



Michael Arthur Donnelly

August 6, 1942 - November 23, 2024

Donnelly, Michael Arthur, November 23, 2024 – Age 82 – Canton, Michigan. Today, the final whistle blew for “The D,” a truly great man who played the game of life with heart, grit, unyielding determination, and love. Michael was our team’s captain—always leading by example, showing courage in the face of challenges, and never giving up no matter the score. His passing marks the end of an extraordinary game, one filled with love, laughter, and lessons that will stay with us forever.

Beloved husband of the late Carol, Michael was the loving father of Patrick (Mary Beth) Donnelly, Kathryn (Kevin) Urban, Theresa (James) Brackenbury, Michelle (the late Bret) Snyder, Shannon (Jeff) Baron, and the late Patricia Runnion. He was the proud grandfather of Jacqueline Fuentes, Lauren, Mike, and Matt Urban, Cory Snyder, Margaret Miasek, Kelley and Patricia Donnelly, Alex Brackenbury, and Nicole & Caitie Baron. Michael was also the cherished great-grandfather of Adaline, Declan, and Donovan Fuentes, Marlowe Urban, and Jameson Miasek.

Michael was the treasured brother of Judy (the late Dick) Grant, Terry (Nancy) Donnelly, the late Karen (the late Paul) Govan, Mary (the late Vic) Nevin, Susan (Craig) Thiebert, Peter (Danielle) Donnelly, and Patrick (Neen) Donnelly.

Though he's hung up his skates, his spirit will forever inspire those of us still playing. Have a Mist today in his honor! And as he often said, "I didn't stutter."

A Memorial Visitation will take place on Monday, December 16th, from 1 PM to 8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth (between Sheldon & Beck). A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 10 AM at the same location.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude PL. Memphis TN 38105-9959.

To share a memory or pay tribute, please visit the Share a Memory tab on the funeral home's website.

Rest in peace, D. Your legacy will guide us forever.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

680 Plymouth Road
Plymouth, MI 48170

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Memorial Service

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ My deepest condolences to Pat and family! Coach “D” is one of a kind. A great coach, and even better man. I learned a lot about life from Coach. I will certainly have a hot tottie in your honor. Will never forget these words Coach gave me, “Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.” RIP Coach D ❤️🙏

David Benson - December 17, 2024 at 02:02 PM

PD

“ Mike and Carol were the best neighbors on the hill overlooking the lake with our connected driveways for our 23 years. Remembering so many good times with a tear and a smile.
Rick & Pat Drabant

Pat & Rick Drabant - December 16, 2024 at 03:07 PM

PE

“ Patricia E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

Patricia E. - December 16, 2024 at 01:52 PM

JS

“ Janet and Steve purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



Janet and Steve - December 16, 2024 at 06:58 AM

JS

“ Janet and Steve planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

Janet and Steve - December 16, 2024 at 06:58 AM

OK

“ Our Deepest Sympathies, Jeff & Kelly planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

Our Deepest Sympathies, Jeff & Kelly - December 15, 2024 at 08:02 PM

OK

“ Our Deepest Sympathies, Jeff & Kelly purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



Our Deepest Sympathies, Jeff & Kelly - December 15, 2024 at 08:02 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

December 15, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



December 15, 2024 at 06:57 PM



“ *Four Financial Management purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



Four Financial Management - December 15, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Eloisa S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*

Eloisa S. - December 15, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



December 13, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

December 13, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ Love, Donna, Allison, and Alex purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



Love, Donna, Allison, and Alex - December 13, 2024 at 09:13 AM



“ Mike was always welcoming with a smile and a hug, even after 16 year old me flubbed during Pat and Mary's wedding reading. He was the best. May you rest with Carol and Trisha in heaven, big D. Love, Jen and Brandon Russell

jennifer Russell - December 12, 2024 at 09:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

December 12, 2024 at 09:25 AM

TF

“ *The Hodge Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



The Hodge Family - December 12, 2024 at 12:15 AM

BL

“ *Bob & Brian Lewandowski. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



Bob & Brian Lewandowski. - December 11, 2024 at 04:18 PM

FG

“ *From your Partners and Family at GH planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*

From your Partners and Family at GH - December 11, 2024 at 10:36 AM

FG

“ *From your Partners and Family at GH purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.*



From your Partners and Family at GH - December 11, 2024 at 10:36 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

December 11, 2024 at 06:33 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



December 11, 2024 at 06:33 AM



“ Dave, Paula, Riley & Haley Brass purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



Dave, Paula, Riley & Haley Brass - December 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ Dave, Paula, Riley & Haley Brass planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

Dave, Paula, Riley & Haley Brass - December 09, 2024 at 04:27 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



December 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Neal and Jacqueline Goldstein planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

Neal and Jacqueline Goldstein - December 07, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ Neal and Jacqueline Goldstein purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



Neal and Jacqueline Goldstein - December 07, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ A grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

December 03, 2024 at 01:48 PM

CH

“ Mike was one of the good guys. Our group of friends had many SBS memories live on. I have a picture of us dancing at our 8th grade graduation. I will remember us that way. RIP Mike.

Catherine Rondina Henson - December 02, 2024 at 07:28 PM

CH

It is Catherine Rondina Henson.

Catherine Rondina Henson - December 02, 2024 at 07:29 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



November 27, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

November 27, 2024 at 01:56 PM

RA

“ I'll have a hot tottie for you coach. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to play for you.

Russ Andrews - November 27, 2024 at 01:17 PM

JG

One of the nicest guys I ever met. Refereed many a hockey game with Mike and Joe H. Loved doing a 3 man system with them. Especially the afterglow. RIP Mike

John Gilles - November 27, 2024 at 09:14 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Michael Arthur Donnelly.

November 27, 2024 at 11:48 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Arthur Donnelly.



November 27, 2024 at 11:48 AM