



## Donald Daniel Dressig

July 17, 1939 - November 15, 2021

DRESSIG, Donald D. "Don". November 15, 2021. Age 82. Beloved husband of Catherine for 62 years. Loving father of Don Dressig (Barb), Kevin Dressig (Karen) and Kim Guaresimo (Roy). Proud and loving grandfather of Melissa Cooks (Mike), Brian Dressig (Alicia), Donnie Dressig (Stephanie), Kevin Dressig (Melanie), Justin Dressig (Miranda), Brandon Guaresimo, Travis Guaresimo (Colleen) and Drew Guaresimo and great-grandfather of Bella, Brooklyn, Michael, Maddox, Braxton, Maverick, Liam and Meredith as well as Cooper to be born any day and 1 more great-grandchild due in the Spring of 2022. Dear brother of Rose Delorme, Bob Dressig and the late Anton "Rudy" Dressig. Don proudly served in the United States Air Force and retired from General Motors in 1992 after 30 years as a model maker and engineer. Visitation Tuesday, November 23 from 4-9pm with a 7pm funeral service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile), Sterling Heights. Interment with military honor rendered by the United States Air Force, Wednesday 10am at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorial contributions to the Alzheimers Association are appreciated. Please share memories with the family at their online guestbook at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road  
Holly, MI 48442

## Previous Events

### Visitation

NOV **23**. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling  
36900 SCHOENHERR RD  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

### Funeral Service

NOV **23**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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### Military Honors

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RD

“ R.I.P. Uncle Don you are surely missed Robert M. Dressig  
(12-29-21)



Robert M. Dressig - December 29, 2021 at 05:50 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald  
Daniel Dressig.



November 22, 2021 at 04:30 PM

GA

“ Gordy & Christi Alexander purchased the Beautiful in Blue for  
the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.



Gordy & Christi Alexander - November 22, 2021 at 02:47 PM

JP

“ Jim and Sandy Powell purchased the America the Beautiful for  
the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.



Jim and Sandy Powell - November 22, 2021 at 10:36 AM

DB

“ Dave and Laura Borgen purchased the America the Beautiful  
for the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.



Dave and Laura Borgen - November 22, 2021 at 10:26 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.*



November 22, 2021 at 09:34 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.*



November 20, 2021 at 04:43 PM

TM

“ *DDD*

*Dear Dressig Dynasty*

*Don Daniel Dressig*

*Mr D or Big D as I called him was a favorite of mine!*

*He was a great father to my BFF and a great man who we all know was very funny and generous man.*

*A great guy who was always optimistic and happy always laughing and making us all laugh.*

*He will be missed greatly but the memories will always be with me . Thank you Big D ❤️*

**Todd Miller** - November 18, 2021 at 11:25 AM

JC

“ *John, Amy, Emily, Sophie and Christian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.*



**John, Amy, Emily, Sophie and Christian** - November 18, 2021 at 04:49 AM



“ Growing up, the Dressig family lived on Cornelissen, and on the other side of their backyard fence was the Black Elementary schoolyard. For many years, all summer long at least five days per week, a group of us played baseball right behind Dressig’s house on school grounds. This included the Fix’s, Jones’, Gurin’s, Kevin of course, sometimes the two young Don’s, and other body’s we could get for our pickup games. Dressig’s backyard fence was our Left Field home run fence. Most people would not like that one bit because every time somebody hit a home run, one of us would have to climb the fence to get the ball back. From 9:30am to dusk, in-between lunch, paper routes and after dinner, we usually played five to eight hours per day, depending on whether any of us had practice or a league game that night. You can imagine the number of times that fence got climbed. It would have been easy to yell and scream at us to go play someplace else. After all, there was a diamond with a backstop about three houses down facing the other way. We chose not to play there because the infield was rock hard with too many stones. It was never manicured. Our homemade field had a grass infield and basepaths from wear and tear. Sometimes, Mr. Dressig would appear out of nowhere to pick up a home run ball and throw it back to us. Partly, it was because he was being a nice guy, but also so that we didn’t climb the fence to come get the ball. One day, I think he had finally had enough of it after another home run. We were all getting bigger and stronger and home runs became more frequent. This time, I think it finally got to him. Mr. Dressig comes out the backyard, picks the ball up and rubs it one-handed. I came running up to the fence to get it and I could see the slight grimace on his face. In the nicest way possible, he says “Don’t you think it’s about time you moved home plate back a little bit”? I was fully expecting something harsh, but instead, he spoke in a smooth and calm tone in his voice. First off, he was right. It was getting too easy to hit that many home runs, but it sure was more fun for us. Secondly, he did not bite my head off. He flips the ball over the fence and I said, “You’re right Mr. Dressig, we’ll do it right now”. I had been known to buck authority from time to time, and he instantly disarmed me and gained my total respect and admiration from that day forward. Everybody always speaks to his being so funny, and he definitely was, but to me he had a way of relating to people that was really down to earth and incredibly likable. That was the day I began to admire him. Whatever he wanted, I would always do without hesitation. If I saw him at any event, I would always ask if there was anything I could get for him. He won me over for the way he handled one situation over 50 years ago. Crazy how life can be sometimes and the lessons we learn. He never tried to act cool. He didn’t have to - he already was.

-Steve Jones



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



November 17, 2021 at 09:52 AM

DD

“ I have wonderful memories of Uncle Don. As a boy my mom would take me to Michigan to spend time with her family on Orchard. Many years later when my father died, Uncle Don traveled across the country to be there for our family. For me when he arrived the sadness and grief eased. It meant a lot. He had a way of making people comfortable with his out- going personality, quick wit and humor. He is greatly missed .

David Delorme - November 17, 2021 at 09:22 AM

CI

Don was a joy he always had us laughing . We enjoyed his and Cathy's visits in Florida and he always reminded us how he thought the world of Barb. He had a way of always letting us know he cared for us. Rest In Peace Don you will be missed but George and Mary Ann are happy to see you ❤️😄

Carol Ivkov - November 17, 2021 at 01:37 PM

CI

Don will be missed by many George and Mary Ann are happy to see you. We have wonderful memories of our time in Florida. You always made us feel glad we were family. You will be missed by all! ❤️😄

Carol Ivkov - November 17, 2021 at 01:42 PM

MH



*Hi to Don's family*

*. Patricia (my wife) and I (Mike Hebert) send our condolences to you on the loss of*

*"The Donald"*

*I first meet Don in 1985 when I hired into Fisher Body.*

*Don was in metal finishing and I was in welding. .*

*Whenever work was to demanding and I was falling behind,*

*Don would tease me till I laughed.*

*He taught me not to take yourself too seriously.*

*Don introduced me to golf at Maple Lanes.*

*The first time I golfed below 100 strokes for 18 holes I was excited and went into the clubhouse and announced my score to our golfing group.*

*Don (being Don) was sitting at the table with our golfing buddies and he asked me in a loud voice "What was your score on the back nine?"*

*Our birthdays are 7 days apart.*

*Don's birthday is July 17 and mine is July 24.*

*Our birth years are 7 years apart.*

*I will always remember Don.*

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**Mike Hebert** - November 16, 2021 at 07:28 PM

KG

*Thanks Mike, my Dad always talked very highly of you.*

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**Kim Guaresimo** - November 16, 2021 at 08:07 PM



*Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald Daniel Dressig.*



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November 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM