



## Donald Lamb

January 1, 1960 - April 30, 2023

Monte Vista – Monte Vista Resident Deacon Donald D. Lamb gained his angel wings on the 30th of April 2023 at Colorado State Veteran Center/Homelake surrounded by his loving family. Don was welcomed into the world on September

9, 1936 in Ft. Collins, Colorado to the late Eugene Lamb and Elizabeth McLeod

Lamb. After graduation Don served in the United States Army. When returning home, he married his first sweetheart Peggy Keys who was taken by God early

after 12 years of marriage and four lovely children. He then married Mary Wands

Lamb and gained two boys. He was a cowboy for his Aunt Joe for many years in

the Livermore/Ft. Collins area. Don worked for the telephone company for 33 years and made many lasting friendships. He enjoyed fishing, riding horses, playing with his grand kids and camping and hunting trips with his family. He was

a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 50 years. Don was ordained a Deacon of the Roman Catholic Church/Pueblo Diocese after receiving his BA from

Regis University. He officiated at many weddings, baptisms, funerals, and helped

many people of the San Luis Valley whom he loved so much. Don will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He will live on through his wife Mary of the family home; 6 children-Tonya (Jim) White, Marcus (Kara) Williams, Brian (Pamela) Lamb, Bruce (Danielle) Lamb, Elizabeth (Chris) Van Horn, James (Jernice) Kohlstedt, grandchildren-Josie, Allison, Elizabeth, Trinity, Samantha, Savannah, Scott, Sabrina, Nellie, Conor, Adeline, Patrick, Ansel, Henry, Chloe, Sophia, Melodee, Penny, Shannon, Alyson, great grandchildren- Verrah, Willow, Jake, Ada, Levi, JJ, Evalea and June due next week; sisters-Joanie, Patty (Dick), Peggy, Carol, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and extended family. Don was preceded in death by his parents and siblings Frannie, Jeanie, Mary Lou, Betsy, Owen, and Bernard Joseph. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colorado. A Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00 AM also at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista, Colorado. Cremation and inurnment will follow in Ft. Collins next week after a Memorial Mass at the church his Dad helped build, St. Joseph Catholic Church. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Monte Vista.

# Tribute Wall

MW

“ As his step-son since I was 9 years old, Don’s impact on my life has been more than words can express and I love him with my whole heart...I am grateful to have been raised by him. Don taught me how to be kind, compassionate, loving, and forgiving. Also, he has been a crucial part of my life, my wife’s life, and the lives of our two girls since their birth, always there on family vacations, weddings, or graduations. Through the good times (there were many) and through the dark times, Don was a stable force that I could always count on for love and support. Don never turned his back on me, even when I was in trouble with the law, or at school, he was always there standing by my side...far more than I ever deserved. Having never treated me any differently than his own children, I am forever grateful to have had Don in my life. Through his example, I learned what it is to be a good man, a loving father, and a dedicated husband. I strive to live my life in a way that he would be proud of and I miss him dearly.

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**Marcus Williams** - May 13, 2023 at 10:35 AM

AL

“ Uncle Deacon Don co-officiated my wedding, and for that I will always be so grateful. He was a special man, as I saw for myself and through the many wonderful stories I heard about him, especially from my mom, Patty. He will be so greatly missed by all the Lamb clan and all his friends across Colorado and beyond.

One special memory I have of Uncle Don is playing cards with him at my Mom and Dad's house years ago. A very competitive friend of mine was there too, and Don gave her such a hard time (in a good-natured way) -- he was not about to let her take the game so seriously! We all had a good laugh, and my friend eventually surrendered and joined us in the laughter. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

Love you, Uncle Don, and I'm so grateful to have known you,

Amy (Wyant) Lehman

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Amy L. Lehman - May 12, 2023 at 06:19 PM

RV

“ Don officiated at our wedding. He gave the best advice. Don was part of the family and his family was ours we had great gathering at knight of cColumbus and other events He was loved. In my house there are many rooms. He would always use this with family funerals. And now he is in one of those bright rooms. To the family we love you all. I know his happy times with you will be cherished and we will see him again

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Rachal Trijillo Velasquez - May 12, 2023 at 08:58 AM

RA

“ Mary: Sympathy and a prayer to you and the family. Ray Abbott

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Ray Abbott - May 09, 2023 at 03:34 PM

LS

“ Deacon Don you were an amazing Deacon and neighbor. You were there when my dad passed. You helped me understand that even though it’s our time to leave we can hear the I love you and it’s okay to leave. I will never forget the memory of my feet being washed dry you during the Lenten season. What beautiful and special feeling I received. It was an honor to have you come and get branches from the juniper bushes to all give blessings . May Angels accompany you home to touch the face of God. We will miss you and know that you will always have a special place in my heart. Rest in Peace!

Louise Sisneros - May 07, 2023 at 10:49 PM

SM

“ Uncle Don could create a game for kids using a dictionary. He always had a good story to tell to entertain the imagination of the young and old. His life was an example of service and care for others. Thank you for always making us feel welcomed and loved. - Shannon M.

Shannon Meier - May 05, 2023 at 05:05 PM

ST

I will always remember Uncle Don with a smile on his face. He had a word of encouragement for all. Don was such a huge part of the family reunions and always led a beautiful prayer. It was so special. Don, you were a wonderful, beautiful person and you will be dearly missed. RIP. Love and prayers to all his family💔🙏🙏

Sharon Thompson - May 07, 2023 at 10:17 PM



Uncle Don's faith was as big as his smile. Such a kind and gentle person. Don always led the prayers at our family reunions. Now he is leading the prayers at the family reunion in heaven. RIP Uncle Don

Julie Addis - May 08, 2023 at 05:27 AM

PB

*My brother Don was and is so special to me. We used to have grand discussions about the faith and life in general. Loved going with him on his ministerial visitations. He loved all the people of the Valley and you could see how much they loved him. I will always treasure my memories with Don and Mary in Monte Vista, not to mention a very fun trip to Hawaii with them. Don loved combing the beaches!*

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**Peggy Brechtel** - May 08, 2023 at 04:21 PM

DW

*Don leaves us with so many wonderful memories. Patty and Don were in the same class from 4th grade through high school. Don used to tease and say he and Patty were twins. The two of them were always very close and shared so much together. Don was very active in high school and loved acting in school plays and being on the debate team. Patty remembers one summer they went to Alliance, NB to help their uncle on his sugar beet farm. They took a bus to get back home to Ft. Collins. On the way, Don tried to talk Patty into pooling their money from the farm work, and buying a car. Patty wasn't old enough to drive yet, so she knew where that was going--she refused. She wanted to buy clothes with her money. The bus stopped in Rawlins Wyoming due to a bus strike and stranded all the passengers. Then a schoolmate, who was also on the bus, called her dad to come and get them. We always enjoyed being together, whether it was up in the Rawahs, fishing, cutting timber, trips to Hawaii, playing cards, family picnics, or just visiting. He was a people person and loved being a deacon and helping the folks in his community. I was honored when he asked me to make some crosses and a podium for his youth group. His devotion was inspiring. God Bless You Don, we will miss you so much.  
Dick and Patty Wyant*

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**Dick and Patty Wyant** - May 11, 2023 at 06:58 PM

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