



Donald R. Trim

March 17, 2005

Trim, Donald R. age 67 of Canton, March 17, 2005. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Dear father of Jeffrey (Alicia); Gregory; and Christopher. Also leaves three grandchildren: Lucas, Joseph, and Sophia; and one brother, Edward (Carol.) Visitation Monday 3 - 9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Road, (between Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Scripture service Monday 7 PM. In state Tuesday 10:00 AM until funeral mass at 10:30 AM, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 47650 North Territorial, (corner of Beck Road) Plymouth. Memorial contributions may be made to U of M Medical Development, Hematology Oncology (Dr. Schuetze), 301 E Liberty, Ste. 4000, Ann Arbor MI 48104-2251. Don was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel parish in Plymouth since 1966. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and spending time with his grandchildren. AND, he was a HUGE U of M fan! To leave a message of condolence for the family, click on the Online Condolences link on this page.

A Canton resident since 1966, Mr. Trim was born and raised in Saginaw. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan. He was a Registered Professional Engineer in Michigan, Florida and Ohio; and was a Registered Land Surveyor in Michigan. He was a recipient of the Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award, American Council of Engineering Companies of Michigan, 2005. He helped shape Wade-Trim into a nationally recognized engineering firm. He championed the interactive process used on projects at Wade-Trim. The process focuses on supportive

management, sharing information, relationship building, involvement of affected parties and embraced visions. Through his involvement with ACEC, he led an effort to develop educational programs and publications that will enhance the role of the consulting engineer into the Trusted Advisor concept. This elevates the consulting engineer to support overall project and service delivery, to mitigate outside risk affecting projects and portfolios, and to provide long-term services on the project. He also led the effort to develop the Quality-Based Selection Coalition in Michigan. Don was an ardent supporter of education. Under his guidance, Wade-Trim initiated a scholarship program for minority/female students pursuing degrees in engineering, surveying or construction management fields. He helped expand the program over the years to include paid internships and full-time employment opportunities for graduating scholarship recipients. Thanks, in part, to Don, Wade-Trim now offers scholarships at nine different education institutions totaling \$35,000.00 to date.

Don was extremely committed to the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) on a state and national level. From his initial involvement in 1964, Don worked his way up to President of the state and national ACEC organizations. He spearheaded ACEC's involvement in the adoption of design/build legislation by the US Congress in 1997. Don wrote *Design/Contract-Build*, the most recent manual in *The Design Professional's Handbook* series, published by ACEC. He also was an ACEC fellow.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Trim*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sending deep felt sympathies and tearful fairwells.*

*May his memory be eternal
May his cheerful soul rest in peace.*

The Claypools

Jamie (Chiatlas) Claypool - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM



“ *Even though I did not know Don on a personal I was deeply sadden to hear of his departure here on earth. Please remember that our time here is short but one day we will all be reunited again. May God?s gentle peace fill your heart and comfort your soul today. As time passes the pain will ease and the memories will bring comfort. Please remember this... God said he would not leave you comfortless he will come to you. John 14:18. Please talk about Don and your memories with him, and remember that he touched many. One of the last things Don said to me was not to call him Mr. Trim but to call him Don. I truly respected him for that comment. He was a down to earth man. You were blessed to have him in your family.*

Elizabeth Rose - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

JF

“ We are so sorry to hear of
Mr. Trim's passing.
He was a wonderful man and will be dearly missed. Our thoughts
are with you at this time of great loss.

Jason Holton and family - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

WS

“ Dear Dorothy-
We were shocked to learn of Don's death. We are so sorry that we
could not get back to Detroit to be with you. Don was such a
presence in ACEC he will be greatly missed. Please know that we
continue to hold you and your family in our prayers. Wayne and
Pam

Wayne and Pam Shuler - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

BD

“ Greg and Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you
during this difficult time.
Take care and God Bless.

Sincerely,
Bill Decker

Bill Decker - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

LW

“ Dear Dorothy,
Lana and I were saddened to learn of Don's passing.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve Wagner

Lana and Steve Wagner - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

TF

“ Our entire family was truly saddened to hear about Don's passing.
We send our deepest sympathy to the Trim Family.

*We have fond memories of many a summer spent together on the shore of Lake Margrethe; Fourth of July picnics with venison on the grill, fishing the weedbeds, eagle cruises, watching kids grow up, Don and Dorothy watching the sunset, and so much more. We will remember his quick laugh and zest for life. He will be sorely missed.
Tom, Ellen, Michael, Jaclyn, and Douglas*

Tom and Ellen McNally Family - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

CJ

“ Dorothy--I was so sorry to read of your husband's death. I send my condolences to you and your family. I have missed seeing you at Eriksson and look forward to your return. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Connie Jacobs Eriksson Elementary Kindergarten

Connie Jacobs - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

RG

“ Dorothy, Jeff and kids; Rosie and I had the pleasure of being on ExCom with Don and Dorothy in 1999 and remember our relationship with fondness. We are truly sorry for God taking Don at such an early age. Can't help but remember the Key West fishing trip. Don was like a father to Rosie in helping her get through a bout of sea sickness. Dorothy, we will always remember you both and sincere condolences.

Love..Rosie and Dave

Rosie and Dave Grieves - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM

GS

“ I'm saddened by Don's passage. His life's work made a major contribution to the engineering profession. He encouraged many and mentored many as he built the Wade Trim Group into the world renowned organization it is today. He will be sorely missed.

Guy Snyder - December 12, 2014 at 10:35 AM