

DON ADEE

Don Adee was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease in 1993. He was 54 years old. At the time he was very active in the community; a business owner, Boy Scout leader, active on the athletic board and a confirmation teacher at his church.

When he was diagnosed Don decided to become a spokesman in hopes of raising awareness about the disease. Don chose to speak publicly at a hearing in Madison as part of Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association Chapter Network's "March to the Capital" campaign to bring awareness of Alzheimer's disease and many related issues to the attention of our legislators.

Don and his family allowed the Janesville Gazette to print several articles through out his disease about their journey into Alzheimer's disease. Although this was hard to let the world in on his personal story, Don was determined to take his misfortune and do something good with it.

With love and support Don's wife Darlene and sons Jeff, Brad, Greg, and Brian pulled together to help care for Don in order to keep him at home as long as possible. Don passed away at the age of 61.

Don was in his element when he was in the outdoors, for he was a true outdoors man. Together with his family they enjoyed many fishing and hunting trips and created many great memories. Don left a wonderful legacy for his family, a great love and respect for the great outdoors.

When Don passed away his family wanted to keep the effort going forward, so they created the Don Adee Alzheimer's disease fund (DAAD). The endowment fund is in place to aid the Alzheimer's Support Center of Rock County in its efforts to provide support and services to the 3200 people and their families in Rock County who suffer from this disease. Every dollar will be used for this cause in honor and memory of Don.