



Donald Gustav Mertke

June 9, 1949 - February 23, 2025

Don Mertke, 75, of Shelby Twp., MI passed away in Henderson, NV on February 23, 2025.

Born on 6/9/1949 in Pontiac, MI to parents John and Hazel Mertke (nee Tyler).

Don was a dedicated, Husband, Father, Grandfather, businessman, and pilot.

He graduated from Fitzgerald high school in 1968 and was a proud Vietnam Veteran.

In 1974 Don began his concrete business, aptly named, Don Mertke's Cement Work, in which he worked for 51 years.

Don is survived by his wife of 52 years Shirley Mertke (nee Goral), his 2 daughters Kelly Geist (nee Mertke) and Crystal Peters (nee Mertke), his son-in-law the late Eric Peters, and his 3 grandchildren Morgan Geist, Thomas Peters, and Hannah Peters, his life long best friend Bud Lauderbach, many extended family, close friends, business associates, and his beloved dog Dixie.

Visitation Saturday from 3-9pm and Sunday at 10am until the 11am funeral service at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons (Shelby Twp) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile

Family requests donations to be made to Wings of Mercy and Angel Flight in Don's memory.

Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @
WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 8. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
54880 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Visitation

MAR 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48316

Funeral Service

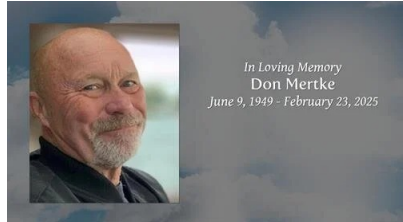
MAR 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons Inc, Shelby Township
54880 Van Dyke
Shelby Township, MI 48316

Tribute Wall



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



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - March 08, 2025 at 08:16 AM

TA

“ *Tyler & Alexa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gustav Mertke.*

Tyler & Alexa - March 09, 2025 at 04:20 PM

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“ *Tyler & Alexa purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Gustav Mertke.*



Tyler & Alexa - March 09, 2025 at 04:20 PM

MH

“ I met Don in 2012 shortly after buying my Cirrus aircraft. We hit it off immediately and over the years we enjoyed flying together in each other's airplanes and at other times meeting in Clare, Owosso, Houghton Lake, Jackson and elsewhere for lunches and often with 3 or 4 other airplanes and friends.

It was apparent to me early on that Don was a man of character, honest as the day is long, and willing to help in any way he could. He was a very considerate man who always gained the respect of those he came to know.

May he rest in peace. I will miss his presence and character.

Mike Hull - March 08, 2025 at 03:25 PM

PR

“ To know Don was to love him. A real guy's guy. CAVU skies and tailwinds my friend. Fly heading 270. Climb unrestricted.

Pierre Redmond - March 07, 2025 at 03:49 PM

PR

“ Pierre Redmond planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Gustav Mertke.

Pierre Redmond - March 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM

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“ Pierre Redmond purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Donald Gustav Mertke.



Pierre Redmond - March 07, 2025 at 03:37 PM

KM

“ So sorry to see this notice. My husband, Larry McCuen went to school with Don. My sincere condolences to your entire family. It's a difficult time to lose a loved one. Thinking of you!

Karen McCuen - March 07, 2025 at 02:04 PM

GF

“ PapaLima and I were honored to have known Don as a fellow aviator and friend. He was as honest and straightforward as anyone we have ever known. We will miss him, and we wish the best to his family.

Gordon Feingold - March 06, 2025 at 06:27 PM

MS

“ To my Godfather Uncle Don, you will be missed.
To my Aunt Shirley, my cousins kelly , Crystal and your children, you all will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you ❤️ (((hugs)))

michelle steffen - March 06, 2025 at 05:28 PM