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Donald P. Rakowski, age 84, passed away Thursday, November 25, 2021 at his home. He was born June 21, 1937 in Grand Rapids to Paul and Bertha (Phillips) Rakowski and married Judith E. Rademaker on October 26, 1957. Don worked as a police officer for Muskegon Police Department for 29 years and attended the FBI Academy. He served his country for 2 years and was stationed in Germany. Don was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church. He will be remembered by his sense of humor, loving nature and vibrant personality. Don loved spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren grow up, playing golf and enjoying nature. Don was known as the Mayor of Melmax and loved by not only his family and friends but his neighbors. He is lovingly remembered by his wife of 64 years Judy Rakowski; three sons: Todd (Trish Kupiec) Rakowski, Bradly (Chris Swope) Rakowski, Brian (Julie Poort) Rakowski and his four grandchildren; Devin, Alex Rose, Aaron and Nikole Rakowski. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Celebration of Life gathering will be announced at a later date. Donations can be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church or Harbor Hospice.



Tribute Wall

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MA

Mark Aamodt posted:

So sorry to hear of Don's passing...a lot of fun memories playing volleyball...we had a fun bunch of guys...feel real lucky to have known Don...thoughts and prayers!Mark and Diane Aamodt

December 7 at 10:59 AM

WI

William Innis posted:

I will never forget Todd and the Rakowski family for being there in my time of need. My dad passed away very young and Todd would remember, as he visited me with his parents on Brookwood Street. We sat and Chatted and it meant a lot to me and my mom. It's one of those moments as a 15 year old, that is etched in your brain. Thank you and God Bless you all. He was a great man.

December 4 at 5:27 AM

TR

Trish Rakowski posted:

I will never forget you and how important our family was to you. Thank you for being such a great grandpa. You are more like a father then a father in-law to me. Every time a watch the movie Christmas Story,I will be thinking about you. I love you and will miss you ❤️

November 29 at 7:15 PM

JS

Jim Solak posted:

To Todd, the boys & Mrs. Rakowski- I'm very saddened to hear about the passing of Don ("Mr. Rakowski" to me). He was a great man, and a great mentor. (Not a bad football coach either.) Todd - I'll never forget riding to football practice + games, dressed in our uniforms, in the back of your Dad's pickup. Those were great days! I pray everyone in the family takes solace in the fact that Don touched many, many lives in such a positive way. Hopefully memories of all the happy times will help you get through this grief.God Bless, and thoughts and prayers to you all-Jim Solak

November 29 at 10:35 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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