

Gone...But Never Forgotten

Don, passed away peacefully in his sleep while at Westview with Alzheimers, on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Donald Eugene Knievel was born August 14, 1942 in a rural farm house outside of Clearwater Nebraska. He was the second of 5 boys that became the Knievel family.

At the age of 14, the family moved to Sheridan. Don graduated from Sheridan High School in 1960 and went into the Army National Guard, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood Missouri.

In 1963 he married his high school sweetheart, Louise Livingston. He was the first employee at NAPA, and after several years became a food salesman for CFS Continental food services and soon became a member of the million dollar round table.

Traveling so much on his route, with a young family, he decided to stay home and work for his father-in-law, Amil Livingston. It was there that the YMCA found Don and Don found the YMCA. He soon became known as "Don from the Y" or "Mr. Soccer." For approximately 27 years Don brought soccer to life, having thousands of Sheridan's children go thru the soccer program. Don took tour camp kids to 4 countries, including 2 trips to Germany. As a program director, he had Friday night movies, Saturday morning fun club, floor hockey and volleyball. He was asked to run the original Y ice rink for two years.

After retiring from the Y, Don became a senior companion thru the Senior Center. Over the next few years he was friend and companion to over 22 WWII veterans.

Don loved music and was part of Bob Wilsons "Sheridanares." He loved the music and the hymns of the church, and a avid bird watcher.

Don was proceeded in death by an infant daughter, Cathy, his parent Hinie and Marie Knievel, 2 brothers, Larry and Robert. He is survived by two brothers Tom and Ron Knievel, his wife Louise, daughter Laura (Lee Foran), Son Brian (Alice) and daughter Janet (Louie Fichtner), and three grandchildren Sarah (Adam), Seth, and Samantha.

Celebrating The Life Of Don Knievel



August 14, 1942 - February 26, 2026

In Loving Memory Of
Donald Eugene Knievel

CELEBRATION OF LIFE
With A Reception To Follow
Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 1:30 pm
Champion Kane Funeral Home

OFFICIATING
Reverend Gary Kopsa
Jay McGinnis

MUSIC
Life Is Like A Mountain Railroad
In Christ Alone
Because He Lives

A Dessert Reception will follow the service.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Psalm 116:15



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