



Donald "Don" H. Von Steen

November 20, 1930 - December 5, 2025

Donald "Don" H. Von Steen, 95, peacefully went home to be with his Lord on December 5, 2025, in Sarasota, FL.

Don was born on November 20, 1930, in Beatrice, NE, to Herbert and Ruth (Moore) Von Steen. He was preceded in death by his first spouse Yvonne (2023), and their son Steve (2022), his brother Morris, and sister Merrill. He was married to Elsie, his devoted spouse of 37 years, at the time of her passing in 2015. He is survived by his brother Dale, son Jim (Patty), stepchildren Ray (Judy), Patty, Marcia, Kathleen (David) and John (Christy). He was dedicated to his sons-in-law and 1 grandchild who predeceased him, 12 living grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and 1 great, great grandchild.

Don served his country proudly, U.S. Army from 1953-1955, and was in government service for 32 years. As a proud Cornhusker, he earned his B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nebraska and spent most of his career serving the National Agricultural Statistics Service, U.S.D.A. in Kansas, Missouri, Washington, DC, and Arkansas. He retired on December 29, 1989, with a distinguished career as State Statistician in the Arkansas Department of Agriculture.

Deeply committed to service & fellowship, along with Elsie, Don was an active member of the Scimitar Shrine Temple (Little Rock, AR) where he was

appointed to the Divan as Outer Guard in 1993 and served as Marshal in 1994. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Jesters in Little Rock, Arkansas Court 12. After retirement, Don and Elsie made their home in Sarasota, FL where they joined the Palm Aire Country Club.

Don especially loved playing golf with friends. He was an active church member and was one of the founding members and the first treasurer of the Liberty Masonic Lodge in Sarasota.

Don leaves behind a devoted circle of friends who supported and cared for him throughout his final months.

Memorial contributions may be made to Harvest UMC, 14305 Covenant Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL, 34202, or Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 N. Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL. 33607.