



## Donald D. Longacre

May 1, 1929 - November 7, 2010

Donald D. Longacre, age 81, passed away November 7, 2010, at Fremont Area Medical Center.

Don was born May 1, 1929, in Norfolk, Nebraska to Harlow and Elsie Longacre. He graduated from Humphrey High School in 1946. He moved to Omaha for Refrigeration Tech School and to court Lorraine Nissen whom he married May 7, 1950, in Humphrey, Nebraska. Don worked in Omaha for a short time in the refrigeration business and at Firestone Tire.

He opened Longacre's Texaco in Fremont, September 1, 1951 with his friend Merne Rohlfs. Don continued to work with family at the stations on Military and Main for over 59 years. The stations transitioned from Texaco, to Phillips 66, to Conoco. He built a family business based on honesty and integrity. Retirement was not an option for him and he served the public until the end. He loved to connect with the customers including handing out candy to the kids and treats to the dogs.

Don loved golfing, dancing, boating, spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He completed his last back flip at the Fremont Golf Club pool in 1994, at the age of 65. He enjoyed going to Nebraska Cornhusker football games and playing cards. He enjoyed math contests and challenged his children and grandchildren to be their best, although he always won. Don loved animals, particularly birds, wild and domestic. His two parrots, Paco and Herbie added enjoyment and purpose to his life after Lorraine, his lovely bride of 56 years, passed away in March 2006. Don was a good husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be missed by many.

Preceded in death by: his parents; his bride, Lorraine; brothers, Duane and Walter.

Survived by:

Daughter: Beverly (David) Saalfeld of North Bend, Nebraska

Sons: David (Jeannie) Longacre of Beijing, China; Rodney (Sherryl) Longacre and Gary (Mary) Longacre both of Fremont.

Grandchildren: Dr. Cj Jacobson, Shar Bennett, Wendy Curtis, Lt. Seth Saalfeld, Jason Saalfeld, Adam Saalfeld, Matthew Longacre, Nickelaus Larson, Ashley Larson, Tanya Longacre, Spencer Longacre, Evan Longacre, Morrow Longacre, Pierce Longacre.

Great Grandchildren: Alyssa, Tabitha, Dillon, Payton, Gabrielle, Alysha, Danielle, Colton, Lily, D.J., Kaden

Visitation: Wednesday, from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. November 10, 2010, with family present from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. at Dugan Funeral Chapel.

Funeral Service: 10:00 A.M. Thursday, November 11, 2010, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont

Interment: Memorial Cemetery, Fremont, Nebraska

Memorials have been established to Trinity Lutheran Church.

# Comments

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“ My condolence's to you and the family. I didn't know your Father, very well, however, I'm sure it would of been an honor to have known him.

**Janice Pascoe** - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Don's family,  
Don was a joy to see when pulling into the station. He always had a kind word and a helping hand to offer, which in this day and age is rare. He was the type of person our world needs more of. He will be missed dearly by all those whose lives he touched. Godspeed Don.

**Nancy Furstenau Boyles** - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Don was one of the good guys.  
He gave me a summer job at the Texaco Station in 1957 and took care of my mother, aunt, and a bunch of other elderly people's auto's in Fremont.  
He will me missed by many.

**Bob Reeder**

**Bob Reeder** - November 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I learned a lot from Don when I worked for him in the early 1970s. Yes, he taught things about cars and trucks to me, but more important was what I learned about hard work, honesty, doing the right thing, and taking care of friends and family. Plus he had a great sense of humor. I still use some of his jokes to this day.

**Andy Barber** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will hear this hundreds of times, Don will be missed. I'm so glad I had to bring my car in last week so I could see him one more time. Evon thought so much of Don. Now they're in Heaven together. It will be very different without him at the station for you Gary, but just once in awhile peek over in the corner---he'll be watching.

**Sandy Olson** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your family is in our thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. With kindest personal regards and condolences,  
Rob & Agnes Wahlert

**Rob Wahlert** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ How blessed so many of us are to have known the acquaintance of Don Longacre. Quietly, consistently, and cheerfully, he embodied the basics of his faith. In a society that increasingly cries out for convenience, Don embodied, lived, and practiced the art of customer service. My life is better for having known him. God bless his family, and may the angels welcome him -- as he welcomed all of us at the station -- with a smile.

**Rev. Paul R. Dunklau** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ I remember the stop every Sunday at Longacre's for \$5.00 worth of gas, then Walgreen's for the Sunday paper. When I started owning cars, Don was the first to change my oil, balance my wheels, etc. He always had a smile on his face, and was always happy to see people. Maybe he contributed to my life long affliction with automobiles. I hope you all take some of Don's personality with you. What a wonderful human being.

**Dale Schuett** - November 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sympathies to Don's family and the my friends at Trinity. Don was indeed a pillar. He cared for my family vehicles and for my family during the 6 years that I lived in Fremont. I know that he showed love and kindness to all. There is sadness at losing someone as special as he. But, also rejoicing as their is no question that his faith has earned him everlasting life!

**Bill Meyer** - November 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to all the Longacres. I have such fond memories of Don, stopping in the station always seeing him with a smile and warm hello! Heart felt prayers to all.

**Laura Johnson Thompson** - November 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM