



***Donald "Don" Lee Wiens***  
***August 20, 1947 – March 9, 2026***

**Donald "Don" Lee Wiens**  
**Memorial Service**  
**March 27, 2026 @ 10:30am**  
*First Mennonite Church – Hutchinson KS*

**Prelude**

Peggy Stucky

**Welcome & Prayer**  
**Scripture Reading – *Psalm 23***

Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger

**HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* VT 628**

**Sharing Life Stories**  
***Life Sketch***  
***Personal Stories***

Nathan Wiens

**HYMN** *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VT 670

**Scripture Reading**            *James 3:13-18*  
**Meditation**

**HYMN** *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*After the service, everyone is invited to the basement fellowship hall for lunch, fellowship, and sharing of stories.*

*Inurnment in the First Mennonite Church Columbarium  
will take place at a later time.*

## **LIFE SKETCH**

Donald "Don" Lee Wiens, was born August 20, 1947 to Jacob W. and Helene Ruth (Dyck) Wiens in Newton, Kansas. He was the firstborn of Jake and Helene's six children.

Don achieved an associate's degree at Hutchinson Community College after graduating from Newton High School. Don worked for 31 years as a machinist at Master Machine Tools in South Hutchinson, Kansas building specialty machines and also for Motivational Tubing in Newton, Kansas building junior dragster race cars and parts.

Don enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was building and riding dune buggies or going to dirt track races or working on vehicles.

He spent time volunteering for Friendship Day Care, Mennonite Voluntary Service support committee, Builders Bargains, and assisting others with needed home repairs. When he retired, he spent time in his wood shop and metal shop.

His greatest joy was spending time with friends and family. He has been called a gentle giant and a big teddy bear.

Don had an optimistic outlook and often saw the good in others. He was an encourager. If there was a problem - whether it was homework, a vehicle that broke down, or a life problem, he would say, "Let's look at this and see what our options are".

Church was important throughout his life. He was an active member of First Mennonite Church, Hutchinson, Kansas for over 50 years.

Don, 78, died peacefully on March 9, 2026 at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice in Wichita Kansas. Don touched countless lives with warmth and kindness, leaving behind cherished memories that will forever echo in our hearts.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Jacob W. Wiens in 1999 and Helene Ruth (Dyck) Wiens in 2003. Don is survived by his wife of over 57 years, Deloise “Dee” Wiens of Hutchinson; sons Nathan Wiens and Andrew Wiens of Hutchinson; and grandchildren, Tanner Wiens and Ryker Sperman-Wiens. Don is also survived by his siblings: Arlen (Carol) Wiens of rural Hesston, Robert (Diana) Wiens of Newton, Ken (Sandy) Wiens of Halstead, Donata (Dennis) Gillen of Hesston, and Paul (Julie) Wiens of Newton; as well as numerous nieces and nephews and their families.

A favorite Bible verse of Don’s was Psalm 23:6: “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever.”

Don’s memorial service will be held at First Mennonite Church in Hutchinson, Kansas on March 27, 2026. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Mennonite Central Committee or First Mennonite Church of Hutchinson, in care of Elliott Mortuary, 1219 N. Main, Hutchinson, Kansas 67501.

***I have fought the good fight;  
I have finished the race;  
I have kept the faith.***

2 Timothy 4:7