



Donald Peplinski

May 27, 1936 - August 19, 2020

Donald Peplinski, 84, of Maple City, MI passed away peacefully on August 19, 2020 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on May 27, 1936 on the family farm to the late Alexander and Selma (Popa) Peplinski. Donald is survived by his wife of 56 years, and best friend, Marion Peplinski, and his five children; Todd (Richard) Peplinski of Bloomfield Hills, MI, Roger Peplinski of Traverse City, MI, Lyle Peplinski of El Paso, TX, Marnie (Nicholas) Williams of Midland, MI and Darick (Carmen) Peplinski of Lake Ann, MI, along with his eight grandchildren; Jordan, Jared, Savannah, Jayden, Tiffany, Taryn, Elodia and Isabelle. He is also survived by his sisters Delores (Bill) Eisner of Traverse City, MI and Donna (Al) Williams of Miami, FL and preceded in death by his brother Alex Peplinski.

One of four siblings, Donald graduated Maple City High School in 1955. Donald married Marion Newmarch on July 25, 1964 and created a home for their family of five children on the centennial homestead in Kasson Township. The farm boasted cattle, horses, swine, chicken, geese and the random occasional sheep.

Donald worked as a loader operator for Peninsula Asphalt Corporation and left his stamp on many of the highways and roads in Michigan including the Sleeping Bear Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive. He was a proud member of the Operating Engineers and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Unions retiring after twenty-five years of service.

An active member of the St. Rita/St. Joseph Catholic Church's Men's Club, he

could be found working polka dances to raise monies for the church and hall. He was an avid polka dancer and celebrated the music at the annual Cedar Polka Festival, among others, and befriending the many band leaders and bands that traveled the area performing his favorite music.

Deer hunting was a tradition he enjoyed and helped create lifelong friendships.

He enjoyed snowmobiling in the winter where he welcomed family and friends to the farm and guided them in and around the trails of Leelanau, Benzie and Grand Traverse counties.

Donald's legacy of hard work and personal integrity was passed onto his children and grandchildren through their involvement in the daily upkeep of the family farm and care of animals, participation in the local 4-H clubs and his example of personal dedication to family and friends.

His true passion remained farming and enjoying the rewards of his hard work both in the field and with the farm animals. He would become regarded as a "animal whisperer" within the family. His most relaxing moments were spent at Lime Lake...enjoying the quite times of the sparkling lake in the late afternoon and celebrating special moments marking family occasions there.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Rita/St. Joseph Catholic Church in Maple City, MI on Friday, August 28, 2020 with visitation from 10:00am-11:00am and mass celebrated at 11:00am. Covid19 restrictions apply with facial masks and social distancing required. A Celebration of Life event will be planned for a future date. Memorial contributions in memory of Donald may be directed to Hospice of Michigan at www.hom.org. The family is being served by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services. To visit Donald's tribute page and share a memory with his family please visit www.kalkaskafuneralhome.com.

A very special thank you to the dedicated professionals of Munson Medical Center and the Emergency Department along with the caring team of Hospice of Michigan. Their care and comfort have been immeasurable during this time and the family is very grateful for their assistance.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Rita/St. Joseph Catholic Church
8707 Hill St
Maple City , MI 49664

Funeral Mass

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DW

“ So sorry to here this. Don and Marion be friended me when I first moved up North. I have memories shooting pool with him late at night. I wish the best for his family.
RIP Don

Dick (Richard) Wulf - September 13, 2020 at 04:23 PM

DG

“ Deb Haskin Gullekson lit a candle in memory of Donald Peplinski



Deb Haskin Gullekson - August 28, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Peplinski.



August 27, 2020 at 03:58 PM



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



August 27, 2020 at 01:04 PM

WL

“ Wendy L. lit a candle in memory of Donald Peplinski



Wendy L. - August 27, 2020 at 12:42 AM

YF

“ Your Texas Friends ..Rosie Frausto & Family... purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Peplinski.



Your Texas Friends ..Rosie Frausto & Family... - August 27, 2020 at 12:42 AM



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



August 26, 2020 at 04:20 PM

TF

“ The Bob King Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald Peplinski.



The Bob King Family - August 23, 2020 at 06:17 PM

MD

“ Dear Marion and extended Family,
I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was your family's cornerstone and set an awesome example to all of what it means to be a hard-working and honest individual. Marion, you and Don raised an incredible family. What an outstanding legacy for you both. I know your family will pull together and support each other as you all work together to weather the difficult event of losing the Peplinski patriarch.
Blessings to you all. RIP, Don.
With sincere condolences,
Mary Dame

Mary Dame - August 23, 2020 at 02:29 PM

GR

“ Don will be missed greatly. It was such a pleasure to work for him and Marion at their restaurant. I enjoyed the whole family so much. Bob and I will miss him. hugs to all of you.
Gwen and Bob Roush.

Gwendolyn K Roush - August 23, 2020 at 01:03 PM



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



August 23, 2020 at 01:00 PM

MW

“ *I will never forget doing the polka with Don at Nick & Marnie's wedding...stepped all over his feet. He was definitely out of my league when it came to the polka!*

Mary Williams - August 23, 2020 at 12:12 PM