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Donald Charles Palmer, age 86, received his glorious promotion to the kingdom of heaven on Thursday, September 5, 2024. Don was born on January 30, 1938, in Williamston, Michigan, to Duncan and Bernice (Andrews) Palmer. He earned his undergraduate degree from Central Michigan University and a master's from Michigan State University. He started his career teaching and spent the majority of his professional life as a school administrator for students with emotional impairments.

On April 15, 1961, Don married Patricia Schade and together they built a family. He was an avid outdoors-man, enjoying hunting and fishing, especially with his sons and grandchildren. He also enjoyed gardening and planted a huge garden every year. Don had a strong personal faith which he freely shared with others. He was a member of Covenant Life Church and formerly a member of Bethany Christian Reformed Church. He served in various roles at church, including youth group leader, Sunday school teacher, financial counselor, and governing elder.

He cherished relationships, especially those with family. His grandchildren have fond memories of the two weeks each summer when he and Pat would hold Camp Palmer, and where he loved making his famous blueberry pancakes. Don is survived by his four children, Daniel (Jeanette) Palmer, Dale (Sonia Britton) Palmer, Marlies Sherwood, Charles (Melissa) Palmer, nine grandchildren, Emily Palmer, Dean Palmer, Samuel (Katie) Palmer, Tori Gordon, Miranda (Jeffrey) Hoopingarner, Bradley Sherwood, Aidan (Mica) Palmer, Arielle Palmer and Elora Palmer, great-grandchildren, Chloe Cobb, Gabby Brown, Mackenzie Palmer and Elenore Palmer, brother, Jack (Cloe) Palmer, step-sister, Marilyn (Jack) Arnett-Pearce, and sister-in-law, Diane (Camp) Millsbaugh. He was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Palmer, son-in-law, Brian Sherwood, step-sisters, Judy Towel and Priscilla Dalton and brothers-in-law, John Schade, Philip Schade, and Thomas Schade. VISITATION will be from 5-7 PM Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at The Lee Chapel of Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services, 6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores, MI 49444. FUNERAL SERVICE will be held at 11:00 AM Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Covenant Life Church (101 Columbus Ave., Grand Haven, MI 49417) with Pastor Marshall Holtvluwer



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officiating. A private graveside ceremony will be held at Lakeside Cemetery. MEMORIALS in memory of Don may be directed to the Harbor Hospice Foundation. You may sign his online guestbook at www.sytsemafh.com.



Events

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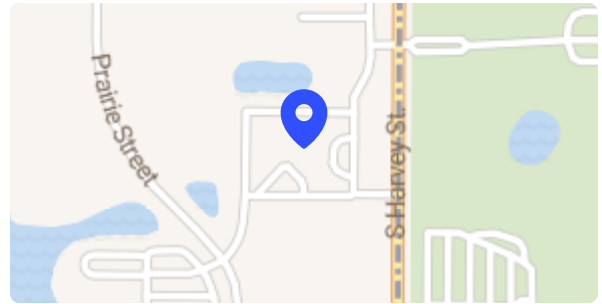
Visitation

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

Sytsema Funeral & Cremation Services - The Lee Chapel

6291 Harvey St., Norton Shores MI 49444



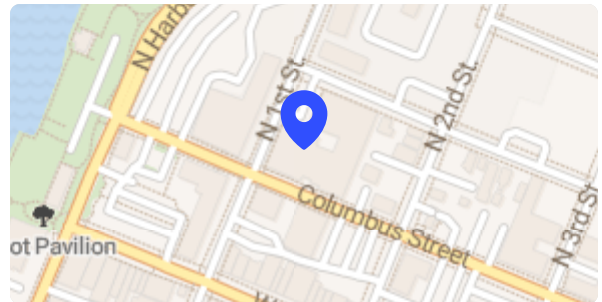
Funeral Service

Thursday, September 12, 2024

11:00 AM ET

Covenant Life Church

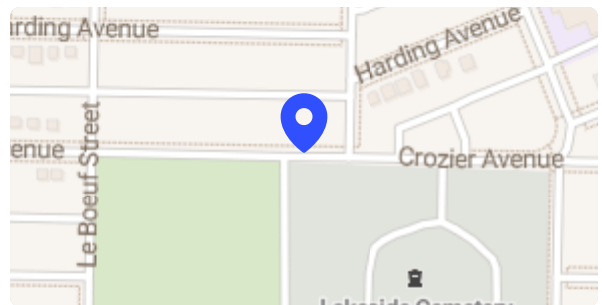
101 Columbus, Grand Haven MI



Cemetery Details

Lakeside Cemetery

2201 Crozier, Muskegon MI 49441





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Jerry Bakke posted:

In the summer of 1960, after Don and I graduated from CMU, we headed west in a beater 1951 Chevy. It broke down in Denver and we repaired it. Continuing on we worked the night shift in a mine in Leadville, Co. for a few days. We moved on to Elko NV where we worked on a ranch in Ruby Valley for 3 weeks. We eventually made it to SF and LA where we visited Fraternity brothers. After a long drive on Route 66 we arrived back in MI in late August. We then went our separate ways. I into the Navy and Don to marriage with Pat and Graduate School. We eventually both ended up in Muskegon. Don was a significant person in my life and will be missed. Jerry Bakke

September 11 at 6:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Palmer family.



September 10 at 8:53 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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