



Donald Stoten Jr.

March 23, 1927 - May 27, 2024

Donald Stoten, Jr., 97, a lifelong Rush County resident, passed away May 27, 2024 in Morristown. Donald was born in Rush County March 23, 1927 to the late Donald Sr and Mildred (Herkless) Stoten.

Don was a 1945 graduate of Carthage High School. He farmed for 2 years and then attended Purdue University receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture in 1951. While at Purdue, Don was on the Purdue Judging team, an employee at the Purdue radio station reporting the farm markets and a member of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. He served his country in the United States Army as a First lieutenant.

Don married Sharon (Dickerhoff) on October 7, 1961 and she survives. Don met Sharon at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition. After that meeting, he sold cattle to Sharon for her livestock showing career and that led to their marriage.

Don was a member of the American Angus Associations as a registered Angus cattle breeder owning his farm known as Golden Dawn Farms being established in 1938. The farm was awarded many international and state awards with their Angus cattle, Percheron horses and exhibiting grain. He was very active in 4-H all his life and served as a long time Rush County 4-H Tractor Maintenance Leader and 4-H Beef Judge at several county fairs. He was also a member of Center Christian Church since 1961 serving as a deacon.

In addition to his wife, Sharon, he is survived by his sons, Robert Stoten and

Brent Stoten of Carthage; daughters, Betsy (Jeff) Kachmar of Fort Wayne and Dawn Robinson of Rushville. He will also be missed by his 6 grandchildren, Daniel Stoten, Jessica Stoten, Jeremy Stoten, Monica Robinson, Lillian Robinson and Reagan Robinson and 2 great-grandchildren.

Don is preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be held Friday, May 31, 2024 at 10AM at Center Christian Church with Pastor Darryl Denney presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4PM-7PM, Thursday evening at Center Christian Church. Burial will be held in Glen Cove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Center Christian Church or Rush County 4-H Council in memory of Donald.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Center Christian Church
9112 N 50 W
Knightstown, IN 46148
(765) 645-5348

Service

MAY 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ My parents, Charles May and Lucretia Peacock-May, took many trips with JuMa Tours with the Stoten’s. I just learned of Don’s passing while visiting the nearby grave of my uncle and aunt, Jim and Dee Caldwell, at the Knightstown Cemetery. On behalf of my parents, who are not on the internet, let me express our condolences and prayers for the family.

Anthony May - April 09, 2025 at 09:08 AM

KC

“ Kenny Cole purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Stoten Jr..



Kenny Cole - June 09, 2024 at 06:06 PM

KC

“ Kenny Cole planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Stoten Jr..

Kenny Cole - June 09, 2024 at 06:06 PM

BF

“ Brian Hodson & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Stoten Jr..



Brian Hodson & Family - May 31, 2024 at 06:02 AM

GB

“ *The Glen and Lucilla Boyd family send our deepest sympathies at your loss. My sisters, Paula, LuAnn, Madelyn, and I remember visiting your farm and family as we were growing up. Seeing the Stoten family at Angus events and at the Indiana State Fair were memories we were sharing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you as we remember a great man.*

*With care,
Kay Boyd*

G. Kay Boyd - May 30, 2024 at 11:05 AM

DR

Thank you so much for responding, as my brothers, Robert, Brent, and I also have such happy memories visiting your parents, family, and their farm. Both your parents brought smiles and happiness to our lives as they were always happy to see us and truly cared about others. I am thankful we were blessed with such wonderful parents. Thank you again! Dawn Stoten Robinson

Dawn Robinson - May 31, 2024 at 05:10 AM

WK

“ *Walter And Fearl Kirk lit a candle in memory of Donald Stoten Jr.*



Walter and Fearl Kirk - May 29, 2024 at 11:39 AM

DR

Walt and Fear, I appreciate your thoughts and kindness over the years and especially now. As always, thank you for being extra family to my children and me. Dawn Stoten Robinson

Dawn Robinson - May 31, 2024 at 05:14 AM