



Donald R. Ellis

September 13, 1947 - March 15, 2023

Donald R. Ellis (Big D), 75 of Fife Lake formerly of Mt. Morris, passed away March 15, 2023 at his home. He was adored by his grandchildren, loved by his kids, and tolerated by his wife. Don was on the highway to heaven, when he decided to buy the fast pass by canceling his dialysis. He loved to play golf with family and friends. He cherished his time officiating softball, basketball, and little league games. He remained a Detroit Lions fan even though they continuously disappointed him. He was preceded in death by his Mother Dolly, Father Claude, Brothers Dale and Kerry, and granddaughter Evelyn. He is survived by his wife (Jeanell), eldest son Matthew (Heidi), middle son John (Lindsey), youngest son Daniel (Stacy), brother Bert, sister Connie (Ken), seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made Michigan Masonic Home 1-800-994-7400. Please visit www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com to visit Don's tribute page and share memories with the family. Join us for a celebration of Life at The American Legion Hall in Fife Lake, MI on June 17th 2023 at 1:00 PM. Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

American Legion - Post 219
10283 M-186
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Tribute Wall

RW

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family Jeanell.*

Robin Wendling - March 23, 2023 at 10:08 PM

JA

“ *Dear Jeanell and family, I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you are all doing ok in this sad time. Joann Anderson*

Joann Anderson - March 22, 2023 at 01:53 PM

CD

“ *He will be missed by many! He always made me smile with his stories.*

carrie dingwell - March 19, 2023 at 04:54 PM

GC

“ *Will always remember those snowmobile poker runs at Fife Lake with Don and all the guys. Those summer days golfing with Don and Jim. Great fun and memories.
Don was always Don take it or leave it.
Rest in Peace my friend.*

Jerry Cherwinski

Gerald Cherwinski - March 17, 2023 at 06:27 PM

JA

*Will always remember Don, Jerry, and myself having breakfast before a big round of golf (Don's favorite. Don walking up the fairway continually hitting his ball while forgetting his golf cart that was way behind him. Someone else would drive it back up for him though and off he went again. For the most part Don's philosophy was his way or the highway. Rest in peace Mr. Don
Jim Abram*

Jim Abram - March 18, 2023 at 03:18 PM