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Mr. Donald John VanderKooi Jr., age 66, passed away Thursday morning, April 24, 2014, at an area hospital. Don was born March 25, 1948 to Donald and Elfriede (Hacker) VanderKooi in Muskegon. On May 4, 1968, he married the former Judith Jean DePoy in Muskegon and she survives him. Don spent the past 39 years with Howmet working as a sales engineer. He enjoyed golfing and was involved with the league at the Thoroughbred Golf Club at Double J Ranch. Don loved to cook and grill; often inviting friends and family over to enjoy lunch or dinner. Don was a longtime member of Family Bible Church and was a loving husband, father and grandfather. In addition to Judy, his wife of nearly 46 years, Don is survived by his children, Dan (Angie) VanderKooi and Kayle VanderKooi, all of Muskegon; 5 grandchildren, Paige VanderKooi, Elizabeth and Cody Taylor, Kale and Kaysi VanderKooi; 3 brothers, Mark (Sharon), Ron (Sandy), and Steve (Robin) VanderKooi, all of the Muskegon area; a sister, Gisela (Charlie) Barnes of Muskegon; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. A MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held 11:00 AM Monday, April 28, 2014 at Family Bible Church, 1256 W. Broadway with Rev. Jerry DePoy, Don's brother-in-law, officiating. VISITATION will be one hour prior to the service (10-11 AM) at the church.



Events

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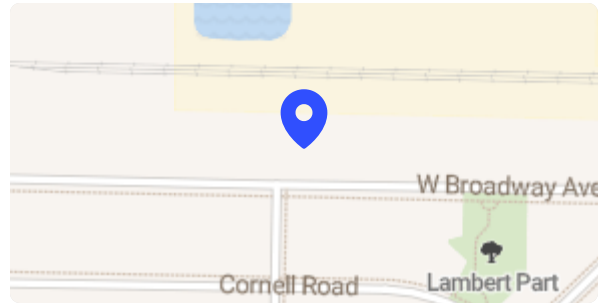
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Visitation

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Family Bible Church**
1256 W. Broadway Ave., Muskegon MI

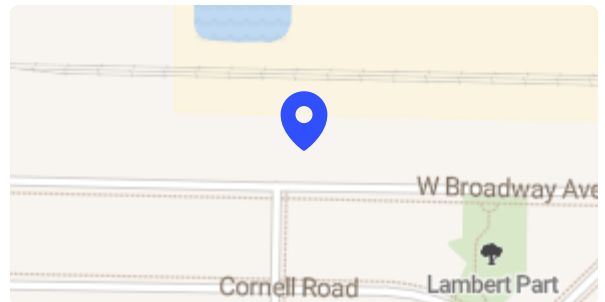


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WH

Wolf & Carol Hussong posted:

Dear Judy & Family, Wolf & I send our condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Husband and Father. It was a shock to see the notice in the Chronicle. I wish we could have been at Don's funeral but circumstances did not allow. May God comfort all of you at this difficult time in your lives. With Love & Sympathy, Wolf & Carol Hussong

April 30 at 9:13 AM

BL

Bill And Christy Larman posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Donny was a good husband, father and friend. I have so many great memories of all the tennis matches, softball, golf and basketball we enjoyed together. Best of all he will be one of the men I will be enjoying heaven with. Judy we will keep you and the family in our prayers. Bill and Christy Larman

April 27 at 2:27 PM

KN

Kevin Norwood posted:

I will always remember the positive influence that Don had on me as a kid. He was a great friend while I was growing up. I spent a lot of time with him on the drive way playing basketball and the backyard football games. He would always limit the amount of football because of the "grass damage". I really believe he was just sore. I'm sure to him it was only exercise, but I can't spend time with my kids without thinking about those times and referencing those days. He was a great friend and I'll never forget him.

April 26 at 7:33 AM

DV

Dan Vanderkooi April 27 at 9:22 AM

Thanks for the memories, Kevin! Those were great days, I can remember them well.



Anonymous sent a Vivid Recollections to the VanderKooi family.

April 26 at 6:12 AM





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DC

Dee Chapin shared an album called **New Album Name.**



April 26 at 5:26 AM

NW

N Williams posted:

I am truly sorry for your loss. Death is an enemy, causing much pain and sorrow to loved ones. It is my hope that this family is able to find comfort from the bible's message of hope. (John 5:28, 29; Revelation 21:3-5)

April 26 at 1:56 AM

SC

Syvette Cox posted:

So sorry for the loss of this great man. In my thoughts and prayers. Syvette

April 25 at 1:21 PM

DV

Dan Vanderkooi shared an album called **New Album Name.**



April 25 at 11:20 AM

JC

Jim Champoux April 28 at 5:56 AM

Sorry for your loss. I worked with Don for years, he was a great guy and co-worker.

SV

Sandy Vanderkooi April 26 at 3:56 AM

Our family circle is broken and Don will be sorely missed. Our grief is for us, for he is in heaven happy & whole. Sandy VanderKooi



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Don & Family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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