



Donald Edward Dieball

May 25, 1930 - May 11, 2020

Donald Edward Dieball of Lake Forest died peacefully on May 11, 2020. He was born May 25, 1930, in Chicago, the son of Edward F. and Florence M. (nee Krelle) Dieball. On October 9, 1976, he married Donna Koller at St. Gertrude's Catholic Church in Chicago. They moved to Lake Bluff where they lived for 22 years before moving to Lake Forest. Don was a graduate of Lane Technical High School, Chicago. In 1952 he received a B.S. Degree in Chemistry from Northwestern University. Don graduated in 1957 from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, where he received a Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry. Upon graduation he was employed in the Chicago area by Union Carbide Corporation and International Minerals & Chemical Company. For the next 25 years Don was employed by Abbott Laboratories as an Analytical Chemist in the Chemical and Agriculture Division. He retired from Abbott in 1998 and moved to Lake Forest. In his retirement he enrolled in the History Department of Lake Forest College and also attended Northwestern University Continuing Education classes. Don became a volunteer at the Chicago Botanic Gardens where he received a Master Gardener's Degree from the University of Illinois. At that time he worked in Plant Information and in the summer he also taught children from the inner city how to grow vegetables and care for plants. Don's love of history involved him being a volunteer at the Lake Bluff History Museum, which was known as the Vliet Historical Center in Lake Bluff. He was a gentle quiet man who enjoyed reading, history, music and woodworking. Don was an avid golfer and a loyal

lifetime fan of the Chicago Cubs and Bears. For those that wish, we ask that you perform an act of kindness in his memory.

Cemetery Details

Lake Forest Cemetery

1525 North Lake Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045

Tribute Wall

AL

“ I just learned of Don’s death. I enjoyed our conversations while serving as volunteers at the Chicago Botanic Garden. He was so kind, smart, and humble. May his memory be for a blessing.

Amy Lewitz - January 06, 2021 at 05:32 PM

NK

“ Donna, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. May all the memories you have together wrap you in comfort. Nancy Knollenberg

Nancy Knollenberg - May 20, 2020 at 10:53 PM

MS

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences for your heartbreaking loss, Donna. Hope to see you soon. Mary Sinclair.

Mary Sinclair - May 20, 2020 at 06:36 PM

JB

“ Don was a good and kind man. I’m grateful to have called him known him. My prayers go out to you my dear Donna.
Love, Joan

Joan Bruskin - May 14, 2020 at 07:25 PM

CG

“ Don was such a nice person and I’m honored to have shared some time with him

Carol Goldman - May 14, 2020 at 11:59 AM

CH

“ I have too many good memories of Uncle Don to possibly list.... but I remember the first time I met him when you all came to visit after you were engaged. It was springtime, and someone said ‘this is your new Uncle’. I knew instinctively that he was a kind and trustworthy man. As I got older, I appreciated his wry wit and wealth of knowledge. I’m so glad my work travel afforded me the gift of getting to visit him this last year, but as with all loss, you still wish for just one more day.

Christine Hooper - May 14, 2020 at 11:30 AM

LC

“ Dearest Donna,
I have such happy memories of my lessons with both you and Don. His bright smile and happy attitude made him a pleasure to teach. He'd often share a golf story with me, or we'd discuss a recent Cubs game, before the lesson began. May music be your comfort in the days ahead, and know that the piano sounds you both made are never lost, but are dancing through space and time as you relive each memory.
Lisa Bishoff Cornell



Lisa Cornell - May 14, 2020 at 10:43 AM