



Donald Gary Ells

June 15, 1936 - March 5, 2018

Donald Gary Ells, 81, of Charlotte, MI, passed away at home on March 5, 2018, surrounded by his family. Don was born June 15, 1936, in Charlotte, one of five children born to William and Aletha (Root) Ells. He married Katherine Ditchfield on September 15, 1962 and they enjoyed 55 years of marriage. Don's brothers, Mickey (Joyce) Ells and Bill (Sharon) Ells have gone before him to be with the Lord. Don will forever be remembered by his brother, Ted (Ann) Ells and loving sister, Marilyn (Carroll) Briggs; his beloved children, Donny Joe, Allen (Colleen) Ells, Linda (Scott) McDiarmid, Michael (Carmen) Ells, and Sandy (Robert) Wehr. Don will also be missed by all of his treasured grandchildren, Deanna, Tanya, Victoria, Mark (Stephanie) Wehr, Matt (Timara) Wehr, Nichoal (Trevor) Kirkendall, Sarah McDiarmid, Amanda Ells, Ashley (Shawn) Smith, and great-grandchildren, Sadie Kirkendall, Ericka Smith, and Conner Wehr, a great-granddaughter on the way, and countless other friends and family whom were blessed to know him.

Don loved his farm. He was often seen riding his quad around the farm perimeter daily and enjoyed watching deer and turkey cross over the farm from one woods line to the other. He loved mushrooming, visiting with family and friends on the porch while watching the birds and traffic go by. He also enjoyed playing Michigan Rummy with his children and grandchildren, going to the casino, motorcycle, and hunting. Don never missed his grandchildren's many sporting events. He was an active member of the Eagles Club in

Charlotte and he will be missed by all his friends at the Club. He was also a member of the Moose Club and going to auctions. Don was known to find four-leaf clovers, even on a wagon loading hay. His bible holds hundreds of four-leaf clovers. Don worked 36 years at General Motors in machine repair and served 9 years in the Michigan Army National Guard Charlotte Charlie Battery 1st of the 119th FA.

A celebration of life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be from 2:00 - 4:00 and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at the funeral home. Don will be laid to rest in West Carmel Cemetery alongside Ells ancestors dating back to 1852. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie #3552 in Charlotte. 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

West Carmel Cemetery

5016 Carlisle Highway
Charlotte, MI 48813

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

MAR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Gary Ells



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2018 at 04:58 PM

DJ

Love you Uncle Don. Love and prayers to the family. I do have a few pictures but can not get to them yet. I will send them on facebook when I do!

Debbra Jones - March 06, 2018 at 10:27 PM

DJ

I have so many memories of Uncle Don but the last one I remember was Uncle Don with my grandson Ryan Jones when he was three hand in hand walking through the field to look at cattle that Ryan had never seen before. I always thought that was a beautiful thing of Uncle Don and I did take a picture of them walking away together. Such a beautiful picture I just had to take. But I always think about it and thought it was awesome of Uncle Don for doing such a sweet thing with my grandbaby and always will. Love you Uncle Don!

Debbra Jones - March 06, 2018 at 10:42 PM

CB

“ I remember when I had puppies in the heat ducts of my kennel. Mom had knocked the register cover off and I called Don. He came down and started to crawl under the trailer. He backed out and said he couldn't do it because of his clastrophobia. He call his grandson (I think) to come and get them out. The boy crawled under there while Don told him what to do and how to do it. They got all the puppies out safely and fixed the pipe. There were a lot of memories that I could list. You will be missed!

Charlene Bowen - March 11, 2018 at 12:32 PM

GM

“ Sending condolences to the family. I am a nephew to Mickey Ells and I work with Mike Ells

Gregory L. Miller - March 09, 2018 at 10:29 PM

FD

“ From The Kimmel Family Bob, Terry, Maureen & Diana purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Donald Gary Ells .



From The Kimmel Family Bob, Terry, Maureen & Diana -
March 08, 2018 at 07:52 AM

KT

“ Keneth Ditchfield, Paula, Brian, and Todd purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald Gary Ells .



Keneth Ditchfield, Paula, Brian, and Todd - March 07, 2018 at
08:29 PM

CW

“ *Last picture of me with uncle donnie. He is missed*



Cody white - March 07, 2018 at 02:26 PM

MF

“ *It is with a sad heart we say" so long" to Don. He was a sweet man. God Bless Him and his family. Mary (Marlowe) Foote and Family*



mary marlowe foote - March 07, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Gary Ells .*



March 07, 2018 at 01:10 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Gary Ells .*



March 07, 2018 at 08:25 AM



“ Kathy and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. Please know we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Elaine Martin

Elaine Martin - March 07, 2018 at 07:39 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Gary Ells .



March 06, 2018 at 06:23 PM



“ 34 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 06, 2018 at 03:50 PM