



## Donald Groeneveld

February 20, 1940 - May 27, 2011

Donald Groeneveld, 71, died suddenly Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Lennox Good Samaritan Center. Donald Duane Groeneveld was born February 20, 1940 at Lennox, South Dakota the son of George and Tillie (Javers) Groeneveld. He grew up with his family near Tea, attending Tea Grade School and graduating from Lennox High School in 1958. He served in the SD Air National Guard from 1962 to 1968. On August 14, 1964 he married Karen Schoffelman at Germantown Presbyterian Church. The couple lived briefly in Hartford until they purchased their farm north of Chancellor where they have lived for over 41 years. He was employed at John Morrell & Co. for 45 years, but was always a farmer at heart. Don was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church, Tea and was currently a member at Germantown Presbyterian where he had served as an Elder and Trustee. Don liked anything John Deere, Chevrolet, banana cake, any kind of pie, but especially banana or coconut cream and lemon meringue, cherry nut ice cream, jello, hamburger and bean hotdish. He was an avid Twins and Vikings fan, but when they were playing poorly, he changed the television. Don saved everything. He was preceded in death by his parents, George in 1982, Tillie in 1995; brother-in-law, Vincent Schoffelman in 1986, sister-in-law, Doris Groeneveld in 2006 and father-in-law, Henry Schoffelman in 2010. Grateful for having shared his life are wife, Karen; children: Michael, Phoenix, AZ, Shawn Guenther, Sioux Falls, Tracy (Darla), Lennox, Melissa (Troy) Schumacher, Phoenix, AZ, Kara Riedel (Chris Goetzinger), Sioux Falls, Tim (Jessica), Hartford, grandchildren: Joshua,

Jacob, Lexie and Ethan Guenther, Emily and Avalynne Groeneveld, Kathryn and Nathan Schumacher; Kiley and Alexander Riedel and Randi Elizabeth Gerlach; brothers: Eldon, Roger and Orville Groeneveld, all of Lennox, Duane Groeneveld, Sioux Falls; aunt, Florence Javers, Sioux Falls; mother-in-law, Cora Schoffelman, Chancellor; as well as other relatives and a host of friends. Services will begin at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2 at Germantown Presbyterian Church, rural Chancellor with the burial to follow in the Germantown Cemetery. Visitation will begin at noon Wednesday, June 1 at Dindot-Klusmann Funeral Home, Lennox with the family present from 7 to 8 p.m.

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ I am very sorry to hear about Don's passing. I can remember playing out at the farm when we were little kids and Don was always a very nice man. God bless him.

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**Kent DeJong** - June 02, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Arnold (Duane), we were all disheartened to hear of Donald's passing. We were honored to work with him for so many years and will always remember him.

*Your and Don's pals at Morrell:*

*Nina, Elena, Norm, Shelly, Doug, Pokey, Daisy, Joel, Steve and the rest of the gang.*

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**Steve Staab** - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Karen--so sorry about the loss of Don. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Jodi Rops** - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Karen,

*I knew Don as a classmate in the LHS class of 1958. He was a kind and gentle person.*

*May you have peace.*

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**Gene Vietor** - June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ *My deepest sympathies Karen. You have my thoughts and prayers. May God comfort you with peace and love. Angela*

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**Angela Kaufman** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *I remember Donald well from our grade school days in Tea. I am so sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy. I remember you too Karen.*

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**Fern Jacobs Decker** - May 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Im so sorry to hear about your loss my thoughts and prayers are with all your family at this tough time*

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**Jamie Thompson** - May 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM