



Donald W. Palmer

July 26, 1933 - June 6, 2026

Donald W. Palmer, 92, of Libertyville, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 6, 2026.

He was born on July 26, 1933, and raised in Sioux City, Iowa. He earned his bachelor's degree from Morningside College, where he was actively involved in Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) fraternity. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Don then went on to work as an Industrial Engineer for John Deere before receiving a Master's Degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Missouri. Don worked for John Deere Foundry and International Harvester Works before eventually settling in Libertyville and working for Abbott Laboratories for 23 years before retiring.

Don was a devoted member of United Methodist Church in Libertyville, where he sang in the choir for many years. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Freemasons and valued the fellowship and community those organizations provided. Throughout his life, Don treasured time spent with family and friends. He especially enjoyed annual family trips to Michigan, skiing adventures in Colorado, traveling abroad with his wife and creating lasting memories with his beloved grandchildren.

Don is survived by his four daughters, Angela (Steve) Burrell, Kimberly (Brian) Brigman, Amy (Rob) Doty, and Kathryn (Tom) Rankin; and his nine grandchildren, Christopher Burrell, Abby (Joshua) Stroppel, Luke Brigman, Sara (Jose) Martinez, Kate Doty, Claire Doty, Matthew Rankin, Paige Rankin, and Grace Rankin.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sandra Palmer, on October 13, 2025, and by his sister, Barbara (Charles) Deery.

Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by a funeral service at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Avenue, Libertyville. A private interment will follow at Lakeside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions would be appreciated to the church.

For information, please call 847-362-3009 or visit www.burnettdane.com to share a memory.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church
429 Brainerd Ave.
Libertyville, IL 60048

Funeral Service

JUN 13. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AK

“ *A good Christian man. Good husband, father, friend, and example for the community. He will be missed.*

Allen K

Allen Kuhlman - June 13 at 10:49 AM

AB

“ *I fondly remember Don as the relentless tenor who, barred nothing, attended choir rehearsals at UMCL and the following worship service on Sunday. As age and mobility issues crept up, he was so grateful for other choristers who could provide transportation to the church location. He once told me that "The choir is what keeps me going." I wish I would have told him that his committment to choir is one thing that "kept me going". Thank you, Lord, for giving him new peace and a reunion with Sandra. I bet he's belting out that tenor score right now!*

Alice Burch - June 12 at 05:18 PM

TI

“ *The Team of Automated Systems, Inc. purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald W. Palmer.*



The Team of Automated Systems, Inc. - June 12 at 03:32 PM

TI

“ The Team of Automated Systems, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald W. Palmer.

The Team of Automated Systems, Inc. - June 12 at 03:32 PM

MB

“ Enjoyed many years singing in the UMCL choir with Don and Sandy.

MaryAnn Burson - June 12 at 02:08 PM

PA

“ Our condolences to Don's family. After my dad (Bill Madole) passed, I called Don dad. I kind of adopted him. It was always a pleasure to see him. He will be missed.
Pennye and Al Arana

Pennye Arana - June 12 at 12:46 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to the Palmer family. I have great memories while singing with Don when we held joint services with the Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church Choirs. I did not realize that he was a fellow lowan from my home town area of northwest Iowa. I visited Sioux City many times during my boyhood years. A great gentleman who extended love to everyone he met. Lee Bomgaars

Lee Bomgaars - June 10 at 04:52 PM

JB

Remember Don and Sandy with fond memories!!!!!!

Judy Bixby - June 12 at 04:28 PM

MM

“ *Please accept our condolences and blessings. Don and Bill Madole worked on many church projects together throughout the years.*

George and Martha Madole

Martha Madole - June 10 at 01:06 PM