



Donald Arthur Hull

July 4, 1966 - April 19, 2021

Donald Arthur Hull, 54, of Eaton Rapids, MI, passed away on April 19th, 2021 after a valiant battle against COVID-19. Don was born July 4th, 1966 to Joyce (U'ren) Hull-Davis and Robert Hull in Saline, MI. From that day forward he considered every 4th of July celebration to be a glorified birthday party. He took great pride in his Eaton Rapids up-bringing and told copious stories of his neighborhood and youth group memories. After graduating from Lansing Christian High School in 1984, Don went on to serve in the United States Air Force for five years. He later went on to study Production Management and received his bachelors from Spring Arbor University in 2006.

Don spent his career working in Manufacturing at both Meridian Magnesium and General Motors, through which he formed many of his life-long friendships. He also had a passion for sports which illuminated through his co-ed softball participation, coaching his kids' sports teams, and cheering on his Michigan State Spartans. Above all else, Don is remembered most for his love and pride in his wife and children and all of their beauty and accomplishments. If you knew (or think you met) Don, he undoubtedly remembers you and any stories you might have told him including the name of your childhood dog or what color huffy bike you rode around the neighborhood.

Don was survived by his "beautiful bride" of nearly 21 years Renae Petty-Hull, and his two children Madelynn Hull (Andrew Lula) and Chase Hull, who will

continue to grow and avenge this untimely death. He too was survived by his brothers Chris (Trish) Hull, Mike (Norene) Hull, Mark (Kimberly) Petty, Ryan (Kelly) Petty, and countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends. Don is now dancing with the angels that passed before him including his parents Joyce (U'ren) Davis-Hull and Robert Hull, and his daughter Linzee.

Friends are encouraged to support Don's family by attending services or sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Visitation will be held in the Pray Funeral Home Gardens on Monday, April 26, 2021 from 3:00-5:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service in the following at 5:00 p.m. with Laura Cooper officiating. Mask, group capacity, and distancing guidelines will be practiced. The funeral will be webcast so you may watch it from any computer, smartphone, or mobile device that has internet access. Go to www.prayfuneral.com, click on Don's tribute, then click on Photos and Videos from your computer (or Media from your smart phone). If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Alzheimer's Association. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **26.** 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

APR **26.** 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Webcast in memory of Donald Arthur Hull



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 26, 2021 at 12:36 PM

BR

*Renae & family.....Watched from Florida, such a nice service. Much love ❤️ to all of you. Lifting up many prayers 🙏 in the days to come.
Aunt Barb*

Barbara Reinert - April 26, 2021 at 05:54 PM

KL

Renae, Maddy & Chase, We are so Sorry to hear about Don. Remembering Don as our Neighbor and Friend. He would always stop and Talked with in the grocery store and give me an update of you all. Oh how proud was each one of you. Our prayers and thoughts are with you . Wayne, Karen & Taylor Lindsay

Karen K Lindsay - April 26, 2021 at 07:49 PM



Thank you Karen, Wayne, and Taylor. So many memories. He was one of a kind. I appreciate your kind words. 💕💕

Renae Petty Hull - April 27, 2021 at 07:09 AM



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Arthur Hull*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2021 at 05:30 PM

SK

“ *Sorry for your loss. LCS 84 I remember catching up with him a couple of times at the Lansing Road QD and the Charlotte boys basketball games with Haslett. He was the same man I knew in high school.*

Steve & Karen Kwast - April 26, 2021 at 06:09 PM



Thank you so much for sharing, he was proud of being part of LCS 84 and he was a wonderful man. ❤️

Rena Petty Hull - April 27, 2021 at 07:06 AM



“ I will always remember Don as part of my material team at GM and “threatening” to come over and lay on my couch in nothing but his Speedo and eating Cheetos. He reminded me EVERY TIME I saw him that he could be ready at a moments notice, just had to “change.”

Don will be greatly missed. Although I don't have a picture of him, here is one of Maddy at a Charlotte basketball game. RIP Cheeto man!



Judy Willison - April 26, 2021 at 06:08 PM



Thank you for sharing this memory, I can hear him threatening to come over and lie on your couch with his Speedo and Cheetos! Where did he come up with that?! Lol! Thank you for sharing and for the loving support!

Renae Petty Hull - April 27, 2021 at 07:04 AM

RK

“ Ron and Ruth send our love to you all. We enjoyed the beautiful services and shared memories. Thank you. Sending prayers always. Aunt Ruth

Ruth E. Kirkendall - April 26, 2021 at 05:57 PM



Thank you for being there and doe the love and prayers. He was a presence who filled a room.

Renae Petty Hull - April 27, 2021 at 07:01 AM

RK

“ *Ruth E. Kirkendall lit a candle in memory of Donald Arthur Hull*



Ruth E. Kirkendall - April 26, 2021 at 05:53 PM

AD

“ *What a beautiful man, I thank God for the opportunity to know you Don! Rest well big fella.. Praying that God comfort and be with you and your families Renae, I love you. My very deepest condolences.*

Aqualenna Davis - April 26, 2021 at 04:35 PM

RH

There are no words. I love you too.

Renae Hull - April 27, 2021 at 07:00 AM

GC

“ Tributes from Bruce U'Ren and Phil Hicks brought back some great memories of Don! Bruce, I had totally forgotten about Don's patented hook shot!! Classic. There was always a game of baseball, basketball or football going on in the neighborhood (back when kids actually did that every day when you got home from school), and when it got too hot, those games turned into the same competition in either the Hull, U'Ren or Clone swimming pool. Then in the winter time, I remember setting up an entire Big 10 basketball tournament with Don on his Nerf Hoop in the basement. We would play games to 10, and it was just amazing how whichever guy drew Michigan State always seemed to win it all.... Don also got us hooked on the APBA dice baseball game, which I still have and actually pulled it out this week to play a game in your memory. You guessed it, the Tigers won. And Phil, you couldn't have said it any better about Don's loyalty to the teams that he loved. There was no bigger or more loyal proponent of the Lansing Christian Pilgrims basketball team within the city of Eaton Rapids than Don Hull!!

Don, I feel fortunate that I was able to see you and meet Renae a couple of year's ago out to Archey's when we were up in E.R. I just wish it wasn't for the last time. RIP until I see you again.... and have the Nerf hoop all ready to go.

Greg Clone - April 26, 2021 at 12:58 PM

RH

Thank you for sharing these memories. It warms my heart.

Renae Hull - April 27, 2021 at 06:59 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



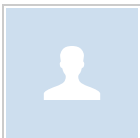
April 25, 2021 at 05:32 PM



“ *39 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2021 at 05:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



April 25, 2021 at 01:53 PM

BL

“ Bill and Cheri Lula purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.



Bill and Cheri Lula - April 23, 2021 at 04:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.



April 22, 2021 at 05:19 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.



April 22, 2021 at 11:23 AM

ZO

“ Zeta Omega purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.



Zeta Omega - April 21, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



April 21, 2021 at 06:17 PM



“ *My oldest memories include Donny. I found this photo of my 6th birthday party, there is Donny in the top left, it looks like we are sharing something funny and ignoring the camera - everyone else is being good and looking at the camera. I always remember Donny as enthusiastic, positive and looking forward to something. Something as simple as a pool party with a few friends, something we did many times each summer, would get Donny excited. Donny was one of those people who always seemed positive and happy to be alive. I'm glad our families were friends and I grew up with Donny as my friend.*



Kurt Mergener - April 21, 2021 at 02:32 PM



He was always 'excited' about any new adventure. If we were planning on leaving for vacation at 6am, he was up and ready at 4am! He had a zest for life and had a knack for remembering everyone he ever met,. Thank you for sharing this photo and your memories.💕💕

Rena Hull - April 22, 2021 at 02:58 AM

AF

“ Aunt Shirley, U'Ren, Cataline, & Camp families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.



Aunt Shirley, U'Ren, Cataline, & Camp families - April 21, 2021 at 11:38 AM

RH

“ I can't believe this is real. It's the only way I can talk to you. You are part of me and will always be. Thank you for the presence in my life. Thank you for the highs and lows of life we experienced together. Thank you for my babies. Thank you for making me laugh SO many times over the years. Thank you for supporting me when I stumbled and for sticking by my side during the stormy times. Thank you for allowing me the greatest pleasure of walking by your side, holding your hand on this part of my journey. I love you more. Me2

Renae Hull - April 21, 2021 at 09:48 AM

DW

Renae, I know how much you two love each other, Don thought the world of you. The many days we would sit in your car during break talking about you and Don. I envied you so much because of your true love you had with him. Your love was priceless. I hold him dear to my heart because of the way he treasured you. He will always be with you. Im so very sorry for this incredible loss. I'm hugging you so tight right now. It's okay to cry....it's okay to hurt. God is wrapping His arms around you....I love you Renae. Prayers, peace, and love to you. Rest in heaven Don. Thank you for loving your family the way you do....

Donna Wood - April 26, 2021 at 05:59 PM

“ I loved reading Bruce U'Ren's memories of his cousin, Don. Though I wasn't an official member of that neighborhood, I did participate in a few of those games which from my memory were very competitive and filled with controversy. I remember Don as a fierce competitor that you wanted on your side when it came to a close call in any game that we were playing. Mostly, though, Don was just fun and inclusive of everyone.

When I think of Don as my elementary through high school friend, one word summarizes the kind of friend he was to me, and that is Loyalty. This story about Don sums up his loyalty.

The 1982 Eaton Rapids Boys Basketball Team is arguably the best Eaton Rapids boys team in the city's history (the 1985 team wasn't bad either 😊). It was amazing to watch them play and an emotional moment for many of us when they beat Okemos (the eventual Class B State Champs of '82) for the first time and only time in varsity boys basketball that I can remember. I share that information to emphasize how good of a team they were. I was a freshman at Eaton Rapids and Don, who lived in Eaton Rapids, was a sophomore at Lansing Christian, a tiny class D school. Eaton Rapids was scheduled to play Lansing Christian that season. It seemed like every time I saw Don at church or around town, he would be bragging about how good his LCS Pilgrims were. He would tell us how good their super star, Jason Peters, was and that he was sure LCS would beat ER. I remember thinking how ridiculous Don was for thinking that Lansing Christian could possibly beat that awesome Greyhound Team. Don did not back down when others laughed at him and made fun of his unfounded loyalty to his school. This went on for weeks and all of Don's Eaton Rapids buddies were excited to rub it in his face after a big ER win over LCS. As you have probably guessed, Lansing Christian came to play and beat the Greyhounds that night. LCS was one of the few losses in Eaton Rapids' incredible season. We were all shocked but Don was not. It seemed like somehow he knew all along that his team was up to the task.

Thank you, Don, for showing us what a loyal friend is like. You will be missed!

Phillip Hicks

Phillip R Hicks - April 20, 2021 at 10:04 PM

RH

Thank you for sharing your memories of my beloved Husband. I loved reading your heartfelt message. 💕💕

Renae Hull - April 21, 2021 at 08:37 PM

CT

“ Don,

I'll never forget all the laughs we shared. Getting to know you, learning about your life. As luck would have it when I had to go to 3rd shift you came right along with me, and I got to spend night after night talking to you about everything under the sun. Hearing about your life, your interests, and most of all, seeing you beam with pride when you'd tell me all about your family. We left no topic untouched, and I came to know how truly great of a person you were and how much love you had for your family.

I'm going to miss playing golf with you, miss texting with you in that sarcastic way that only we understood, miss the way you could make me burst into laughter even if I was down, and most of all, miss those long talks about life.

I know the Lord has cradled you in the palm of his hand and has taken you home. Someday we'll play a round of golf together in paradise. Until then, rest in peace my friend.

Chris Thelen

Chris Thelen - April 20, 2021 at 09:57 PM

RH

He spoke highly of you and Katrina, I feel like I know you and your kids through Don. He thought the world of you. Thank you for sharing your memories of Don. It warms my heart!

Rena Hull - April 21, 2021 at 08:35 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



April 20, 2021 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



April 20, 2021 at 07:45 PM

BU

“ Don I will never forget the days/nights of playing Basketball until it got so dark we could not see. Your patented hook shot that would smash against our garage door loud enough to have my Dad, your Uncle, come outside to see what was going on:). The days of playing football in the snow and Baseball/Tennis Ball with all the neighborhood kids. Going out to Grandma and Grandpa’s to go exploring in the woods. You ALWAYS had a great sense of humor and what a childhood we had! To his beautiful wife Renae and his great looking kids, Chase and Madelynn. Whenever my family would come up to visit from Indianapolis he was always quick to come over and visit. His pride and passion was for you! He always bragged, on what activities you were involved in and sharing pictures of each of you. Just know his love for you was so genuine as I can still hear the pride in his voice. Don you will be greatly missed but the day will come when we are all reunited!!! I love you man.

Your cousin Bruce U’Ren

Bruce U’Ren - April 20, 2021 at 06:54 PM

RH

Oh Bruce Jr., this is so hard to navigate. Thank you for sharing your memories. He LOVED his childhood and all his cousins! I feel like I got to go on those special overnight visits to Grandma and Grandpa U’Ren’s too. I’ve heard countless stories of your adventures and he always spoke so highly of you and Carol. I feel so lucky to have been loved by him, though it hasn’t been long enough...he was simply the best. 💕💕

Renae Hull - April 21, 2021 at 08:46 PM

JB

*Rena and family,
My thoughts are with you during this difficult time. I so remember and enjoyed having Don as a student, but especially in the 7/8 grade classes at Lansing Christian. He would sit front and center...by choice...as much to hassle me while I taught as it was to learn. He had such a humor and would engage in conversation. It was always great to catchup with him at the class reunions. Please know you will continue in our thoughts and prayers.
With warm regards and sweet memories of Don.
Jack Brown*

Jack Brown - April 28, 2021 at 10:49 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Arthur Hull.*



April 20, 2021 at 05:45 PM