

*In
Loving Memory*



Reverend Donald R. Hensen

<i>Born</i>	<i>Entered Into Rest</i>
May 13, 1934	October 23, 2003
Mt. Clemens, MI	Brooksville, FL

Age

69 Years, 5 Months, 10 Days

Life Celebration

10:30 A.M.
Saturday, November 1, 2003
United Methodist Church
Shenandoah, Iowa

Words of Comfort

Reverend Dick Sebeniecher
Reverend Jim Gubser

Memory Register

Gwen Hixson - Eleanor Radden
Evelyn Van Rossum

Organist

Becky Hoenshel

Quartet

Lance, Cory, Mace, and Jesse Hensen
“Amazing Grace”

Congregational Singing

“Hymn of Promise”
“Here I Am Lord”

Ushers

Jim Sligar - David Tackett

Honorary Bearers

Marvin Adcock - Bob Beery - Ray Harris
John Mall - Darrell D. Murphy - Merrill Skinner

Military Rites

Offutt Air Force Base Honor Guard

Final Resting Place

Rose Hill Cemetery
Shenandoah, Iowa

GOD SAW YOU

God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put his arms around you
And whispered, “Come To Me.”
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away.
And though we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
He only takes the best.

Donald R. Hensen

Donald Robert Hensen, the son of Sayson T. and Mildred H. (Bentley) Hensen, was born May 13, 1934, in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, and passed away October 23, 2003, in Brooksville, Florida at the age of 69.

As a young man, Don received his education at Royal Oak, Michigan. His father died when he was nine years old and later because of his mother's poor health, left school while in the 7th grade and went to work. At the age of 16, he traveled the eastern part of the United States selling magazines. In September 1952, Don joined the U.S. Air Force and after basic training went to school in San Antonio, Texas, and later in Lake Charles, Louisiana. While stationed in Topeka, Kansas, Don met Dorothy McEvoy and seven weeks later on December 5, 1954, they were married at Forbes AFB Chapel. To this union, five sons, Robert, Jesse, Mace, Lance and Cory were born.

Because of his career in the air force, Don traveled the world, stationed in places such as Morocco, Alaska, New York, England, Labrador, Maryland, Vietnam, Okinawa, and while stationed at Lockborne Air Force Base in Columbus, Ohio, retired on September 1, 1972. Don's family was able to be with him during much of his career. Don then worked for a couple of years for Executive Jet Aviation while going to college part-time. He finally decided to quit his job and go to school full time. A year before graduating from Franklin University, Don began his studies at Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio. He was able to complete eight years of college in seven.

While a student, Don served in Sparta, Ohio as a minister and continued full time after graduation. He then transferred to the Iowa Conference serving churches in Afton, Coin, Donnellson, Montrose, Embury, and Carson. Don then retired, moving to Shenandoah.

Don was a member of the United Methodist Church Iowa Conference, Coral Masonic Lodge # 430 AF & AM, American Legion Post #88, Disabled American Veterans, Brooksville Golf and Country Club, and former member of Optimist Club. He enjoyed playing golf, especially with the B.O.F. boys, collecting clown items, reading books written by Tom Clancy and Louis L'Amour, but most of all he loved spending time with his grandchildren. Don was known for his distinct laugh.

Preceding Don in death were his parents and son, Robert. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy of Brooksville; sons, Jesse Hensen and Valerie Hawkins of Jefferson, Ohio, Mace Hensen and wife, Robin, of Burlington, Iowa, Lance Hensen and wife, Janet, of Shenandoah, Cory Hensen and wife, Crystal, of Clarinda, Iowa; daughter-in-law, Teri Hensen of Castle Rock, Colorado; and 11 grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

*Services Entrusted to
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Shenandoah, Iowa
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We will never forget you!