. However, we rejoice in his home going knowing he's now reunited with Esther and his other departed loved ones, and in the presence of God who loves us beyond our comprehending. And, we can look forward to our eventual reunion. What a glorious day that will be.

Uncle Don will be remembered for many generations to come. We will miss him.

*Claudia Hawryluk (his niece)*

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**Claudia Hawryluk** - December 30, 2016 at 04:51 PM

RS

“ Throughout all the years we knew him he was always friendly, classy, and a real gentleman.

*Bob and Geri Strifling*

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**Robert Strifling** - December 30, 2016 at 12:40 PM

RW

“ *Don treated everyone with true kindness and respect, even the people that mow his grass. A testimony of love and greatness.*

*Bodies come and bodies go but soul that spark of God will never go away, everybody has a soul no no that's a lie every is a soul and souls will never die.*

*Rest in peace with the angels above.  
Robert & Tru*

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**Robert Wright** - December 30, 2016 at 11:58 AM

BO

“ *"A truly wonderful man, neighbor, friend and Badger Buddy!" We will all miss you around the neighborhood and think of you every time we watch the Badgers play. May you R.I.P. and some day we'll tee off together in Heaven.*

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**Bob** - December 30, 2016 at 09:24 AM

KS

“ *We will always remember his ready smile and his optimistic spirit. He devotion to his family and church serves as an inspiration to many. Love and sympathy to his entire family. Can only imagine the joyful reunion that has already occurred in heaven. Prayers for peace. With love, Jerry and Kathy Schultz.*

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**Kathleen M Schultz** - December 29, 2016 at 12:42 PM