



Donald Raymond "Duck" Klaiss

November 19, 1937 - July 6, 2011

Donald R. "Duck" Klaiss, 73 of Charlotte, died Wednesday, July 6, 2011, after a lengthy illness. Don was born November 19, 1937 in Charlotte, Michigan, the son of Merle (Pete) and Katheryn (Smith) Klaiss. He was a truck driver for Crandell Brothers Trucking for 43 years before his retirement in 2004. His family was his life; trucking was his passion. He loved camping at his brother Jim's and shooting the breeze over coffee. He is survived by his mother Katheryn Klaiss; wife of 30 years, Claudia "Jean" Klaiss; children, Laurie Sperry, Donald (Martha) Klaiss, Brian (Kristi) Klaiss, Alan (Trina) Klaiss, Dawn (Brian) Gibbs, and Gary (Susan) Klaiss, 16 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; siblings, Susan (Chris) Scott, Sally (Rod) McMichael, Fred (Nadine) Klaiss; and sisters and brothers-in-law; Martha (Wayne) Frey, Jan (Larry) McQuay, Jackie (Ken) Robinson, Judy (Darwyn) Jones and Linda (Jim) Davis; and many nieces, nephews, friends, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary (Harmon) Klaiss; brother, Jim Klaiss; sister, Jean (Klaiss) Reed and son-in-law, Pete Sperry. Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI with Rev. Charles Jenson officiating. Visitation will be Saturday, July 9, 2011 from 2:00 – 4:00 and 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Christmas Kiddies, in c/o the Charlotte Fire Department. Online condolences may be made at www.prayfuneral.com. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, MI.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Raymond "Duck" Klaiss*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2017 at 02:30 PM

DA

“ *Thank you For beening there for me. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you. I miss you so much. Love you dad*

Dawn - March 07, 2017 at 02:31 PM

PI

“ *We are pleased to provide this Book of Memories to the family.*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - March 07, 2017 at 02:28 PM

SD

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Donald Raymond "Duck" Klaiss*



Stephen Edward Davidson - March 07, 2017 at 02:28 PM

LH

“ We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father and grandfather. Know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have made over the years.

Lynn and Karen Hard - March 07, 2017 at 02:28 PM

SJ

“ Sorry to just recently read about your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Steve and Cheryl Jones

Steve and Cheryl Jones - March 07, 2017 at 02:27 PM

GG

“ Jean - Many of my favorite memories of high school and Charlotte involve time spent at your house, and sitting at the table with you and Don. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.

Greg & Karyn Griffin - March 07, 2017 at 02:27 PM

JR

“ Dear Sue and family: Please accept my deepest sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your brother. Every time I go out west of town I remember the hay ride you had and how much fun it was! Seems like yesterday. May God give you comfort in this time of sorrow.

JULIE RANSHAW - March 07, 2017 at 02:27 PM

JT

“ *Jean and Family,*
Our thoughts and our prayers, are with you at this difficult time; Jack has so many fond memories of all of the fun the guys used to have, at Crandell Bros. in the 70's. Don was one of the first people that we met, when we arrived in town; he always had a kind word for the kids, and especially, our John, when he 'tagged along' with Jack to the shop. How nice, after so many years to connect with Dawn, Brian, and of course Hillary, and to come full circle, with Don at HGB. We will continue to pray for you all, in the days, ahead, and know that God always gives us the strength that we need, for each given moment.

Jack and Sue Taylor - March 07, 2017 at 02:27 PM

LL

“ *Our hearts are saddened by the loss of the man that Dad always felt of as a brother, and I always saw as an uncle. Someone I always looked up to and could always count on for advice when needed. Uncle Don will be greatly missed by many whose lives that he touched. He was always there to help when you needed it, or just let you know how to do it. We had a great visit a few weeks ago that really meant a lot to us. It will be a time that we will always remember fondly. So as we say goodbye we know that there are those that are there to greet and embrace him. I can only imagine that Dad, Jim and Don are all sitting around at the kitchen table now having coffee and catching up on old times. We love you Don and will miss you. Our hearts and prayers go out to Jean and all the family members.*

Lynn and Diana LaBare - March 07, 2017 at 02:26 PM