



Donald S. Geresy

March 1, 1928 - February 1, 2017

Donald S. Geresy, 88, of Bridgman, passed away on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at West Woods of Bridgman Nursing Center.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, February 19, 2017, at Starks and Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, 2650 Niles Rd., St. Joseph, with Pastor David Stout officiating. Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, from 1:00 P.M. until time of service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Pilgrim Congregational UCC or West Woods of Bridgman Nursing Center. Those wishing to leave an online condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com (http://www.starks-menchinger.com).

Don was born on March 1, 1928, to Steven & Leona (Bulza) Geresy in Gary, IN. All through his life he had been an athlete. Don earned a football scholarship, where he starred as the quarterback, while attending college at North Central University in Illinois. He also pitched and played center field for the Cubs Farm League. If any sport had a ball, Don probably played it. He also had a passion for hunting and fishing.

Don is survived by his girlfriend, Donna Neuendorf of Stevensville; children, Penny (Kenneth) Gelander of Chelsea, MI, Debbie (Daniel) Bell of Kalamazoo, MI, Dawn (Larry) Romelhardt of Ann Arbor, MI and Nickie Cappella of Pittsburgh, PA. Don is also survived by his grandchildren, Andrea, Morgan, Kenny, Alexis, Giovanni, Paige and Mira; great-grandchild, Lucas; brother, Larry Geresy of Bellaire, MI; and sister Dorothy Randall of Kalamazoo, MI.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and former wife, Marilyn Fowler.

Service Information

Visitation Information

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2017

Time: 01:00 pm

End Time: 03:00 pm

Starks & Menchinger Chapel

Address:

2650 Niles Rd.

St. Joseph, MI 49085

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Cemetery Information

Riverview Cemetery

Address:

2925 Niles Road

St. Joseph, MI 49085

Memorial Information

Memorial contributions may be made to Pilgrim Congregational UCC or West Woods of Bridgman Nursing Center.

Leave a Condolence

Mary Lee posted on 2/19/17

I was so saddened to hear of the passing of Don. Don was a truly a good person. My computer has been down for a while. In reading all my e-mails I was shocked to read about Don. Don and I had something in common. We both were born in Gary, IN. Although he left as a young child, I have been here all my life. My prayers are with his family but remember that Don is in a better place with no more pain and suffering.

LaRon Gilbert posted on 2/16/17

Nik, Debbie, Dawn & Penny and Family.. I am truly sorry for the loss of your father, he was such a great man and it shows in the lives of all of you. When I think of him it bring me great comfort knowing that he was able to witness the cubs win and experience such happiness! May he Rest In Peace and you all continue to share such fond memories of him with us... Love Ya~ LaRon

Debbie Hahn posted on 2/16/17

Penny, Debbie, Dawn, Nickie, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I will always remember him as a nice guy! Wishing you peace and comfort as you hold on to your own memories of him. Much love, Debbie

Jeff williams posted on 2/6/17

Nik, sorry for your loss.bright light and love to you and your family. Jeff Williams

Rick and Joyce Bloodworth posted on 2/6/17

Dear Nikki, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers. May you feel God's loving comfort and peace as you go through this difficult time. Love to all. \clubsuit

Michelle Bugg Flaherty posted on 2/5/17

In honor of Donald, Michelle Bugg Flaherty lit a candle.

Dawn You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

Mary Larsson posted on 2/3/17

Girls, I am saddened to lose the first contact I had when connecting with my birth family. Buddy and Donna have welcomed me into the fold and he will surely be missed. If there is anything you all need, just let me know. Dorothy Randall's daughter Mary and your cousin

Karen Rooker posted on 2/3/17

Penny and girls, I am so sorry to hear about your dad. Your family holds sweet memories for me:)). Thinking of you all \heartsuit

Dennis Leto posted on 2/3/17

Penny, so sorry for your loss. Your dad was a wonderful person. He was always kind to me.

Darcy Stuck posted on 2/3/17

Penny, On behalf of SJHS Class of 1973, I would like to offer our deepest condolences on the passing of your father. Please know that your classmate's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

John Schuhknecht posted on 2/3/17

Don was always kind and fun to be around as I hunted and fished with him with my dad, Dale Schuhknecht. So sorry for your loss, girls.

Dave and Trudy Mahannah posted on 2/3/17

Our sincere condolences to Don's family and Donna. May God bless you all. We loved Don and have many great memories of him. He was a good friend to all and we are proud to have known him. We will miss him, but know he is in a better place now.

Cindy Rosenthal posted on 2/3/17

Don was a very smart and special person. It was a privilege to have known him. I loved hearing the stories he told. He was very blessed to have Donna, Don and Walt in his life. My sincere condolences to you and the entire family.

University of Pittsburgh - DBMI posted on 2/3/17

May care and love of those around you provide comfort and peace to get you through the days ahead. May Mr. Geresy rest in peace. Our most sincere condolences.

George & Maggie Richter posted on 2/2/17

So sorry, we were just talking about Don the other day. Let me tell you about the time he gave me a bowling lesson. He said,"keep it on the alley". We loved him dearly. George and Maggie Richter

Life Event Timeline

Help tell the story of Donald's life by contributing to the Life Event Timeline. Upload the photo of an event...