



Donald W. Blaesser

July 25, 1927 - August 21, 2020

Blaesser, Donald W. August 21, 2020 age 93 of Plymouth. Loving husband of the late Jackie. Beloved father of Donald (Rebecca), Robert (Joanne), Thomas (Polly) and Mark (Karen). Proud grandfather of 9, and great grandfather of 9. Memorial visitation Tuesday, August 25th, 3-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road, West, Plymouth (Btwn. Sheldon & Beck). In state Wednesday, August 26th 10 AM until the 10:30 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 N. Territorial Rd. (at Beck). Memorials may be made to the U of D Jesuit High School, Development Office, 8400 S. Cambridge Ave., Detroit, MI 48221 To Share a memory, please use the "Share a Memory" tab on this web page.

Events

AUG 25 **Memorial Visitation** 03:00PM - 08:00PM
Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

AUG 26 **In state** 10:00AM - 10:30AM
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

AUG 26 **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM - 11:00AM
Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church
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Comments



“ RIP Big Daddy! May your sweet journey to Jackie's arms be peaceful and rewarding. You two were always so nice to the Phi Ni Boys. Thank you! -Bruce Trobridge

Bruce D Trobridge - August 26, 2020 at 07:39 PM



“ Thanks

Don Blaesser - August 26, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ Don, Bob, Tom and Mark: Even though the pandemic is keeping me from being with you, please know that all of you are in my heart today. I adored your dad. He was warmhearted, compassionate, caring, and just plain fun to be around. And his laugh - oh, his laugh could light up a room. When I moved to the Saginaw area to begin my teaching career, Don and Jackie welcomed me with warm and open arms, often checking in on me to make sure I was doing okay - an act of kindness that I deeply appreciated then, as I do now. When my own mother passed away, in 2004, your dad was so kind to Paul and me. He remained by our side throughout a very difficult day, offering a sympathetic ear as well as a little humor to help us through our grief. He was a remarkable man, a loving man, and he will be deeply missed.

Nancy Austin Schwartz - August 26, 2020 at 08:39 AM



“ Thanks Nancy.

Don Blaesser - August 26, 2020 at 10:48 PM



“ Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers . Remember so well when you moved to Saginaw and taught at Bridgeport High School where my wife Diane went. for a while you seemed like the big sister I never had . Are you still living in Saginaw ?

Tom Blaesser - August 28, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ We are blessed to have known Donald Blaesser. He was like our adopted Uncle and a grandfather figure to our sons. We enjoyed his company and loved hearing stories about his sons adventures. He was so proud of his family and his beloved Jackie. How many husbands would shop for their wives wardrobe and make sure it was to her liking. He once said “ If Jackie and I had known we were going to have four sons we would have named them Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. In the next breath he would admit “ It’s a good thing we didn’t have a daughter, I would have spoiled her rotten. It was so sweet how the neighborhood kids would come over to visit, sit on his lap eating the endless supply of candy he would purchase for them. He would talk of his grandchildren with pride while sharing their pictures. I was so impressed when he once showed me his Christmas list and wanted to make sure he bought the right gifts for his family. So many fond memories of your Dad. One in particular is when our son Graduated from Grad School and your Dad gifted him with a set of pens. So thoughtful of him. Matthew has that pen set to this day. After the ceremony back at his house he introduced Matthew to his favorite drink “ The Manhattan.” Lol Jokingly we have your Dad a hard time, telling him he was corrupting our son. We enjoyed teasing him about that and he would laugh along I can actually hear him now. You will be missed dearly Uncle Don. We love you and just know you are with Jackie now enjoying your afternoon Manhattan sitting beside your bride.

Bob and Kathy Tibaldi - August 25, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Thanks Bob and Kathy.

Don Blaesser - August 25, 2020 at 09:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



August 25, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ Tom and Linda Kelly purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



Tom and Linda Kelly - August 25, 2020 at 10:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



August 24, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ The Reist family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



The Reist family - August 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM



“ Your friends at Team One Credit Union purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



Your friends at Team One Credit Union - August 24, 2020 at 09:44 AM



“ My Uncle Don...my Godfather...what a special man! He was larger than life at any gathering with his unforgettable laugh. He deeply loved his wife, so enjoyed life with her and cared for her through a number of years of illnesses; he adored his sons; he was so proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was such a good man! He loved to eat and never told you that the meal you served was anything less than stellar. While he loved his sons to distraction, he also had a soft spot for any girls or women (and I don't mean that in a weird way!). He always made you feel beautiful. He cared for his sisters, brother, nieces and nephews. He was always a rock star at any of the weddings! He loved sports and I had many a conversation with him about that. He missed Jackie, but he soldiered on without complaint, brave and strong. I will miss him, despite not being able to see him much because of the distance between where we lived. His sense of humor was fabulous and the last time I spoke with him, he told stories as only he could and we laughed together. The world will not be the same without him. Love you, Uncle Don...

Patti Tibaldi - August 23, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ Thanks, Patti.

Don Blaesser - August 24, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ Uncle Don poured out his affection on everyone he loved- first, on his wife, Jackie, and on his four sons and their families, and then on his extended family and his friends. He felt sorrow deeply, but through his faith in God and his openness to the support of others, he always rejoiced in the goodness of life- and he helped everyone he was with to do the same.

When Tom and I stayed with him when we came to Michigan, he always had dinner waiting when we arrived; and the next day he was excited for us to take him to Bodie's for corned beef, where he shared stories that I have re-told to our family, although I cannot do them justice in the re-telling!

Our grandchildren know when I teach them two card games- Golf and Pyramid Solitaire- that I learned them from their Great Great Uncle Don.

His sense of humor, his hospitality, and his appreciation of others were lifelong virtues in Uncle Don. We will miss him.

Sadly, the COVID restrictions are keeping us home from his funeral Mass, but our prayers are with you.

With love, Tom and Sally Wallace

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Sally Wallace - August 25, 2020 at 06:09 PM



“ Thanks Sally.

Don Blaesser - August 25, 2020 at 09:52 PM



“ Uncle Don was so boisterous in life. He had the best laugh and lit up any room he was in. I loved when my family stayed with him on our visits to Michigan and he certainly did have a soft spot for me as I did for him. I loved his stories and would continually ask him for more family history. He had a mind for detail like a steel trap, definitely a family trait as my mother also has this gift. He and I stayed in touch over years and great distance. While I was in college, he used to send me \$5 checks with “take a guy for coffee” or “take a date to the

movies" on it. He was the best. In later years, we would catch up in marathon phone calls once or twice a year, but I always wished I could get to see him and all the Michigan family in person. Since I heard of his passing, I've been wearing the earrings he and his beloved Jackie gifted me for my high school graduation. He loved greatly and well, even across great distances. He is already greatly missed. I'm so sorry to not be able to come celebrate his life in person.

My best to all of you.

Love you, Uncle Don.

Theresa Wallace

Theresa - August 25, 2020 at 10:18 PM



“ Appreciate the kind words Theresa. Thanks.

Don Blaesser - August 27, 2020 at 09:12 AM



“ Love and prayers to don, bob, tom, mark and families. Uncle don was a big part of our lives from the village days and beyond. I always remember his booming voice and laugh, many stories, his friendliness and kindness, and especially his great love for his beloved Jackie & all of you. We called them our aunt & uncle from the time we first met. He is at peace and rest now with your mom. God bless him and you. Love from Kristen Anderson & randy grierson

kristen grierson - August 23, 2020 at 08:14 AM



“ Thank you Kristen.

Don Blaesser - August 24, 2020 at 10:09 AM



“ Thanks Kristen . Wish I had know you and your Mom were at the funeral would have loved to have spoken in person. Hope your Mom is well , give her my regards and thanks again.

Tom Blaesser - August 28, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald W. Blaesser.



August 22, 2020 at 08:50 PM