

## **Donald F. Derks**

A Celebration of Life: 11am Saturday November 12, 2022  
**Chippewa Valley Music Festival Event Center**  
(Fest grounds)  
24447 CTY HWY S  
Cadott, WI 54727



**Donald F. Derks**, 70 of Cornell, died suddenly of natural causes on Monday, October 31, 2022. He was born on March 5, 1952 at Victory Memorial Hospital in Stanley the son of the late Frank and Arlene (Meyer) Derks. Don grew up on the family farm and attended Gilman schools. He farmed with his family until he was 21 when he moved to the Twin Cities. There he met Juanita Engebretson and they were married on May 17, 1975. The couple moved back to the area where Don worked for Packerland until he pursued his passion of logging with horses and farming. Don was a hardworking man who was always first to lend a hand and last to ask for one. His quick wit and his humor was appreciated by all. Don had a great passion for horses and livestock. He had a unique way with animals that will never be forgotten. He enjoyed the outdoors, never missing a hunting season. Always was up for a "lunker" to come through the hole. Donny was very family oriented and enjoyed playing cards or a good game of chess. He always looked forward to playing with his Tuesday night crew, "Pay at this window"! He enjoyed gardening and living off the land. Don devoted every day to studying the Living Word with Shepard's Chapel.

Don is survived by his wife of 47 years, Juanita, two children, Tiffany (Joseph) Burlingame of Elk Mound and Derek Derks of Cadott, four grandchildren, Hunter, Blake, Kaeden and Corbin and his siblings, Margaret Sime of Boyd, Larry Derks of Cadott, Edward Derks of Cornell and Joseph (Mieke) Derks of Cambridge, MN. He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Karlen Almberg, and his daughter Traci.

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Plombon Funeral Service assisted the family with arrangements.