



## Donald Burma

May 7, 1951 - August 8, 2022

Donald Burma, 71, of Lennox, SD, passed away August 8, 2022, at Sanford Foundation Hospice Cottage, Sioux Falls, surrounded by his family.

Donald Gale Burma was born on May 7, 1951 at Sioux Falls, SD, the son of Lawrence and Marjorie (Harms) Burma. He grew up on farms near Chancellor and Tea, attending school and then graduating from Chancellor High School in 1969. He went on to attend Sioux Falls College with a tennis scholarship, graduating with a physical education teaching degree.

On July 25, 1981 he was united in marriage to Carol Ann Drowden. The couple made their home in Lennox. Donald worked for Lincoln County for 42 years, initially as County Assessor and then as the Director of Equalization. He also farmed with his father, brother, Larry and son, Isaac for many years. Don had a strong passion for sports and farming. He enjoyed playing any sport, but was known for his skills in baseball, fast and slow pitch softball, basketball and bowling. His sports passion carried over into coaching his kids' team sports including baseball, softball and basketball. Later he enjoyed watching almost any sports event, especially his grandsons' games and concerts. He was known for his fondness for cars; he drove a yellow Dodge Challenger for several years. Don was a helpful, social person who could talk to anyone, anywhere. He loved making jokes (especially poking fun at Carol), having fun, and making people smile. He would go out of his way to bring happiness to his family and friends. He attended First English Lutheran Church, Lennox.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his one brother, Larry Burma and in-laws Bud and Dorothy Drowden and other relatives.

Grateful for having shared his life are his wife Carol; children: Amber (Matt) Larson, Dell Rapids, Justin (Mikaela) Burma, Chancellor and Isaac Burma, Lennox; grandchildren: Brady, Noah and Cooper Larson and Eli Burma; siblings: Betty (Larry) Stroman, Chancellor, Elaine Burma, Tea, Faye (Norman) Braak, Tea, Karla (Wilbert) Javers, Tea, Joan (David) Severson, Lennox, Donna Nugteren, Sioux Falls and Paula (Eddie) Crawford, Sioux Falls as well as many other relatives and a host of friends.

Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. Monday, August 15 at First English Lutheran Church, Lennox, with burial to follow in the Lennox Cemetery. Visitation also at First English Lutheran Church, with the family present, will be 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, August 14.

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ Carol, Joan, Donna and Paula;  
Saddened to learn of Don's passing. I will always remember my last day in uniform for O'Tooles' Bar - Don and I had prepared the lineup and as we walked up to the umpires I penciled my name in to right field. Then I heard Don say "We're going to have to forfeit. We only have 8 guys... and Fokken."

Steve Fokken - August 16, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ So, so sorry to hear this. We have so many fun memories of the days when Don was playing ball with the Chubs! I have Marty Stewart on my playlist and think of you and Don every time I hear one of his songs and it makes me smile. I pray you find peace and comfort in the memories of all your years together and of the good times shared with family and friends.

Dave & Kathy Stuessi - August 15, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Carol, Donna and Paula - I cannot be there tomorrow but know I will be keeping you and Don in my thoughts.

Steve Fokken - August 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Carol and family, we were sorry to hear about Don. We have so many great memories with you guys. He was a good friend. Will cherish all the memories and all the good times! We are thinking of you all. He loved his family and was a very special guy.



Scott & Kristie Pingrey - August 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Family of Don: You have my prayers and sympathy during your journey of sorrow and grief in the loss of your special loved one. Janell C.

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**Janell Christiansen** - August 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Sympathies to the Burma family. Don graduated in my class of 1969 from Chancellor. He had a good soul and could be so funny when mocking a couple of the teaching staff! Your good memories of him will help during these sad times.

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**Diann Albers** - August 13, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Carol  
We were so sorry to hear of Don's passing.  
My heart breaks for you my friend.  
Love, Hugs, and Prayers to you, Amber, Justin, Isaac, and the rest of the family.

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**Laura and Larry Stoffers** - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Carol and Family, I am so sorry for your loss! My family are sending thoughts and prayers. From The family of Ila in room #1 at the hospice cottage.

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**Michelle Gehrman** - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ So sorry to the Burma family. Donna I will be thinking of you. My deepest sympathy

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**Dorothy Morris** - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Sorry to hear the passing of Don, prayers to Carol and family

Kristy Albers - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Sorry we can't be with you.

Rob and Julie Saker - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ So sorry for your loss . Always thought Don was a great guy. R.I.P.  
Don God bless the family.

Tim Bartling - August 11, 2022 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ So sorry to hear about Don's passing.He was a great guy.  
Thoughts and prayers for Carol and the family.

Randy & KimJohnson - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ So sorry to hear this, God bless your family

Judy Harms - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ Sorry to Hear of Dons passing, Always had a minute to Chat with  
me when I seen him out and about Lennox..Prayers to the Family..

Greg Poppenga - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Donna ~ I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. Prayers and hugs at this difficult time.



Jodi Bauer - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ My greatest sympathy on the passing of Don. His accomplishments for the community and county speak volumes as to who he was. God Bless you sir and rest in peace. Kindest regards,

Brian Robert Lind - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ our deepest sympathy in your loss

JIM AND PATRICIA KOERNER - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ True blue college friend at Sioux Falls College 1969-73. Though a commuter from home, Don was one of the Burgess Hall regulars for fun and frolic! Blessings without pain my friend! 🙏

Bob Garry - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We are so sorry for your loss. We remember Don as a boy growing up on the farm and from church. You are in our prayers.

Loren & Elaine Harms - August 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM