



Donald Judson Ulrey

January 13, 1929 - June 1, 2017

Donald Judson Ulrey, 88, of Charlotte, died peacefully surrounded by his family at home on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Don was born January 13, 1929 in Steuben, MI, the son of Judson and Bernice (Johnson) Ulrey. Don graduated from Sturgis High School before enlisting in the U.S. Navy and proudly serving aboard the submarine USS Cavezon in China during the Korean War. Upon his return, he married Joann Marie Jackson in Utica, MI in 1957, and the two started their family. He went to work for the Michigan State Police from 1955-1981 before working in Bureau Regulator Services until his retirement in 1994. He remained a member of the VFW and American Legion as well as the Michigan State Police Command Officers. Don also proudly honored the lives of other veterans as a member of the Ft. Custer National Cemetery Honor Guard, where he will be laid to rest and honored by his fellow honor guardsmen. When Don was not devoting his time to service organizations he enjoyed golfing, fishing, camping, and traveling. His favorite place to travel was to the UP. Above all, Don loved his family.

Don is survived by his wife of 60 years, Joann; sons, Donald (Dana) Ulrey Jr. and David Joseph Ulrey; daughter, DeAnn Joy Ulrey; grandchildren, D'Lynn (Tim) Amatrone, Dawn (Gary) Layfield, and Cole Ulrey; and great-grandchildren, Madison, Tyler, Novilee, Aubrey, Brennen. He is predeceased by his parents and four siblings.

A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 12:00 noon at Pray Funeral Home with Rev. Tim Olson officiating. Visitation is Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Pray Funeral Home. Interment will take place in Ft. Custer National Cemetery on Monday, June 12, 2017. If desired, the family suggests memorial contributions to The Fallen Troopers Association. 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

Fort Custer National Cemetery

15501 Dickman Road
Augusta, MI 49012

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



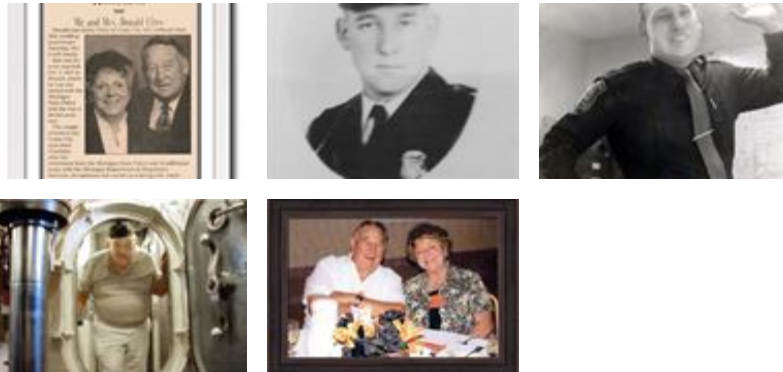
“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Judson Ulrey



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 07, 2017 at 05:06 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 07, 2017 at 05:01 PM

DU

I love you Dad! Happy Fathers day to the best Dad ever!

DeANN Ulrey - June 18, 2017 at 10:15 AM

AP

“ Mrs. Ulrey I am so sorry to hear this. I will always have fond memories of you both growing up in the American Legion as a little girl, and the friendship that you and my parents - Al & Rosalinda Pena shared. My deepest condolences and prayers to you for peace and strength.
Andrea M. Pena & Family

Andrea M. Pena - June 07, 2017 at 03:06 PM

BO

“ Jo, So sorry for your loss! Don was a wonderful person and a good friend to my parents (Chuck and Ida). He will be missed by all!

Born and Pearce family

Born - June 07, 2017 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Judson Ulrey.



June 07, 2017 at 12:00 PM

CF

“ There was nothing but kindness and Gods blessings in this man. Don was always a true gentleman, full of love for faith, family, and friends. We will miss you and the wonderful camping memories and cruise memories and I most of all will miss having a Republican to joke with. To Jo and family, so sorry for your loss. Wrapping our arms around you with love and tears. Cathy and John Farrell, Sun City Center, FL. A donation will be made to your memorial.

Cathy Farrell - June 07, 2017 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Judson Ulrey.*



June 07, 2017 at 09:12 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Judson Ulrey.*



June 05, 2017 at 11:47 AM



“ *On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Donald's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Donald's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country."*

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess 3:16.

Donald Judson Ulrey ET3(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.

Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

Bill Dixon - June 05, 2017 at 07:40 AM

LP

“ I had the good fortune to know Don and Jo from two places: Union City and Charlotte. They moved to Union City years ago and attended Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and kept up their friendships after moving back to Charlotte. When I moved to Charlotte from Union City, I was happy to share another parish home with them. We used to meet Union City friends in Marshall occasionally for Sunday breakfast. Don will be missed by many people. Rest in peace Don and my condolences Jo.
Lori Poyer

Lori Poyer - June 04, 2017 at 08:26 PM



“ I knew and worked with Don for over 40 years and never heard anyone say a bad word about him. A real gentleman.
A life well lived.
Jim Baird
MSP Ret.

James Baird - June 04, 2017 at 01:11 PM



“ Don you will be missed. You were an awesome person. Gayle
Clement

Michael Wager - June 03, 2017 at 12:50 PM

DA

“ Don and Jo lived beside me in the Condos. Wonderful neighbors.
Don was a kind and loving person. I will miss him. Donna Allen

Donna Allen - June 03, 2017 at 12:47 PM



Michael
Wager

“ Don was an awesome guy to be around he always told me you ever need a ride or someone to watch the cats while your gone just call. There was nothing Don ever turned away from when i or someone needed help. Don always said you know its sad i got a computer and i dont know a darn thing about it. It wasnt until March when Don stepped up to help run the Legion Bingo boy was he fun to work with. Three weeks before he passed he looked at me and said Mike I cant do it no more then i knew it wasn't Don thats when he told me what was going. - Mike Wager

Michael Wager - June 03, 2017 at 12:46 PM

JB

“ OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, DON WAS A GREAT MAN AND WILL BE MISSED BY MANY

JOHN AND BERNADETTE BLAND - June 03, 2017 at 08:49 AM

MU

“ Jo and family,

I am so very sorry for your loss. I wish that I had the ability to change it all for you.

Your family has had a special place in the Uerling hearts for many years and will for many to come. Our families go back to the days in Romeo and forward since then. I know how much my folks thought of you and Don and spoke of you with nothing but fondness. There is that old MSP bond that will never break.

Don and my dad are more than likely telling war stories, my mother is feeding them and Jim is laughing at the stories.

I will never forget the contacts from all of you during the last month. Don was ill and yet always asked what he could do, as did the rest of you. This only adds to the wonderful legacy that he left as did the many things that he did in the community and for his country. He was a kind and gentle person in his actions and words. I think the most important legacy he left is the remarkable family he had. Certainly that alone is such a tribute!

Rest In Peace Don. I will miss you. God Bless you and your entire family.

Mary Uerling

Mary Uerling - June 02, 2017 at 07:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - June 02, 2017 at 02:41 PM