



Donald William Carlson

December 5, 1920 - January 29, 2016

Donald William Carlson died on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Superior Woods Long-term Care Facility in Ypsilanti MI. Don was born on December 5, 1920 in Lantz Corners, PA to Herman and Ester Hanson Carlson. He moved to Detroit, MI after high school, where he met his future wife, Marie McVeigh. They married the week after World War II began, and the marriage was to last 71 years until Marie's death in 2013. Don served in the US Army, repairing military equipment in the Pacific during World War II, and returned safely to his wife and daughter in Detroit. He worked his entire career for Standard Oil in MI, supervising their truck maintenance. He somehow found time for fishing, horseshoes, repairing friends' cars, all the while helping to raise five kids. After retirement, Don stayed active, taking up new hobbies of wood working, leather crafts, swimming, dancing, visiting children and grandchildren, continuing to live in Westland, MI.

Don is survived by three sons, Ron (Liz) Carlson of Canton MI, John (Carol) Carlson of Cainta Rizal Philippines, and Jim (Claudia) Carlson of Pikesville MD; two daughters, Donna (Tony) Eugeni of Windsor Ontario, and Kathy (Randy) Cavanaugh of Cookeville TN; one sister Pauline Kapper of Massillon OH; grandchildren Lisa Eugeni, Mark (Tina) Eugeni, Laura Packard, Sarah Packard, Florinda (Kevin) Jones, Arnold, Catherine, John-John, Joshua and John Rey Carlson, Bernardine (Treyliq) Razon, Steve Carlson; great-granddaughters Natalia Funkenhauser, Julia and Gabrielle Carlson, Kasie Jones; great-grandsons Connor and Toby Jones

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and LaVerne Carlson, and one sister Vivian Kramer. Don was an honorable man, a life-long Democrat, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, as well as a champion jigsaw puzzler and euchre player. He will be laid to rest next to Marie on April 30, 2016 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, with US Army Honors.

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“ *Donald William Carlson*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *My condolences to Ron, Kathy and Liz. Though I never taught Ron, I did teach Liz and Kathy back in the glory days of Benedictine and I have great memories of those years.*

Liz.....I will never forget your performance in "Carnival". I am sorry for your loss and my close friend from the Benedictine years, Andy Zacharias, also sends his regards.

Blessings to all as you cope with your loss.

Regards,

Carl Saam

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“ *We miss you grandpa but we know you and grandma are smiling up there and resting in peace and looking over us.*

Love

Mark and Tina



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“ We miss you, Dad. May you rest in peace.

Love,
Donna, Tony & Family

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I have wonderful memories of being together every year at the Carlson Reunions. I always looked forward to the next reunion on my way from a reunion. Such a gentle man with a smile for all. We have your wooden carvings and our memories to treasure. Thank you for the Memories. You will be missed.

Love,
Joyce Kapper Egan
(Niece)

Joyce Egan - February 04, 2016 at 02:32 PM

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*Missing you grandpa. Rest in peace. Xoxo
Lisa*

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