



Don E. Viets

January 22, 1947 - March 2, 2014

Don E. Viets, age 67, passed away at home surrounded by family on Sunday, March 2, 2014. He is survived by his husband, Kevin Blackerby; and son, Joshua Viets and his husband, Tyler Anderson. Don was an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, volunteering his time and love in the Adopted Families Program, and as a Stephen Minister. He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. Don spent his career in the Veteran's Administration, helping other vets. Even after retirement he remained active in serving veterans of the Iraq War and their families. Services will be held Thursday, March 6, 2014, 1:00 p.m., at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1100 Indian School Rd. NE. Friends may visit beginning at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Entombment will follow at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
(505) 823-9400

Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MT)

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1100 Indian School Rd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Services

MAR 6. 1:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Today, January 19, 2015, I have learned Brother Don Viets transitioned from life as I know it. He was a great person who inspired me to be more than what I was. I will always be grateful to him for his words of wisdom to me and to the legacy he left in my heart. Although I did not communicate with Don nor his family in many years, they have often ran across my thoughts and been in my mind and I know Don and his family to be great people. Brother Viets used to play his trumpet at church and the beauty of his spirit as he played will be something I can never forget. I do offer my condolences to you and my prayers in moving forward without your father and spouse. I do hope someday we would be able to speak and reconnect – please do feel free to reach out to me. I have left my details with the Funeral Service provider.

Rest in Peace, Don Viets, I know you as a great man!

Curtis Swaringam

Curtis Swaringam - January 19, 2015 at 07:21 PM

GD

“ Just found out yesterday of Don's transfer to heaven. I had the pleasure of working with him at the VA and would often run into him in the community while "thrifting." He was a one-of-a-kind absolutely awesome person. He was brilliant, hilarious, and -- most of all -- full of love and compassion. He helped me through the most difficult time in my life by showing me how to emotionally "reframe" an impossible situation. He had a gift for doing that, you know. I will always remember this hero of mine with love and appreciation.

Gina Dove, July 14, 2014

Gina Dove - July 14, 2014 at 10:07 AM

WH

“ Josh, not sure if you'll see this or even remember me, but we went to school together in Marshall, MO. I dealt with your dad on a couple of occasions on funerals in Sweet Springs. He was always great to deal with and so proud of you! If you see this, send me an email or look me up on facebook...would love to reconnect! Will Harlow

Will Harlow - June 20, 2014 at 02:40 PM

KL

“ I worked with Don at the VA Medical Center and enjoyed his sense of humor and his love of language. We also shared a cancer diagnosis and supported each other through that time. I remember him with great fondness and affection.

Kathleen Slattery, LISW - March 08, 2014 at 01:50 PM

SM

“ Don was a tireless advocate for the needs of veterans. He will be greatly missed.

Shara Brown, MSW - March 08, 2014 at 08:44 AM

EL

“ The Shannon/Hughes family were saddend upon hearing about Don's death and send our condolences to Kevin and the rest of Don's family I was so impressed by all that Don did for St Paul, in his quiet way and had many good discussions with him. He was so pleased to be able to serve the church and we were so appreciative. We especially appreciate his support of the kids and the youth at St. Paul. I missed the funeral as I was out of town, but we are very thankful for Don and his life.

Eileen Shannon, Jonathan and Nicholas Hughes

EL - March 07, 2014 at 07:43 AM

LD

“ As one US Army veteran to another, Don, you will be missed, my comrade in arms. We worked in our community together, where your vast experience and compassion were so appreciated. Plus, with your love of antiques, your home was a delight and endless source of fun conversation.

May Blessed thoughts and wishes be with you.

Your neighbor,

LtCol Linda DuMoulin, (ret)

Linda DuMoulin - March 06, 2014 at 10:39 AM

JA

“ Don was a wonderful friend and neighbor, and we'll miss him. He had real empathy for people and contributed greatly to our neighborhood community.

Jennifer Abbott - March 04, 2014 at 11:27 AM