



Donald R. Hayduk

May 23, 1933 - February 13, 2014

Donald R. Hayduk

80, of Brockway Township, was called Home Thursday, February 13, 2014. He was born May 23, 1933 in Detroit the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Narkum) Hayduk.

As a youth he was active in Boy Scouts.

Donald served his country with the United States Navy from 1953 to 1955 as an electrician's mate 3rd class.

His marriage of 51 years to Elaine Eugenia Ostrowski was October 27, 1956 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Detroit. Elaine died Friday, December 7, 2007.

Donald was a past Grand Knight of the Father P.J. Cullinane Council #8710, Yale and 4th degree member of Assembly 2032, Imlay City. He was a parishioner and former usher of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yale.

He was a member of the Yale VFW Post# 8594 and Brockway Township Planning Commission. He was employed by the City of Detroit for 22 years as Assistant Chief Building Official until his retirement in 1985. He was a lifelong carpenter and talented artist and also enjoyed golfing and spending time with his family.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Donny and Kathy and David and Missy of Yale and two daughters and a son-in-law, Christine and Greg Kesek of Sterling Heights and Carol Hayduk of Yale; grandchildren, Emily (Matthew) Hindelang and Joseph Hayduk, great-grandsons, David and Liam; siblings,

Robert (Pat) Hayduk of Sterling Heights and Dolores Coley of Sterling Heights and several nieces and nephews.

The family honors the memory of Donald and invite you to visit and share memories Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Monday at 10:00 a.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Yale.

A Rosary devotion service by the Knights of Columbus will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by a scripture service, led by childhood friend Glenn Jollymore, at 7:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Yale. Fr. Tom Kuehnemund, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Yale.

Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

For information and Guest Book
kaatzfunerals.com

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Cemetery

11686 Yale Road
Yale, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

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Scripture Service

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Tribute Wall

LR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Don. The world lost a very warm and kind hearted gentlemen. May he rest in peace.

Lori, Jeff, Alex and Michael Rago

Lori Rago - February 17, 2014 at 11:57 AM

TD

“ We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Don and our condolences go out to his family.

Tony and Barb Davis

Tony and Barb Davis - February 17, 2014 at 09:18 AM

BH

“Don was a wonderful Brother and friend. Growing up, due age differences, I didn't get to hang out with him and my sister. But they would include me in those activities that could get us in trouble, like clothespin fights between our upstairs bedrooms or nosey poker at which I always seemed to lose. We became a lot closer when he got home from the Navy. When he bought that fancy Dodge he let me borrow it to impress my girlfriend. He was always generous and helpful in response to any need. I have always been amazed at don's resilience and his ability to overcome the most serious health problems. A lessor man would have died at least five times from the problems he encountered. He could fill a medical journal with all the issues he overcame. In these later years I thoroughly enjoyed the time we spent together visiting, hiding away in the cabin up north and the many trips to casinos. He loved to gamble, to golf and just to hang out with friends and family. His quality of life was slipping away in these last months and he talked more about being with his most beloved Elaine. Although I will miss him greatly I am happy that he has reached that goal.

Bob Hayduk - February 16, 2014 at 12:24 PM

MD

“Michelle & Chris Dillon lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Hayduk



Michelle & Chris Dillon - February 16, 2014 at 09:49 AM

VG

“ Uncle Don you will be missed. I will always cherish the memories of the holidays with our families growing up. It was always a special time when all the nieces and nephews got together. We all grew up too fast. Especially remember the tiny house on Bradford and us all packed in there. There was so much love in that house. It is with sadness I say goodbye but I know that you are with Auntie Elaine once more and that brings an everlasting smile to my face. Make sure you swap a few stories with my Don in your spare time. I know our loved ones are always watching over us and guiding us. You are all angels with the Lord now. Rest in Peace.

Vicki Coley Guntenaar - February 15, 2014 at 05:03 PM

VG

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Vicki Coley Guntenaar - February 15, 2014 at 04:50 PM

VG

“ 2 files added to the album *Family*



Vicki Coley Guntenaar - February 15, 2014 at 04:49 PM



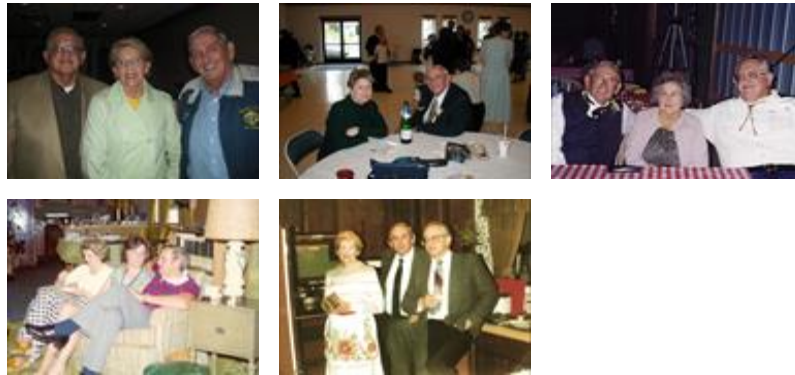
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Hayduk.*



February 15, 2014 at 03:51 PM



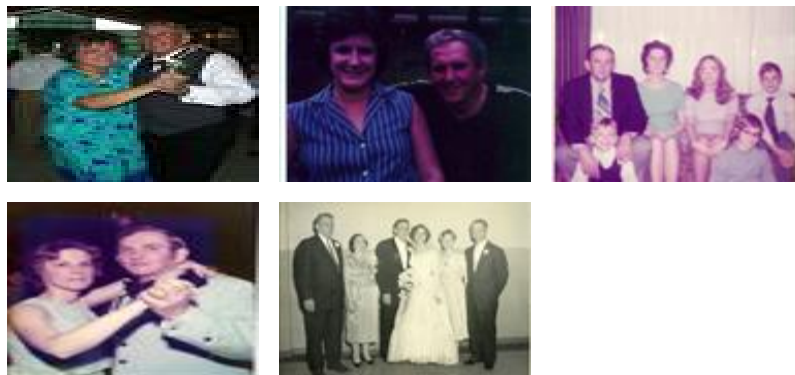
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Bob Hayduk - February 15, 2014 at 01:41 PM



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Bob Hayduk - February 15, 2014 at 01:36 PM

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Bob Hayduk - February 15, 2014 at 01:29 PM

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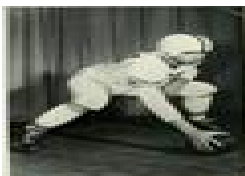
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Bob Hayduk - February 15, 2014 at 01:23 PM

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Bob Hayduk - February 15, 2014 at 01:19 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of Donald R. Hayduk.*



February 14, 2014 at 07:41 PM

EH

“ I am so proud to call Donald Hayduk my grandfather. He gave one hundred percent of what he had into playing this role as grandfather, much like every other role he played in his life. It is hard for me to believe that I only knew him for less than half of his wonderful life! I remember early on in my youth getting horsey rides from him and being swung up into his arms as he would sing "dance with dolly". I also remember being very impressed at the young age that I was how he designed and built the home for him and my Grandmother in Yale. I have so many fond memories of visiting them there and spending weekends with them. They would take me around town on their errands and to visit other family members in the area. He always was excited to spend time with me, and always said he appreciated my visiting because it meant my Grandma would make tuna noodle and buy chocolate milk (my favorites). I also remember that at Christmas time my Grandma would give him gifts of Barbie accessories that he would unwrap in front of all of us, act enthused about them...and then decide that maybe it would be something I should have instead :)

My grandfather had so many attributes that I grew up to admire and will continue to admire for the rest of my days. He was always so social and enthusiastic in life. I never saw him angry. He was a great story-teller. He was very involved in church and the Knights of Columbus in Yale and had so many friends. He was so loyal and devoted to his family and very sentimental, too. His marriage to my Grandmother of 51 years continues to be a great inspiration to me. We were so sad to see my Grandmother go, but I am glad that my Grandfather lived on to see some important events in my life. We danced at my wedding together and he attended the baptisms of both of my sons and I will always hold on to those memories. I take comfort in knowing that he is now in peace in heaven with my Grandmother and all of his loved family and friends who have gone before him.

Emily Hindelang - February 14, 2014 at 09:02 AM

EH

Emily, what a lovely tribute! I can tell you loved and admired him! We will be praying for your family. Love, Aunt Edna, Uncle Dan, John, Joe, Mary, Anne and Shawn, and Sarah

Edna Hirzel - February 15, 2014 at 05:10 PM

MM

“ My sincere condolences. I always felt like a member of the family when I was over and will always think of him and your Mom as two of the kindest people from those growing up years in Detroit.

Mary Valken Mitchell - February 14, 2014 at 08:19 AM

PM

“ Our deepest sympathies to the family of Don. We always saw him with a smile on his face. Stu & Lorri Milligan

Philip Milligan - February 14, 2014 at 04:30 AM

RO

“ It’s sad to know Don was called to be with Elaine and with others he loved and are no longer with us.

Don was more than just a brother in-law, he was a friend that I enjoyed being with and sharing stories.

I remember the day he first drove up to Ma & Pa Ostrowski’s house on Bradford to show off his new 1955 Dodge . He was so proud of it and pointed out the special “spinner” hub caps.

I was impressed by his strong love of family and desire to provide the best for them. He took on many different jobs from working at Dodge main, Salesman at Don BlackBurn, Carpenter and Building Supervisor for the city of Detroit. He worked many side jobs as an electrician and carpenter to provide all he could for family.

I enjoyed golfing with Don whenever I could because he always made the event a friendly competition. Our periodic gatherings at his home to visit and target practice will be missed but always be remembered.

Our family has many fond memories of Don and he will remain in our hearts, minds and prayers for years to come.

Rich & Linda

Rich Ostrowski - February 13, 2014 at 10:33 PM

BJ

“ To the good old Bradford days; all the fun times and memories we all share!
Bernadette Jock



Bernadette Jock - February 13, 2014 at 09:14 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Hayduk.*



February 13, 2014 at 09:06 PM



“ *Don, We are going to miss you just as we miss Elaine there are so many good memories we have shared (like going home for lunch to your house where Elaine would make us grilled cheese sandwiches and soup, of course that was before your first heart attack. We also remember how you and Elaine stood up for our wedding and the picnics at Fish lake, remodeling the little house on Bradford, working with you and Clifford Jock, building your homes, and so much more Thanks for the memories. Geri & Wally*



Wally & Geri Ostrowski - February 13, 2014 at 08:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Hayduk.*



February 13, 2014 at 07:02 PM