



## Donald Niekamp

May 21, 1932 - May 5, 2015

Obituary of Donald Niekamp Donald Niekamp, 82, of Ocala, passed away peacefully at home on May 5, 2015 with his family by his side. He was born on May 21, 1932 in Chicago, IL to parents Ida (Sternat) and John Niekamp. Mr. Niekamp retired after 41 years from Commonwealth Edison (ComEd), the largest electric utility in Illinois, where he held the position of Customer Service Representative. He was a very dedicated Chicago sports fan and followed the Chicago Cubs, White Sox, Bulls, Blackhawks and Bears faithfully. He also enjoyed playing golf and loved aviation. He was a member of the former Yankee Air Force of Dunnellon. Mr. Niekamp's family and friends will always remember him by the way he brightened everyone's day through laughter. His daily mission was to never let a day go by without making at least one person laugh and smile. Even up to the very end of his life he continued to be that quick-witted jokester that his family and friends loved and will always remember. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Donna Niekamp of Ocala, his sons; Michael (Kathleen) Niekamp of Bloomingdale, IL, Larry Niekamp of Ocala, and Donald (Janet) Niekamp of Charleston, SC, his daughters; Barbara (Walter) Inman of Odessa, FL and Nancy (Daniel) Carabine of Fort Myers, FL; 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The family will hold a memorial service for Mr. Niekamp in early June; details unavailable at this time. Arrangements are in the care of Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West, 352-854-2266. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to Hospice of Marion County , P.O. Box 4860,

Ocala, FL. 34478-4860, or Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, P.O. Box 5578, Ocala, FL 34478-5578.

# Tribute Wall

NC

“ *Dad: We were with you at your Memorial yesterday. The day was heart-wrenching but at the same time so deeply sweet and calming. So many friends and family were there to honor your beautiful life. Your son, Larry did you so proud. He showed everyone a beautiful slideshow of your incredible life. His musical talents must have brought you a big smile; although it brought us tears as well. Thank you for the love and guidance. Thank you for always keeping me safe and for the unconditional love. I will see you in my dreams...wait for me. Love, Nancy*

Nancy Niekamp Carabine - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ *I LOVE YOU, DAD.*

Nancy - June 06, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *You are all in my thoughts and prayers. I'm so sorry for your loss.*

Jennifer Massari - June 02, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *I will miss my dad and his unique sense of humor. Like Donny, I fell in love with sports, cars, and aviation because of dad. It was good that we got to spend lots of quality time together as a family in the last few months.*

Barbara Niekamp Inman - May 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ I'm sorry to hear of your loss. I remember all of you as a young man, today and always you are a part of who I've become. I have always thought of you regularly and fondly. Donna, I will always be your bag boy, Tyrone. I love you all, be strong.

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**Rick Dunaj** - May 14, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Thank you all for your condolences! One of the things my father loved was to golf. One of the best things he taught me was the comradery of the guys. To all the guys I played sports with, I hope I lived up to that...and apologize for the times that I was too competitive.

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**Don Niekamp - JR** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Our thoughts are with Donna and the Niekamp family. We will miss Don's unique personality. Dick & Diane Norwood

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**Dick & Diane Norwood** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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**Family of Don Niekamp** - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Donald Niekamp

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**Nancy Carabine** - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Don, I never meet your dad but it really sounds like he was an amazing man and touched many lives. I am so sorry for your families loss. But he is now pain free and watching down on you all. Hugs and kisses to your family! Nanci (Felton) Zappia

Nanci (Felton) Zappia - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Thoughts and prayers are with Larry and family at this time. May God wrap His arms around you all with comfort and peace. Our loved ones never leave us but live on in the memories we cherish. 2edQ

Martin & Deborah Roberts - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Donald Niekamp

May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My deepest sympathies go out to the family. Know that he is now at peace. My thoughts and prayers to you and yours. - Respectfully, Michael Macygin

Michael R. Macygin - May 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM