



## Donald Beckman

September 15, 1952 - September 1, 2008

Donald Ray Beckman, 55, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died September 1, 2008, at his home. Born September 15, 1952, in Gothenberg, Nebraska, he was the son of Reinhard Beckman and Darline Juilfs Beckman. He received his Bachelor of Science in Sociology/Anthropology from Dana College; his Master of Human Relations from the University of Oklahoma and his Professional Psychology Program was through the University of Oklahoma. He was a Licensed Professional Counselor for Ozark Guidance since 2002, where he worked with children and adolescents and was clinical supervisor for school-based therapists. He previously held positions as therapist at the Charter Behavioral Health Services, Fayetteville, Arkansas; Integris Mental Health, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and the Chisholm Trail Counseling Services, El Reno, Oklahoma. He attended First Presbyterian Church, Rogers, Arkansas, where he sang in the choir and participated in hand bells. He married Linda Wilds in Norman, Oklahoma, on November 25, 1988. He was preceded in death by one brother, Jim Beckman, and his mother, Darline Beckman. Survivors include his wife Linda of the home; his father, Rev. Reinhard Beckman of Syracuse, Nebraska; one brother, Rev. Ron Beckman and his wife Judy of Westminster, Colorado; one nephew, Matthew Beckman and his wife Tomo, of Gaithersburg, Maryland; one niece, Michele Hild and husband Jeff, of Littleton, Colorado; three step-daughters, Deanna Wilds of Gentry, Arkansas, Kimberly Wilds of Norman, Oklahoma, and Davilyn Valdez of Pagosa Springs, Colorado; eight grandchildren, Corey Wilds,

Conner Wilds, Brynn Lane, Harmony Lane, Tristyn Wilde, Dailen Bassham, Daily Valdez, and Lexie Valdez. Local services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, September 4, 2008, at First Presbyterian Church, Rogers, Arkansas, with Rev. Jeff Parker and Rev. Ron Beckman officiating. Visitation will be 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 3, 2008, at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Burial will be at Syracuse, Nebraska. Memorial contributions may be made to one of the following: Beckman Family Seminary Scholarship Fund, Luther Memorial Church, Syracuse, NE; Beckman Family Seminary Scholarship Fund, Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, IA; or First Presbyterian Church, Rogers, AR (Sound System Fund).

# Tribute Wall

DG

“ Dear Beckman Family:

*We just heard of Don's death today (9/12) and it was such a shock! We just saw Don a few weeks ago and he was saying how well he had been feeling. We so appreciate Don and the work he did at OGC. As a long-time patient of Don's, my son was distressed at the loss. At his last visit with Don, my son was 'discharged'...but my son knew that Don was there if he needed him. Having suffered the loss of my oldest son 5 weeks ago, we know what you are going through. Our hearts and our prayers are with you during this trying time. We know Don will be greatly missed by all!*

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**Donna Griffith** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

SA

“ We were so sorry to hear of the loss of our friend and colleague.  
*With deepest sympathy, Ron Freeman and Anna Jones*

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**Sunbridge Counseling Associates** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

PG

“ *My dear Linda,  
We were so saddened and shocked to hear of your husband's death. Though we didn't know him personally, we appreciated reading about his life.*

*We trust that in the coming days, the deep sadness that overshadows all of you now will be softened with sweet memories of your lives together.*

*Know that today and in the coming days we will uphold you before the Lord.*

*Paul & Jan*

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**Paul and Jan (Lancaster) Goring** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

RL

“ *Aunt Linda and family  
i am shocked and saddend by our loss of Uncle Don(and your husband) he was really a awesome guy, and i will miss all the fun times i spent with you & uncle Don and getting t i am so sorry that i could not be there.but i am thinking and praying for you and i love you so much.*

*Love Always*

*Ryan*

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**Ryan Lake** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

EB

“ I was someone who never had the experience in life of having a favorite teacher in school or a mentor I learned from until I met Don. Don served as my supervisor for almost 5 years and words cannot express the magnitude of what I learned from him about the art of our profession or about what it means to be a caring, genuine person. I know I am still a counselor today because of Don and will always be grateful to him for that. I also know that Don's influence is seen in my work with clients and when I supervise others. He will be greatly missed.

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**Erica Boughfman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

NG

“ Linda and family, It was a great experience to have Don as my LAC supervisor for two years as well as to be a co-worker in the Outpatient Children's department when it was in Springdale. He was very dedicated to his work especially the families he worked with. I will miss his smile and his wonderful sense of humor. May God bless your family through your loss.

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**Nancy Ghormley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

CI

“ Dear Linda, Reinhard, Ron and the rest of the family:

Words can not express how deeply sorry I am about the passing of your beloved Don who was a great person and a wonderful co-worker. I had the privilege to supervise and work with him over the last 10 years. He was so committed to the families and young people he worked with and his compassion was boundless. He had a keen sense of humour that will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you through this painful time.

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**Cindy** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

RM

“ Dear Linda,

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Ronda*

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**Ronda Mains** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

TD

“ Linda,

*Please accept our sincere and deepest sympathy on the death of your husband. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Theresa Delaplain and Bob Mueller*

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**Theresa Delaplain** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

AR

“ To The Family of Mr. Don,

*We will miss him very much he would always put a smile on Alyssa's face each time we seen him. He was a great help to our family,he will be greatly missed.Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.*

*The Robinson Family*

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**Alyssa Robinson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

MJ

“ Don was such a kind person and always so supportive of his family, I know he will be greatly missed.

*Thank you for the phone call Linda. Diane and I will be at the funeral and bring Marie Sathrum with us.*

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**Marquis & Diane Jones** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

TF

“ Dear Linda and Family- We are so sad and sorry for the loss of Don. He was a great neighbor and friend.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of grief.*

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**The Ray and Benson Families** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM

KP

“ Dear Beckman family,

*I work in the school-based department at Ozark Guidance and have been there for almost a year. I did not know Don well, but I always enjoyed seeing him while I was in the office. He was always friendly and greeted me with a smile. News of his death came as a shock to me and I just wanted you to know that you will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. Don will be missed.*

*Blessings,*

*Keeli Pfeiffer*

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**Keeli Pfeiffer** - September 19, 2012 at 11:29 AM