



Donald Fletcher Cogswell

May 13, 1938 - December 4, 2019

Donald Fletcher Cogswell, a man who loved to laugh and always had a joke to share, died December 4, 2019 at the age of 81. Don was born in Charlotte, MI on May 13, 1938 to Leman and Thelma (Diamond) Cogswell, and lived in the Charlotte area his entire life. After graduating from Charlotte High School, he worked for GM for 38 years as a millwright, was a member of UAW Local 652, and also served in the National Guard Reserve.

A very loving, caring, and wonderful husband, father, and friend to many, Don will be missed dearly in his community. Known as a regular for morning coffee at McDonalds, and drinking coffee and playing cards at the Wellness Center, many will remember Don best for dressing up as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny to pass out candy canes and jelly beans in front of his home. An avid Detroit Tigers fan, he not only enjoyed watching the team play, but also loved buying baseball memorabilia on Ebay.

Donald is survived by his wife of 43 years, Donna; daughters, Tammy (Daniel) Crandell and Dawn Andrews; sons, Donald Todd Cogswell and Bill (Sara) Andrews; 10 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Pier; and cat, Romeo. He was predeceased in death by his parents, Leman and Thelma Cogswell; and brothers, Richard and Gary Cogswell.

Friends are encouraged to support Don's family. Funeral services are

Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 2:00 PM at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Charles Krueger officiating. Visitation is Monday, December 9, 4-7:00 PM at the funeral home. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to Eaton Community Palliative Care or Pawsibilities Rescue. Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Don on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

801 Tully Brown Rd.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Pray Funeral Home
401 W. Seminary St.
Charlotte, MI 48813

Funeral Ceremony

DEC **10**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Fletcher Cogswell*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 09, 2019 at 02:32 PM

TE

“ *Tammy, Todd and the rest of the Cogswell Family,*

Very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You have been in our thoughts and prayers.

Tom Earl & Family

Thomas L Earl - December 10, 2019 at 03:52 PM

NL

“ *Love and sweet thoughts Donna. Don was such a wonderful man. I'll always remember the Sundaes he would bring to us at work. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Hold tight to the happy memories you shared. May God give you comfort.*

Nancy Lounds - December 10, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Fletcher Cogswell .*



December 09, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ *41 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - December 09, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Tammy Halsey purchased the Spirit - Memorial Globe Candle Holder for the family of Donald Fletcher Cogswell .*



Tammy Halsey - December 09, 2019 at 10:00 AM

TA

“ Don was the most kind and wonderful person. He was the best Santa and the only one that our daughter Gracelyn was okay with, she was only 9 months old, lol. We always loved beeping at him in his sleigh and Gracelyn even wanted to stop and sit with him in his sleigh when he was older. My most favorite picture is with Gracelyn and Santa Don. He will be missed. God Bless
Tammy Halsey

Tammy - December 09, 2019 at 09:53 AM

CH

“ Donna and Family,
So sorry for your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.
Robert & Carla Herendeen (Robinson)

Carla Herendeen - December 06, 2019 at 05:44 PM

RK

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. For as long as I can remember he has been one of our customers. Handing out Santa and Reindeer rings to my crew at Christmas. He will be missed greatly. I'm sure if there is a McDonald's in heaven he's drinking coffee and chatting it up with those that have gone before him.

Regi Knoll - December 06, 2019 at 01:06 PM

BO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Donald. I Pray for healing and safe travels for the family.. I Pray the Lord lay his healing calming hands on you and give you peace.

Love
Gonna Ellison Berge

Bonna - December 06, 2019 at 09:46 AM

BS

“ Donna, I have only fond memories of you and Don from our days at CHS. Please know my thoughts and prayers go out to you during these times. We've all lost a good friend, and so thankful you have family and loved ones near for the support and love you need.
Beth Kays Saurer

Beth Saurer - December 06, 2019 at 09:32 AM

TO

“ Sorry for your loss.
Prayers for your family

Tobi - December 06, 2019 at 08:10 AM

LA

“ To the Cogswell Family-So sorry for our loss. Santa and the Easter bunny will be missed by all. I remember taking my daughter down to see Santa and the Easter Bunny years ago when my daughter was just little. He put a lot of smile's on a lot of face's. It was appreciated that he took the time to do that for all.

Lori Aseltine - December 06, 2019 at 07:33 AM

RR

“ Donna, please accept my deepest sympathy at Don's passing. May God's peace be your comfort. You both were great friends when I lived in Charlotte. May he rest in God's peace.

Ray Rossell

r.r Rossell - December 05, 2019 at 02:36 PM

WC

“ *Don was one of the "south side kids" in our neighborhood in Charlotte. He will be missed.*

Wilma Campbell - December 05, 2019 at 01:57 PM