



## Donald John Praska

August 15, 1943 - September 25, 2025

Donald John Praska, 82 of Charles City entered the pearly gates hand in hand on September 25, 2025 with the love of his life Karen.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 am, Saturday, October 4, 2025 at Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt, Charles City. Officiating will be Sister Diana Blong of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the IC School.

Don was born in Elma, Iowa on August 15, 1943 to Victor and Rose (Komarak) Praska. He graduated from St. William's High School in Alta Vista in 1961. He was united in marriage to Karen Ann Weida on September 26, 1964 at St. Patrick's Catholic School in LeRoy, Minnesota. Don worked 20 plus years at White Farm in the foundry. Additionally he worked at Armor & McNeilus, Retiring in 2004. He was a member of IC Catholic Church and all children went through the school, allowing his wife to be a stay to home mom and raise the five rowdy kids. Solace, nature, guns, NASCAR, and the Minnesota Vikings were some of his favorite things. He was a greaser and restored and repaired many motorcycles, boats, snowmobiles and working on cars. He even was a drag racer. He enjoyed watching the old westerns, and listening to the music of the time, especially Johnny Cash, and Merle

Haggard. He was a classic car enthusiast especially the 57 Chevy's. To relax there was nothing better than a good steak and whiskey on the side. He loved a good conversation, friendship and to laugh. He was a great teacher, and had patience with his wife and children who he dearly loved. He was a procrastinator and didn't sweat the small stuff.

Don is survived by his five children, Konnie (Praska) Biro, Paducah, KY, Donald Jr., 29 Palms, CA, Darrin Praska Chandler, AZ, Kristie Tegtmeier, Jacksonville, NC, Korrie Luna, Waterloo, eight grandchildren Ryan, DJ, Jessica, Kourtney, Kassandra, Darian, Derek, Skyler. Family would especially like to thank the following families, McGuire, Knecht, Tegtmeier, Eme Praska, Karolyn White for their continued support and love.

Preceding Don in death are his parents, granddaughter Drew Luna, and sister Jane Pitzen.

Fullerton-Hage Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 401 Blunt, Charles City, Iowa 50616 641-228-4211. [www.Fullertonfh.com](http://www.Fullertonfh.com),  
[Facebook/Fullertonfuneralhomes](https://www.facebook.com/Fullertonfuneralhomes)

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

Charles City, IA 50616

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 4. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Fullerton Funeral Home in Charles City  
401 Blunt  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Darrin and family,*

*We express our sympathy. You are all in our thoughts, and prayers. May God give you strength, comfort, and love. May the fond memories of Don be in your heart forever. I worked with Darrin at Elementary School quite a few years ago. I was a Para.*

*God's blessings,  
Harlan and Marge Baack*



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**marge Baack** - October 07, 2025 at 03:00 PM

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“ *Pittman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald John Praska.*



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**Pittman** - October 01, 2025 at 11:33 PM

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“ *Pittman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald John Praska.*

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**Pittman** - October 01, 2025 at 11:33 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald John Praska.*



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October 01, 2025 at 11:17 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



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**James@Fullertonfh.com** - September 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM