



## Donald Richard Sheff

April 25, 1959 - April 8, 2023

Donald Richard Sheff, 63, of Macomb Township, Michigan, beloved husband of Mrs. Lynn Marie (née Ackerman) Sheff, loving father of Donald (Magdalena) Richard Sheff II and Arica Lynn Sheff, and master of his adored dog Newman, died suddenly of natural causes in the early morning of Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023.

Mr. Sheff was born in Detroit, Michigan, a son of the late Arthur Benjamin Sheff and Madaline Beth (née Leduc) Sheff, and brother to Lawrence Sheff and Mary Ann Domalski. He was a retired firefighter and small business owner. He received an associate degree from Macomb Community College, held Firefighter I & II and Emergency Medical Technician certifications, and was a skilled welder and mechanic.

Mr. Sheff deeply loved and cherished his wife and children beyond words. He first met his wife while she was training as a young nurse in a local hospital, and shortly thereafter they fell in love and were married. Their marriage was blessed beyond measure – with two children and a loving devotion to each other. He considered his greatest achievement to be his family.

Funeral visitation will be held at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights, Michigan on Wednesday, April 12th from 3:00pm to 8:00pm with a recitation of the Rosary for the repose of Mr. Sheff's soul to

take place at 7:00pm.

On Thursday, April 13th, Mr. Sheff's body will lie in repose from 9:30am to 9:50am at the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Assumption Grotto), 13770 Gratiot Ave, Detroit, Michigan. A Requiem Mass celebrated by the Rev. Fr. John Bustamante will follow soon after at 10:00am.

In lieu of flowers, the family request prayers for Mr. Sheff and his family. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Rosary

APR 12. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Instate / Funeral Mass

APR 13. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Assumption Grotto Church  
13770 Gratiot Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48205-2895

# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.



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April 19, 2023 at 07:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.



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April 11, 2023 at 07:24 PM



“ *Lynn, Don and Arica,*

*We were so shocked and saddened to hear about your husband and father. He was a wonderful man that left an amazing impression on so many of us. His infectious smile and that mischievous laugh is something we will never forget. He was a kind, caring man who would do anything for anyone. Our deepest condolences to you and your family. May you find comfort and peace of heart knowing that he is in the arms of God.*

*Roger and Kathy Benvenuti*

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**Roger and Kathy Benvenuti** - April 11, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.*



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April 11, 2023 at 05:51 PM



“ *Lynn, Donnie, Arica, and family..We are saddened to hear of Don's passing. It was certainly not something we would have expected to hear. We had such great times, skiing, hanging out and listening to his great stories. He made us all laugh and I'll never forget those dimples and contagious smile. Please accept our heartfelt condolences and know that we are praying for you in your time of bereavement. May it be of some comfort knowing that he is resting peacefully in God's loving arms as he was a good man..we will remember and celebrate his life. Bud and Michelle.*

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**Michelle Anscorb** - April 11, 2023 at 05:42 PM



“ *I just wanted to let the family know we are praying for you. Donald please know that your heart lives on through those you loved.*



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**Ashley Radney** - April 11, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MS

“ Mary Ann, Jim, Mo-Q, Ian, and Sarah purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.



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**Mary Ann, Jim, Mo-Q, Ian, and Sarah** - April 11, 2023 at 12:44 PM

YF

“ Your PREOP/PACU/PSCU Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.



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**Your PREOP/PACU/PSCU Family** - April 11, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.



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April 11, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LF

“ Lynn, I'm so shocked and saddened by this news! My deepest condolences to you, Donald and Magda, and Erika.

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**Lidia Fanelli** - April 11, 2023 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ Don was always full of jokes and made people laugh!! He was a very caring man who'd do anything for anyone... we remember Don going up north skiing with us, playing the dictionary game, (whole), and just always trying to cause 'fun trouble'. Don you will forever be in our memories....and will be dearly missed! God rest your soul. Our thoughts and prayers are with my dear lifelong friend Lynn, Donald and Magdalena and Sweet Arica, and the rest of the Sheff family and dear friends of Don. May God hold you in the palm of his hands. 🙏

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**Don, Carol, Donald, Neil and Wes Maskill** - April 11, 2023 at 10:45 AM

DM

*Love you guys! Carol's name did not get on there but it includes me too*

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**Don, Carol, Donald, Neil, Wes Maskill** - April 11, 2023 at 10:52 AM

LF

*We were saddened to hear of Donny's passing. We have so many wonderful childhood memories. He was always good to me. May he rest in the peace and love of our Lord and may your memories bring you comfort.*

*Lisa Léger Frazier and family*

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**lisa frazier** - April 11, 2023 at 04:38 PM

RL

*Don you were my big cousin, my buddy, my pal, and childhood protector.*

*You Taught me how to fight, fish, hunt and ride a dirt bike. We Had so many good memories in Gaylord at your family cottage. We even tried to strap two 2x4 to my feet and water ski on Lake Louise behind your tiny fishing boat. That didn't work out so well. But at least I still have all my toes. Haha.*

*Then I remember all the family softball games on those beautiful summer Leduc holiday picnics that we had. You were there joking around with everyone while always having that mischievous smile of yours up to no good.*

*We are going to miss you.*

*I can only hope and pray that you are up in Heaven sitting around Meme and Pepe's kitchen table listening to your Mom and my Mom playing pinochle with the family while your dad, Uncle Art is there too, telling some interesting stories about yesteryear.*

*The simpler times in life that we can all appreciate and miss. I choose to remember the good times and easy times that we had and you will always be part of those good memories.*

*Peace be with you my friend and may our good Lord bring you to his kingdom in Heaven.*

*Amen.*

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**Robert Leger** - April 11, 2023 at 09:02 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.*



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April 11, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Sheff.*



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April 11, 2023 at 10:15 AM