



Donald L. Nevala

February 23, 1935 - May 17, 2025

Donald L. Nevala, 90, of Fond du Lac, died on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Aurora Medical Center in Oshkosh.

He was born on February, 23, 1935, in Withee, WI, the son of Toivo J. and Anita C.A. Baehr Nevala. He was a graduate of: Thorp High School, Class of 1953; River Falls State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree, Class of 1957; and Illinois Wesleyan University, Master's Degree, Class of 1968. He served in the United States Army, and was stationed in Germany from 1957 to 1959, and was company clerk of his unit. On July 14, 1962, he married Audrey J. Thone, at Our Saviour Lutheran in Fond du Lac. She preceded him in death on March 15, 2025.

Don was employed at L.P. Goodrich High School for 30 years teaching Mathematics and Biology, retiring in June of 1990. He enjoyed lawn work and snow blowing for many years. He was a member of the following: Immanuel-Trinity Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac Elks and Eagles Club, Oak Hill Hunting Club, FDL Co. Kennel Club, head of personnel at FDL Co. Fair, Master Gardner's, and FDL Retired Teachers Association. Don enjoyed bowling and bowled in the Elks Bowling League. He was an avid hunter and enjoyed trap shooting. As Don would say "If you can't be good, be bad."

He is survived by his daughter Julie (Tim) Damgaard of Apple Valley, MN, brother Merlin (Patricia) Nevala of Menominee, WI, his sister-in-law Marge Kaufman of Fond du Lac, one niece, three nephews and his godson William Zuengler.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, his sister-in-law Shirley Thone, his brother-in-law Eugene Kaufman, his nephew John Kaufman, his goddaughter Dr. Heidi Pellett, and his beloved golden retriever, Brady.

VISITATION: The family will greet friends and relatives from 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac.

SERVICE: Memorial services will be held at 12:00 PM on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with Rev. Tom Meyer officiating. Cremation has taken place.

Special thanks to families of the heart Mark (Bonnie) Pittl, Peggy and Anne Kallas, Sara Zuengler, Nina Krueger, Tom (Leiann) Burton, Melissa (Gearoid) Sexton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials appreciated to Fond du Lac Humane Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Service

MAY 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I remember Mr. Nevala . I was fortunate to have him as my math teacher. I was not the fast student in algebra but Mr Nevala made it fun! He has always been a part of my high school years favorites. I still see no need for algebra but treasure the time in his class. My sympathies to his family and friends.

Linda Bacon Bogenschneider Age 78

L. P. Goodrich Graduate 1965

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