



The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio

June 12, 1944 - February 11, 2025

HON. DONOFRIO, PAT M. February 11, 2025. Age 80. Beloved husband of Charlene. Loving father of Adam (Christina) Donofrio & Lauren (Jayson Du Val) Donofrio. Proud grandfather of Lilliana Donofrio, Athena Donofrio & Benjamin Du Val. Dearest brother of Elaine Passucci. Predeceased by his parents Pat Donofrio, Mary Donofrio, brother-in-law Nick Passucci, and parents-in-law Edward and Gertrude Jubenville.

Pat graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1967. He graduated from Wayne State University School of Law in 1970. After law school, he immediately went into private practice, and in 1974, was a founding member of the law firm of Romain, Donofrio, Kuck & Egerer, PC. He was serving as that firm's president at the time he was appointed to the judiciary.

Judge Donofrio served as a Macomb County Circuit Court judge following his appointment in 1997 and election in 1998. From 1998 until he joined the court of appeals in 2002, he was the presiding judge of the civil/criminal division of the circuit court. He was appointed to the Michigan Second District Court of Appeals in 2002 and elected in 2004. He was re-elected to the court on November 2, 2010. In 2013, he was appointed to the Michigan Court of Claims for a two-year term. Judge Donofrio retired from the Michigan Court of Appeals on September 30, 2015. Judge Donofrio served on the Michigan

Supreme Court Task Force on Trial Court Performance Standards and the Michigan Supreme Court Committee on Model Civil Jury Instructions. He was a member of the Michigan Judges Association and the American Judges Association. An officer of the American Inns of Court, Oakland Division, Judge Donofrio was also a member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Macomb and Oakland County Bar Associations. A frequent lecturer, he served on faculties for ICLE, the National Judicial College, and the Michigan Judicial Institute. Judge Donofrio earned certificates of accomplishment from the National Judicial College and the National Drug Court Institute.

Pat Donofrio loved his family dearly, his Catholic faith, playing and watching golf. Not only was Pat a mentor to many but a man who left a lasting impression on those he met. He was never short on advice and when asked he would dedicate a lot of time and thought ensuring that he could provide the best guidance possible. He loved to travel the world with his beloved wife Charlene and visiting his grandchildren. He enjoyed cheering on the Detroit Lions and Michigan Wolverines. He was and always will be greatly loved by his family, friends and everyone lucky enough to be graced by his presence.

Visitation Tuesday, February 25th, 2025, from 3-8pm and Wednesday, February 26th, 2025, from 1-8pm with 7:00pm Scripture Service at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc, (Shelby Township) 54880 Van Dyke at 25 Mile Rd. Funeral Thursday, February 27th, 2025, Instate from 10am until time of 10:30am Mass at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market St., Mt Clemens, MI 48043. Donations are welcome to AVOW Hospice or St. Peter Catholic Church. Share memories with the family at their "Online Guestbook" @ WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 25. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

FEB 26. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Scripture Service

FEB 26. 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Instate / Funeral Mass

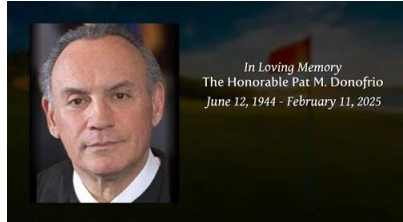
FEB 27. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church
95 Market St.
Mt. Clemens, 48043

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - February 26, 2025 at 11:48 AM

GM

“ *PMD aka Super Judge was the benchmark for what a lawyer and judge should be. I was his first law clerk when Gov. Engler appointed him to replace his mentor, Ray Cashen. It was the best job that I ever had and Judge Donofrio was the best boss whom I ever had. Everyday we worked hard, treated people with respect, and upheld the law. Judge Donofrio was serious at work but seemed to take pleasure when his staff including me found ways to entertain ourselves.*

Under Judge Donofrio's watchful eye, I learned life and law lessons that are with me today. On Fridays, we had Vito's Bakery. I could also ask for and get great insight into just about anything including politics. Great guy. Brilliant jurist. Rest in peace. Gerry Mason, Esq.

Gerry Mason - March 10, 2025 at 07:24 PM

LR

“ *Love, Debbie & Dale Robinson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.*

Love, Debbie & Dale Robinson - February 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

LR

“ Love, Debbie & Dale Robinson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



Love, Debbie & Dale Robinson - February 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

TF

“ The Passucci family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



The Passucci family - February 25, 2025 at 12:19 PM

TA

“ The Judges of the MI Court of Appeals planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.

The Judges of the MI Court of Appeals - February 25, 2025 at 11:50 AM

TA

“ The Judges of the MI Court of Appeals purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



The Judges of the MI Court of Appeals - February 25, 2025 at 11:50 AM

JJ

“ Jerry & Andi Justin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.

Jerry & Andi Justin - February 24, 2025 at 10:53 PM

JJ

“ Jerry & Andi Justin purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



Jerry & Andi Justin - February 24, 2025 at 10:53 PM

RA

“ Mary and Rod Ahitow Villa IV Cedar Hammock send our prayers to the family

Rodney Jay Ahitow - February 24, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LR

“ Len and Lucy Rancilio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



Len and Lucy Rancilio - February 24, 2025 at 07:17 PM

RC

“ Great friend and mentor. It was an honor to take his seat on the circuit court and hold our investitures together!

rick caretti - February 24, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.*



February 23, 2025 at 09:28 PM



“ *Jon&Fiona Heady, Sabrina&Dwight Lewis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.*



Jon&Fiona Heady, Sabrina&Dwight Lewis - February 23, 2025 at 05:13 PM



“ *Jon & Martha Heady, Ken & Rose Garren purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.*



Jon & Martha Heady, Ken & Rose Garren - February 23, 2025 at 04:16 PM



“ *A great friend. A great mentor. A great boss. Always took time to care. Loved his wife and family deeply. He will be so missed. Prayers to Charlie and the family. Carol Lindbert Patterson*

Csril Lindbert Patterson - February 23, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



February 23, 2025 at 10:26 AM



“ We lived next door to Pat and Charlie on Thunder Bay, could not ask for better neighbors. Greg and Deb

Greg Tavalire - February 22, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ The Rapin family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.

The Rapin family. - February 22, 2025 at 12:32 PM



“ The Rapin family. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



The Rapin family. - February 22, 2025 at 12:32 PM

CM

“ I was always so grateful to know he was “there.” He was fantastic: fantastically smart, fantastically insightful, fantastically available and supportive and encouraging. I so admired him. Of course, so many did. Rest well, Judge. I am so grateful to have had Lauren “along for the ride” with me through life and I thank you for that, too.

Chiara Mattieson - February 22, 2025 at 11:31 AM

DB

“ Pay was very special person in our lives. A true friend to Dave especially. His memory will live on in our Hearts. Our Love and Condolences go out to you and your family Charlie.

Dave and Cheri Bahm - February 22, 2025 at 10:49 AM

JE

“ As a colleague of Lauren's, I want to extend to the entire Donofrio family our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We pray that you find peace in his memory and know you are carrying out his legacy every day. Jennifer



Jennifer - February 22, 2025 at 08:08 AM

AD

“ Two words: A Prince!

Albert Dib - February 22, 2025 at 12:42 AM

TG

“ Teta and Colby Gibson purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of The Honorable Pat M. Donofrio.



Teta and Colby Gibson - February 21, 2025 at 07:59 PM

CM

“ Pat was a wonderful colleague and friend. Whether working on cases together, playing golf, or just sharing stories, he was always thoughtful, kind and humorous. I always looked up to him, and will never forget him.

Chris Murray - February 21, 2025 at 07:21 PM

JO

Pat was a mensch in every sense of the word. A great father, a loyal friend and a credit to the legal profession.

Jules Olsman - February 22, 2025 at 08:44 AM

BS

I knew Pat Donofrio over sixty years and I can say a better man I have not met. To Charlene and his family you have my deepest sympathy. God Bless

Bob Schmid - February 22, 2025 at 10:53 AM

DC

Dear Charlie & family,
Our deepest condolences for the passing of your dear husband & family. May he rest in peace. Diane & Tim Carlo

Diane & Tim Carlo - February 24, 2025 at 08:56 PM

TV

Our prayers for you Charlie and your family are for peace and strength to face the challenges of all the 'firsts' that you will face without him throughout this first year.

Pat was definitely an honorable man on and off the bench.

Again, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love and blessings



Tom and An Vitale

Tom and An Vitale - February 25, 2025 at 11:09 AM

CL

Dear Charlie, I am so sad to learn of Pat's passing. May God be with you going forward. He was my friend, officiate at our wedding oh so many years ago, a brilliant jurist. A man whose integrity was unquestionable. Prayers for your entire family.

Cheryle Lasky - February 25, 2025 at 01:06 PM