



Donald Earl Vance

October 16, 1930 - March 28, 2016

Donald Earl Vance, 85, of Rapid City, passed away on Monday March 28, 2016. Don was born to the late Charles and Retha (Carpenter) Vance in Alden on October 16, 1930. He served in the United States Army during Korea and worked for the State of Michigan as a surveyor for 31 years. Don enjoyed his gardening and tractors; as well as hunting for deer, elk and bear, and also fishing. He was a member of the Kalkaska VFW. Don never met a stranger, with his quick wit and sense of humor he always made a new friend. Don is survived by his wife Alma (Wells) Vance; children: Carolyn (Bob) Kowalik, Janet (Lee) Green, Julie Vance, Connie (Walter) Armstrong, Donald (Vicki) Vance, Charles (Pam) Vance and Mary Vance; 11 grandchildren and several great grandchildren, and sister Ellen Longtin of Cincinnati, Ohio. Don was preceded in death by his parents, 2 brothers, 1 sister and his wife Gloria Vance. Visitation will take place on Thursday March 31, 2016 from 4-8pm. The funeral will be on Friday April 1, 2016 at 11am, in the Chapel of the Kalkaska Funeral Home with final visitation beginning at 10am. Memorial Contributions may be made in Don's honor to the Kalkaska VFW or A.C. Paws. Arrangements entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kalkaska Funeral Home
152 S Cedar St
P.O. Box 1457
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Final Visitation

APR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ Keith & Kathy (Bellinger) Campbell lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Vance



Keith & Kathy (Bellinger) Campbell - April 01, 2016 at 07:58 AM



“ So grateful I got to meet Don and Alma recently. Rapid City is a much better place because of you two. Grateful for all the years you've provided veggies at your veggie stand in Rapid City. God Bless you and the family!

Trevor Darnell - March 31, 2016 at 08:25 AM

BV

“ Uncle Don will truly be missed. I wish I had the chance to spend more time with him. I will always remember the adventures we had on our hunting trips. He was a wonderful man that enhanced everyone's life around him. Bruce Vance

Bruce Vance - March 30, 2016 at 06:59 PM

DG

“ If I were to describe Don Vance I would say he Loved his family, he worked very hard, I will miss his vegetables, a life well lived. Don will be missed in our Rapid City Community, it was an honor to know Don and I send my Love and Condolences to the Vance Family during this most difficult time.

David Grimm - March 30, 2016 at 05:57 PM

EW

“ I can remember as a little girl leaving to go visit the family in Michigan and thinking the first stop would be Uncle Don's and his first wife Aunt Gloria. The closer we got the more I would ask when will we talk to them on the CB radio to let them know to put the coffee on. I will remember all the time I spent up there. We send our love to the family.

Elizabeth Welch - March 30, 2016 at 09:18 AM

SH

“ Steve And Pam (Bellinger) Hinds lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Vance



Steve and Pam (Bellinger) Hinds - March 30, 2016 at 08:29 AM

AJ

“ Al Jordan lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Vance



Al Jordan - March 30, 2016 at 07:28 AM

SH

“ Most recent memory of Don. I went by the house the week before he left us and I saw him checking out the garden, I knew Spring was around the corner. I so wish now that I had stopped to say Hi. Don, Rapid City is a better place for your being there, THANK YOU. Tears, so I'll stop now.

Sam & Jo Hoiles - March 29, 2016 at 09:47 PM

MG

“ We were sorry to hear of loss of your father.
One of our community Fathers has received his wings.
Mr. Don Vance a wonderful father not only to his 7 children, but to
all the other children in our community. He was known as a master
gardener, growing the best fresh vegetables in northern Michigan.
We are keeping the Vance family in our thought and prayers.

Mike and Patty Green - March 29, 2016 at 08:22 PM

SL

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.. We are sending a
donation to A.C.Paws
My husband and I do a lot with animal rescue and are glad to know
that Don had a love for the furry friends as well..

Steven & Sherry Longtin

Sherry Longtin - March 29, 2016 at 06:46 PM

MP

“ Michelle Peel lit a candle in memory of
Donald Earl Vance



Michelle Peel - March 29, 2016 at 01:35 PM

LP

*Some of my most treasured memories were summers at Uncle Don
and Aunt Gloria's house. I could hardly wait to get there! There were 6
of us kids and 7 of our cousins, There was never a dull moment! Uncle
Don the world is a much better place for having you in it.*

Laurie Pitman - March 30, 2016 at 10:18 PM

DM

I only knew him through his children Carolyn and particularly Julie. Just knowing them tells me so much about him and his values. He will be missed!

Dawn MacKeller - March 31, 2016 at 08:47 PM

DM

My prayers are with his family and friends.

Dawn MacKeller - March 31, 2016 at 08:48 PM