



Donald J. Murphy

March 19, 1932 - June 15, 2025

Ridgeway – Donald J. Murphy, age 93, of Ridgeway, passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at CrestRidge Memory Care with his family by his side.

He was born on March 19, 1932, in Dodgeville, WI, the son of Marlin and Greta (Cushman) Murphy. He married Delores E. Jacobson on August 11, 1956.

Don grew up on the family farm in Ridgeway and graduated from Ridgeway High School. He loved to garden and spend time in the flower gardens. He also loved to fish and hunt (in his earlier years) and spent a lot of time at the family cabin on the Wisconsin River.

Don enlisted in the Navy in 1951. After his service, he worked at Oscar Meyer for 40 years. He retired at the age of 62 to work in his gardens.

Don is survived by his daughters Tari (Bob) Greenwood, Kathie Murphy, and Jeanne Cairns; his siblings Dean Murphy, Doug Murphy, and Luann Wubbenhorst; eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his wife Delores, his son Richard, his brother Jack, his parents Marlin and Greta, his sisters-in-law Shirley and Peggy, and his brother-in-law John Wubbenhorst.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 2025 at ST. BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC CHURCH in Ridgeway. Inurnment will be held in St. Bridget's Cemetery with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Ridgeway American Legion Post No. 257. Visitation will be held from 9:30 a.m. until time of Mass on Saturday at the church. There will be a luncheon held at St. Bridget's Church in Ridgeway after the burial service.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the amazing staff at CrestRidge Memory Care and to Agrace Hospice.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 21. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Bridget's Catholic Church
803 Main Street
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 21. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Ridgeway, WI 53582

Military Graveside Rites

JUN 21. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Bridget's Cemetery
Cemetery Road
Ridgeway, WI 53582

Tribute Wall



“ So sorry for loss . We are thinking of all of you. Richard, Jennifer, Busby, Grendel, and Mathew

Jennifer Norr - June 20, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ Jennifer N. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald J. Murphy.

Jennifer N. - June 20, 2025 at 08:13 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald J. Murphy.

June 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald J. Murphy.



June 17, 2025 at 10:34 PM