



Don R. Tritten

March 26, 1934 - March 31, 2013

Don Tritten, one of three sons born to the union of Herman Tritten and Bessie A. (Johnson) Tritten, was born on March 26, 1934, in St. Joseph, Missouri. Don was preceded in death by his mother and father, and by his older brother Ernest Tritten. As a young boy, Don was baptized at King Hill Baptist Church. Don departed this life on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013, at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, at the age of 79 years and five days.

Don is survived by his wife, Alma M. (Winborn) Tritten of the home, their three children, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, his brother William Tritten (Rose Ann) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, his sister-in-law Joann Tritten of Winchester, Kentucky, brother-in-law F.W. "Woody" Winborn (Carol) of Dixon, Missouri and a host of family and friends. Don and Alma were married on August 13, 1954, in St. Joseph, Missouri and all their children were born in St. Joseph. To this union were born three children: Susan T. Schulte (George) of Dixon, Missouri, David Tritten (Elizabeth) of Waynesville, Missouri, and Beth Wright (Richard) of Iberia, Missouri. His grandchildren and great grandchildren include: Mendy Blomberg (Michael) with Zoey; Nathan Purdome (Andrea) with Addison; Kyle Purdome (Teresa) with Kayla, Kylie, and Kali; Jason Tritten (Tracy) with Mabelle, Cash, and Millie; Elise Schnarr (David) with Matylda and Charlotte; Noelle Frank (Darin) with Gibson; Erick Wright (Katie) with Owen; and Jacob Wright (fiancé Kristina) with Allyssa Voegeli, and many nieces and nephews.

Don started his banking career in 1956 as a teller at Tootle National Bank. Don progressed through other positions, leaving the bank in 1968 as an auditor. While in St. Joseph, Don graduated from the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin.

Don and his family left St. Joseph in 1968 to travel to Overland Park, Kansas, where Don had accepted a position as comptroller with Columbia Union National Bank in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1971, Don accepted a position as cashier at Emporia State Bank in Emporia, Kansas, where his family lived until 1974.

In 1974, the Tritten Family moved to Waynesville, Missouri, where they purchased the First National Bank in St. Robert, Missouri. Over the next several years they grew the business and converted the bank's charter to First State Bank of St. Robert.

On June 4, 1975, Don and Alma, along with partners, purchased the Bank of Iberia, and a few years later they purchased the Bank of Plato. In 1991, Don and Alma decided to slow their pace a little and sold the First State Bank of St. Robert and the Bank of Plato, leaving them with the Bank of Iberia. In 2002 the Tritten family decided to expand again, and they built and opened a branch of the Bank of Iberia in Waynesville.

Don's involvement in banking went beyond the banks that he worked for or owned. Don was a member of the Missouri Bankers Association for over 50 years. In 2006 Don was inducted into the Fifty Year Club of the Missouri Banker Association. Don was a past president, director, and a current board member of the Missouri Independent Bankers Association. Don was a founding member and the director of Midwest Independent Bank in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Don's involvement in the community was extensive as well. Don was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church of Waynesville, and a member and deacon of Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville. Don served with the Waynesville-St. Robert Area Chamber of Commerce, the Committee of Fifty, The Association of the United States Army, and numerous non-profit organizations, including Good Samaritan Resource Center and Genesis, A Place for New Beginnings.

Don enjoyed hunting and golf, and also kept his priorities straight, with God at the top followed closely by his family.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, April 4, 2013 in the Westside Baptist Church of Waynesville with Rev. John Shaw and Rev. Lindell Shelden officiating. Pianist Renita DeMalade accompanied Mike Freeman, Greg Gabel and Becky Lercher as they sang "Victory in Jesus", "I'll Meet You in the Morning" and "Jesus Hold My Hand". Soloist Brian Bond sang "Give Me Jesus" and joined Mike, Greg and Becky as they all sang "I'll Fly Away". Don's daughter, Beth Wright, recalled the family's wonderful memories of Don.

Burial followed in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Don Tritten to the Westside Baptist Church Scholarship Fund and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Service

APR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westside Baptist Church
801 Historic 66 West
Waynesville, MO

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - March 31, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don R. Tritten*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *SARA JONES lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



SARA JONES - October 12, 2013 at 04:32 PM



“ *Pamela Cox lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Pamela Cox - April 13, 2013 at 07:59 PM

TA

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Terry Stone Alleman - April 09, 2013 at 04:20 PM

DC

“ *Alma, I was so sorry to hear about Don he was a wonderful and kind man.. Although I was no longer a member of the family, he always treated me and my children with respect and kindness.. My thoughts are with you and the children during the days ahead..Diana Coffelt*

Diana Coffelt - April 07, 2013 at 09:48 AM

LH

“ *On behalf of a grateful community, I send our deepest condolences and thanks for all Don has done for the City of Waynesville. He was a great friend.*

Mayor Luge Hardman

luge hardman - April 07, 2013 at 09:08 AM

GP

“ *I am very fortunate to have three kids, Don's Grand kids, who have had a wonderfully consistent man of character and integrity to emulate. Don has left this life for a much better place. Gary Purdome*

Gary Purdome - April 04, 2013 at 01:05 PM

HS

“ *Heather Shortell lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Heather Shortell - April 04, 2013 at 09:35 AM

HS

Alma you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Heather Shortell - April 04, 2013 at 09:36 AM

ML

“ *I always admired Mr. Don Tritten. He was a wonderful human being and family man. I always loved seeing him walk into the bank with his big smile on his face. He will truly be missed in the community. I wish I was still part of that community and could attend his funeral to convey my condolences in person. Just know that you are all in my prayers.*
Sincerely, Mary Ludlow and family

Mary Ludlow - April 04, 2013 at 08:05 AM

DD

“ *David Dodds lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



David Dodds - April 03, 2013 at 04:13 PM

JD

“ *Jim Dodds lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Jim Dodds - April 03, 2013 at 04:12 PM

DD

“ *Dad wanted me to tell the family what a good neighbor and friend he considered Don, and I agree. We are sorry for your loss. Jim Dodds and Dave*

David Dodds - April 03, 2013 at 04:09 PM

NW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss and I wish that I was able to come with my mom and brother. You are a very special family and I will always be thankful that you have been a part of my life. My prayers and thoughts are with you.*

Norma Walker

Norma Walker - April 03, 2013 at 11:06 AM

NW

“ *Norma Walker lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Norma Walker - April 03, 2013 at 11:04 AM

AD

“ I have many fond memories of days and nights spent at the Tritten house. Beth, Alma and family, I am so sorry.
Angela Abbott Dye

Angela Abbott Dye - April 03, 2013 at 08:41 AM

JP

“ So sorry for your loss.....a special man and a special family.

John and Kathy Parrish



John Parrish - April 03, 2013 at 07:21 AM

MS

“ Mary Doolin, Smith lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten



Mary Doolin, Smith - April 02, 2013 at 09:57 PM

CD

“ Don was a great husband, father, and generous citizen. He was always willing to help in anyway he could to make his community a better place. He will be missed by all that had the honor to know him.

Cornelia & Robert Dodds - April 02, 2013 at 08:15 PM

CD

“ *Cornelia & Robert Dodds lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Cornelia & Robert Dodds - April 02, 2013 at 08:13 PM

EW

“ *We are so sorry for the passing of Don, Jim and I were discussing some family dinners we had over at Rick and Beths, with both Don and Alma and how we picked a word to describe him and it was kind! He was a good and very kind man. We know he will be missed terribly by your family, but as Christians, we also know you will see him again.*

With Love, Jim and Lynn Wright

E. Lynn Wright - April 02, 2013 at 06:25 PM

AB

“ *Alma, David and Beth (and the other family members who I don't know), please accept my sincere condolences on Don's passing. I have dealt with a lot of bankers in my time, but I can't name more of a gentleman or nicer person than Don. His contribution to community banking was great and I am proud to say that I knew him. I'm sorry that I won't be able to attend the visitation or the service, but wanted you all to know that I am thinking of you.*

Andy Burkett

Community Bankers Association of Illinois (formerly with CSI when you knew me - I retired June 30th of last year).

Andy Burkett - April 02, 2013 at 05:06 PM

AH

“ *Annette Hance lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Annette Hance - April 02, 2013 at 04:14 PM

DD

“ *Dennis And Vickie Dye lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Dennis and Vickie Dye - April 02, 2013 at 04:05 PM

CS

“ *Carl & Jackie Jon & Patti Deb & Suzanne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Don R. Tritten.*



Carl & Jackie Jon & Patti Deb & Suzanne - April 02, 2013 at 11:57 AM

MA

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. What a true gentleman, and Great Employer. You will all be in my prayers. Mary Hinkley Pemberton*

maryhinkleypemberton - April 02, 2013 at 10:31 AM

SD

“ *Sheila Debo lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Sheila Debo - April 02, 2013 at 10:14 AM

CL

“ *Alma & Family*

We can't begin to list all the wonderful memories we have of doing things together with Don and you Alma, but of particular = the things we remember are the wonderful trips we took together over the years. We particularly remember the Windjammer cruise in the Carribean Sea. Gomez the cat who taught us a lesson about storms. And than there were those memorable VOSH trips - especially your first to Nepal Wow those days are imprinted in our memories.

His Christian witness was so strong ! Priase God for his Life.

*Don was a Great Friend and we Loved & Appreciated him so much
Carl & Jackie*

Carl & Jackie Larson - April 02, 2013 at 08:28 AM

MM

“ *Alma and family, so sorry for your loss. I have pleasant memories of times together at FBC. I know Don will be greatly missed. God bless.*



Mary (Drennan) Morgan

Mary Morgan - April 02, 2013 at 08:22 AM

JR

“ We will always remember the caring and generous ways of Don; his love for his family and community and his wonderful smile. Praying for the family and the comfort of the Holy Spirit during this time of loss.



Joe & Bev Rasmussen - April 02, 2013 at 05:20 AM

TC

“ Terry Collins lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten



Terry Collins - April 02, 2013 at 04:47 AM

PW

“ Peggy Walters lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten



Peggy Walters - April 01, 2013 at 08:46 PM

PW

We will miss Don. He was such a nice person. It won't be the same at Westside without my Sunday morning hug.

Peggy Walters - April 01, 2013 at 08:49 PM

MB

“ *Millie Howlett Brotherton lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Millie Howlett Brotherton - April 01, 2013 at 03:19 PM

JD

“ *Joan Dickneite sent a virtual gift in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Joan Dickneite - April 01, 2013 at 02:50 PM

JD

Sorry for your loss susan prays are with you.

Joan Dickneite - April 01, 2013 at 02:51 PM

CM

“ *Chris Morrow lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



chris morrow - April 01, 2013 at 01:53 PM

NQ

“ *Nan Quick lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Nan Quick - April 01, 2013 at 11:53 AM

NQ

So sorry to hear of your loss, Don was a great person and will be missed by all who knew him. God comfort your family during this time and in the days to come.

Nan Quick - April 01, 2013 at 11:55 AM

JB

“ *I'll miss his smile, such a nice man!*



Jim Bales - April 01, 2013 at 11:50 AM

BA

“ *To the family of Don. Alma and the rest of the family. So sorry to hear about your loss. We loved him. Bill and Sue Anderson*

Bill and Sue Anderson - April 01, 2013 at 11:33 AM

LS

“ *Linda Cole- Schonbok lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



linda cole- schonbok - April 01, 2013 at 10:44 AM

MS

“ *MARLIN STEVENS lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



MARLIN STEVENS - April 01, 2013 at 10:24 AM

DD

“ *Dan Deering lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



Dan Deering - April 01, 2013 at 10:21 AM

SC

“ *I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Don was a great person he will be missed.*

SUSAN COVERT - April 01, 2013 at 10:11 AM

SC

“ *SUSAN COVERT lit a candle in memory of Don R. Tritten*



SUSAN COVERT - April 01, 2013 at 09:59 AM