



## Donald Robert Collier

October 30, 1972 - May 7, 2022

COLLIER, Donald Robert. May 7, 2022. Age 49. Beloved husband of Carey. Loving father of Alexis (Jacob), Lauryn and Jordyn. Dearest brother of Bob (Jackie), Lori (Rick) Jaehn, Lisa (Gary) Anetrini and the late Michael (Lora). Adored son of Sharron and the late Donald. Preceded in death earlier this year by his dear friend Brian "Bear" Vesnaugh.

Don was the life of the party. If you were around him, it meant you were having a great time. He was the one that was always planning the trips to Las Vegas, bbq's, holidays and loved having family and friends over for pool days and tiki bar nights. His life was always about making sure everyone had the best time. He worked hard from a young age and after graduating from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance, he started working for Arthur Anderson. After a few years he decided to change career paths and became a successful salesman in the field of information security for ISS, then VeriSign, before finding a home at Solutionary. He continued his success and eventually became the Senior VP of sales at NTT Security (formally Solutionary). A few months ago he started a new position in the same field with Deloitte. Don was loved and respected by so many that worked with him and for him. Many of his co-workers became lifelong friends of his. He was the most driven and competitive person you knew. Whether it was a round of golf, a game of cards, a fantasy football matchup, he had one goal, to win. The thing that mattered to him the most though, was his family

and friends. He was the best father, husband, brother, son, uncle and friend. He was happily married to his wife of 20 years, Carey, who he loved deeply and did everything with. When he met Carey he instantly was head over heels and everyone could tell this relationship was different for him. Carey had a daughter of her own, Alexis, who Don immediately fell in love with and took the role of her father figure. He was always so proud of how caring she was for people and her love for animals. Later, Don and Carey welcomed kids of their own, twin girls. Don was never more proud or happy than when he was talking about his twins, Lauryn and Jordyn, who are now following in his footsteps and enrolled at Grand Valley State University and majoring in accounting. Recently they accepted internships and Don could not stop boasting about how proud he was, and rightfully so. This is a loss for everyone that ever had the opportunity to meet Don. He was the rock of the Collier family. The person you could call for anything at anytime. He was the most honest, caring, hardworking and fun person you could ever hope to meet. If there was one thing we can take from this loss, it's how he lived his life. Everyone who met him is a better person for knowing him. He will be missed everyday, but would want us to live our lives as he did, with love, passion, honesty and a drive for his family and friends that was unmatched.

Visitation Thursday from 3-8pm at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., (Shelby) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Instate Friday from 11am until the time of 11:30am Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market St, Mt Clemens. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made directly to the family which will be going towards Lauryn and Jordyn's 529 College Fund. Please share memories with the family at their "On - Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **12.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons - Shelby Township  
54880 VanDyke Ave  
Shelby Township, MI 48316

## Instate / Funeral Mass

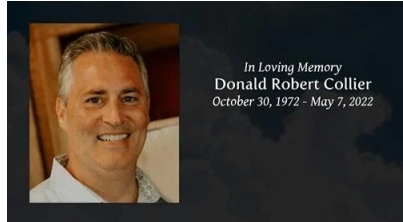
MAY **13.** 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Church (Mt. Clemens)  
95 Market St.  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48044

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Robert Collier*



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**Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc.** - May 12, 2022 at 10:48 AM

RW

“ *Collier family, I wanted you all to know that I think of Don EVERY day. His picture hangs in my home office right in front of me. I worked with him for around 15 years. He was my hero and my dear friend. I miss him. But he's inspiring me still to do better ... I'm working to keep in better touch with the amazing people I've met over the years, for one. So I wanted to check in, let you know that he's still with us .... always will be. A guy like that .... we'll never forget. Love to you all.*

*- Rebecca*

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**Rebecca Walk** - October 12, 2022 at 08:56 PM

LJ

*This is very nice to hear. Our family misses Don so much. I wake up every day hoping it's a bad dream. Thank you Rebecca. From our family.*

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**lori jaehn** - October 17, 2022 at 09:59 PM

DO

“ *My sincerest condolences to the family. Don and I worked together at NTT and he was one of the best, "all-around goog guy" people I've encountered in my life. Needless to say he will be missed.*

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**Dave Ouellette** - June 23, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 12, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 12, 2022 at 03:12 PM

K6

“ *Kirk Doman, Maplewood, MN 651.208.2797 purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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**Kirk Doman, Maplewood, MN 651.208.2797** - May 12, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 12, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ *Regency at Whitmore Lake Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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**Regency at Whitmore Lake Family** - May 12, 2022 at 10:09 AM



“ *Lora Collier & Family & Bruce Weber purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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**Lora Collier & Family & Bruce Weber** - May 12, 2022 at 09:09 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 12, 2022 at 08:47 AM

RW

“ I have known Don Collier since 9th grade. A great ball player and an ever greater person. Enjoyed some memorable times with him over the years. I pray for his family and friends to find comfort in their faith and for them to be safe in the days, weeks and months to come.

*With deep sympathy,  
Robert " Boo" Wilk*

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**Robert Wilk** - May 12, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 12, 2022 at 08:26 AM



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



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May 11, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 11, 2022 at 04:12 PM

RT

“ Regency at Shelby Township purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://guestbook.wujekcalcaterra.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Donald Robert Collier.

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**Regency at Shelby Township** - May 11, 2022 at 03:53 PM

GP

“ Dear Carey, Alexis, Lauryn and Jordyn - I met your husband and father in January as a new colleague at Deloitte. Besides his work ethic, his dive-in attitude and true collegial approach for being the new cyber guy - he was the kind of colleague all women professionals want and deserve. He spoke of "his girls" and championed his family while providing critical contributions to a fast-paced project. We met a few times 1:1 just to get to know each other better and work on future deals and collaborate across more projects. His spirit and ethics showed in all that he spoke to and worked with - and albeit by zoom - I felt like I gained a colleague that was going to make a huge difference here at Deloitte and for me.

*I'm sure you've been experiencing these qualities all of your lives with Don and just wanted you to know that we are sad with you, and reeling to have him back. I hope that time will give you memories of joy, but for now we grieve and cleave to our last moments with him. a toast to Don tonight and all nights! Love, Gayle P*

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**Gayle Proctor** - May 11, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



May 11, 2022 at 01:11 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



May 11, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance* was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



May 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



May 11, 2022 at 09:35 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 11, 2022 at 08:38 AM

SA

“ To the entire Collier family,

*I have had the pleasure to work with Don for 12 years. I have worked with hundreds and hundreds of people in my life and career and Don was absolutely in my top 10 of one of the best people I have ever known and worked with, ever! He was so FUN, dedicated, positive, driven, determined, honest, real, outgoing, down to earth, (did I say FUN?), hilarious, loyal and just the best guy ever! You are so lucky to have had him in your life. I am so lucky to have known him in my work life. Don always made me (and others) feel like we were totally important and always treated me with the most respect and a true partner working side by side to get deals done. He was an excellent communicator and his presentations with clients were compelling, convincing, real, honest and down to earth. You were mesmerized by his style. He was never salesy. He was very partnership oriented who always wanted to understand the clients pain points and goals and find a solution. He relentlessly cared for our clients and his co workers. It showed in his every interaction he had with anyone. Every interaction he had was always a positive impact. He has left an imprint in my heart and soul that I will never forget and I will cherish until the day it is my time.*

*He posted a beautiful message 2 weeks ago today on LinkedIN about your dad and his best friend. I cried. We've texted over the past few months to check in with each other but I was driven to talk to him so I called him. Reluctantly. Thinking, Oh Don is busy, he won't pick up. Oh he picked up! "Hey Sista, how are you?" I said 'Jesus, Don, you sure know how to make a girl cry on a Tuesday morning!' We talked for a half hour. He talked about his 3 girls, the internships, his beautiful wife Carey, his sisters and family. How proud he was of his family!. He talked alot about your dad and his best friend Brian. He told me he was still grieving from his loss of your dad and best friend Brian. Well, he actually said they were both his best friends. I was a better person that day after I talked to him. I felt exhilarated and pumped up. THAT is how Don made you feel in*

*life!*

*God bless you all. My heart hurts so much for myself but especially for you all. This is not about me. It's about you and your wonderful family that Don has always talked about how he adored every single one of you.*

*He has left an imprint in all of our lives and heart. Let his legacy live on. I will forever miss him.*

*Prayers and love to all of you!*

*Shelly Aken*

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**Shelly Aken** - May 10, 2022 at 11:20 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 10, 2022 at 11:16 PM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 10, 2022 at 08:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 08:32 PM



“ *Laurel Health Care Company purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



**Laurel Health Care Company** - May 10, 2022 at 07:07 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *I remember Don's happy-go-lucky personality and contagious smile. I also have a vivid memory of him teaching me how to ski on one of the Friday night ski trips to Mt. Holly with Br. Casimir. Rest in Peace. Live Jesus in Our Hearts...Forever!  
Br. Richard*

**Br. Richard** - May 10, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 04:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



May 10, 2022 at 03:11 PM

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“ *The Puchalski Family xoxoxoxo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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**The Puchalski Family xoxoxoxo** - May 10, 2022 at 02:52 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 10, 2022 at 02:27 PM



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May 10, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.*



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May 10, 2022 at 02:26 PM

AN

“ I want to share a few words because I think it's small interactions like we had that say a lot about someone. Don knew very little about me, you could say we were distant acquaintances, and we only interacted a few of times, yet I still got a feel for exactly the person that's described here. I had the pleasure of meeting Don and his wife during a group vacation. It was quick to see how much Don adored his wife and his family. He would absolutely light up when he spoke about his girls. We spent an entire 45 minute car ride during the trip singing, laughing, and proudly talking about our families. He was funny, kind, and someone who instantly made me feel welcomed and comfortable. He went out of his way to be kind to me and everyone there, whether he knew us or not, even brought me something I had forgotten to pack. It's the little things. My deepest sympathies to the family. Gone too soon, may Don rest peacefully-  
A. Zora

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Angela - May 10, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ Sentimental Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 10, 2022 at 01:45 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 10, 2022 at 01:44 PM

JF

“ One of the best Las Vegas memories ever is the weekend that Don arranged for family and friends, and the day we spent at the executive level pool at Caesar's Palace. It was a day of fun, laughter and living like the Kardashians. He was a generous host and the life of the party. He will be missed by all who knew him - our sincere condolences to his wife, daughters and family.

*Anton & Joann Fellingner*

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**Joann Fellingner** - May 10, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 10, 2022 at 12:47 PM

DG

“ I didn't get to know you but we were connected in other ways. I am so sorry I never got to shake your hand and look you in the eyes, but we will meet someday. Until then our hearts are with you.

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**Derek Gentry** - May 10, 2022 at 12:21 PM

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*Thank you so much Derek! You would have love him! Hopefully we will meet some day! Lisa*

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**Lisa Anetrini (Collier)** - May 13, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Robert Collier.



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May 10, 2022 at 12:14 PM