



Donald R. Mainland

December 28, 1931 - November 2, 2023

Donald R. Mainland, 91, passed away at home on Thursday, November 2, 2023.

Don was born on December 28, 1931 to Roy and Helen (nee: Olson) Mainland. He was united in marriage to Ruth A. Melter at Atonement Lutheran Church on June 7, 1952. After Donald graduated from Washington Park High School, he went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps. He attended First Baptist Church in Oak Creek.

Don was an entrepreneur, having started many different businesses. He started with Letsch manufacturing, before moving on to start Pioneer Products and Kolar Arms. Don had several lifelong passions, including riding horses, golf, clay target shooting, and cycling. Most of all, Don loved to spend time at home with his family and friends.

He will be missed by his children, Michael (Geri) Mainland, Mary (Peter) Lovdahl, Jeffrey (Rebecca Pettit) Mainland, and Lisa (Keith) Medendorp; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; nephew and niece, family members, and friends.

Don goes on to be reunited with his wife, Ruth; parents, Roy and Helen Mainland; sisters, Marian (Richard) Johnston and Jean (Delbert) Olsen; and infant brother, Robert.

A funeral service will be held at First Baptist Church in Oak Creek, 10550 S

Howell Ave, Oak Creek, WI 53154 on Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 12 noon. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service.

Burial will be held at West Lawn Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church in Oak Creek, or the Racine and Caledonia K9 division.

The family would like to extend a special and heartfelt thanks to Rebecca and Nancy for their constant care, and to Jenny and Nicki from Compassus Hospice for the care they provided in Don's final moments.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
10550 S Howell Ave
Oak Creek, WI 53154

Funeral Service

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Sturino Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald R. Mainland*



Sturino Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 03:56 PM

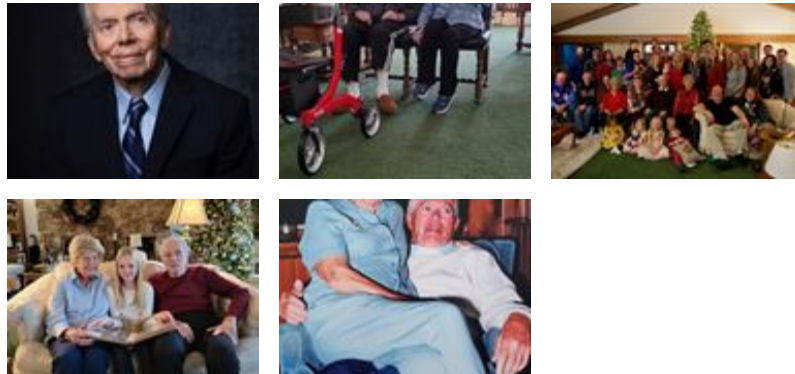


“ *He was my uncle. I always really enjoyed being with him. He was a really special person.*

James Andrew Overson - October 17, 2025 at 02:51 PM



“ *175 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Sturino Funeral Home - November 07, 2023 at 02:18 PM

DJ

“ Thoughts and prayers go out to the family during this difficult time. Mr M was a part of my life since I was young. I became part of the Kolar family in 1988 and their adopted Redhead. Mr M was a great Man, Husband, Father, Grandpa and Great Grandpa. A true legacy that will be truly missed. Kind, generous, always willing to help those in need. When God made him they broke the mold. Pops I will miss you immensely, but now You will be reunited with the love of your life, Mom. The memories we shared will carry me through the sad days without You. Remembering your laugh and smiling eyes. And every time I see cherry slices, turtles and peanut brittle, it will remind me of you and your famous words, do you have my special candy? Always made me smile. You were definitely one of a kind. I will miss You more than words can say and your hugs too! Go with God speed Pops. Say Hi to Mom for me. Till we meet again.



Dawn Johnson - November 07, 2023 at 10:07 AM

RN

“ Although I am not able to be with you in this time, I want to express my condolences to the entire family. You "kids" have been part of my life as well as Barbara's for many years. My prayers are with you all. I shall miss Don and Ruth more than words can express. The Last Man Standing, Rodger Nelson

Rodger Nelson - November 06, 2023 at 04:02 PM

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“ Rodger Nelson and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald R. Mainland.

Rodger Nelson and Family - November 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Rodger Nelson and Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Donald R. Mainland.*



Rodger Nelson and Family - November 06, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald R. Mainland.*



November 06, 2023 at 02:42 PM