



Donald Frank Kolke

July 23, 1940 - November 29, 2021

KOLKE, Donald

November 29, 2021. Age 81. Beloved husband of Judy for 57 years. Loving father of Dan (Michelle), Tracey (David) Durst, Debbie (Don) Gerkey, Matthew (Lori), and Eric (Heather). Proud grandfather of Heather (Kyle), Brian, Michael, Taylor, Laura (Trent), Jessica, Sam, Mark (Hina), Madison, Dominic, Olivia, and Hailey & great-grandfather of Blair, Calen & "soon to be" Eli. Brother of Paulette Kotlarz. Brother in law of Kathleen Scherr and Michael Sullivan. Donald was Hercules on CKLW in the 1960's. Visitation Thursday 3-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). In state Friday 10:00am until the 10:30am Mass at St. Ronald Catholic Church (17701 15 Mile Rd, Clinton Twp, MI 48035). Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Mass

DEC 3. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Ronald Catholic Church
17701 Fifteen Mile Rd.
Clinton Township, MI 48035

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a wonderful man. I was fortunate enough to be his supervisor as he worked for me in the advertising business in Detroit. Don was kind and compassionate. He was always proud of his family and loved being a husband and father. While Don was much older than I was, he never seemed to be bothered that he was working for a younger guy. I was honored to work with Don and wish I could have talked with him in the past few years. May God Bless Don and his family -

Kevin Holowicki - April 07, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Don,
Thanks for 50 years of LOVE! Cindy lou

Cindylou - December 11, 2021 at 12:29 AM

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Cindy Lou who????

dan Kolke - December 22, 2021 at 01:19 PM



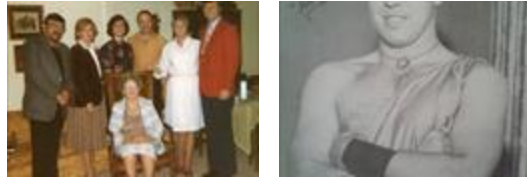
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.



December 01, 2021 at 08:30 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kevin Sullivan - December 01, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Debbie and family, my deepest sympathy for the loss of this great husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. The stories shared with me through you over the years always made me smile. Your father shines brightly in you. Keeping you and yours in prayer. Much love, Paula M.*



Paula J Maccarone - December 01, 2021 at 06:41 PM

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“ *Will miss Uncle Don. Enjoyed visits to the Kolke's over the years which were often in the summer. Don would get out there with a hearty laugh and play sports and games with the cousins. He was a successful advertising man. And most importantly was an ideal life partner for Aunt Judy and a dedicated Dad, Granddad and Great-grandfather.*

Kevin & Danielle Sullivan - December 01, 2021 at 06:37 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



December 01, 2021 at 03:20 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Judy, their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Don will be greatly missed by the pickleball group. I'll forever have fond memories of Don teasing me about my backhand and the way I call out the "zero" score. Makes me smile as I write this. Hold on to the precious memories and may they offer support to the family and all the lives he touched. Rest in peace, Don.*

Kathy C

Kathy Czarniecki - December 01, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



December 01, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



December 01, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Don was my Sponsor at my Confirmation and also my coolest older cousin, being a TV star and all. I used to rush home to see his show on channel 9.. Hercules...it was so cool to have Hercules as my sponsor.. RIP Cuz...*

Kevin Kennedy - December 01, 2021 at 06:20 AM



“ *Don was my very cool older cousin who was so nice that he used to dance with his sister at family gatherings in his parent's basement to the music of their jukebox. He was an athlete who played football in the "Soup Bowl" game in Detroit for Notre Dame High. AND then he became a TV star and we were all so proud of him and told all our friends that we knew him. I remember the evening he came to our home to introduce us to his beautiful new fiancée, Judy. He was so proud of her! He and Judy were always the happiest couple and so proud of their kids and grandkids! Farewell big cousin! We will meet again in the next life. Rest in peace*



Pat LePlae - November 30, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



November 30, 2021 at 09:32 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



November 30, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ *Don was a great carpool buddy for golf. We got lost a lot but always made it. And after a great game we would always drive through McDonalds for a couple of large diet cokes with No ice. Perfect finish to a wonderful day. I will miss my golfing buddy*

Ghazi - November 30, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



November 30, 2021 at 07:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



November 30, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Donald Frank Kolke.*



November 30, 2021 at 06:09 PM