



Donald R. Berz

October 6, 1960 - December 13, 2024

Donald R. Berz, aged 64, passed away peacefully on December 13, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. Born on October 6, 1960, Donald was a man of unwavering strength, deep kindness, and an enduring love for his family.

Donald's greatest joy in life was being a devoted father to his six children Carli (Rob) Carpenter, Christina (Aleksandar) Rajkovik, Mari (Mario) Lakaj, Michael (Kiana) Boike, Douglas Berz, and Desiree Berz.

He was also a proud grandfather to nine cherished grandchildren: Abriana, Anthony, Ava, Sophia, Isabel, Ana, Milijana, Mateo, and Shia. His love extended beyond his family to his loyal companion, his beloved dog, Patty, who brought him comfort and joy.

Donald was one of a kind—loud, full of life, and impossible to ignore. He had this amazing way of bringing people together, turning any gathering into something unforgettable. His booming voice, contagious laugh, and natural charisma could light up a room and lift everyone's spirits. He didn't just show up—he made sure everyone felt his presence in the best way possible.

Don had a knack for making quiet moments fun and turning everyday situations into great memories. Whether he was cracking a joke, sharing a story, or just walking through the door, he brought an energy that everyone loved being around. He made people feel important like they truly mattered, and his zest for life was inspiring.

He'll be missed more than words can say, but his legacy of love, laughter, and unforgettable moments will live on in everyone lucky enough to have known him. Don wasn't just larger than life—he was the life of it.

Known for his warm smile and generous spirit, Donald touched the lives of all who knew him. His life was a testament to resilience, compassion, and a steadfast commitment to those he cared about most.

Donald will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. May his memory live on in the hearts of those he loved and inspire them to live with the same love and kindness he shared throughout his life.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Donald's life with a visitation and service at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 from 2-8pm and a funeral service to be held at 6pm.

A burial will take place at Utica Cemetery, Utica, Michigan.

Rest in peace, Donald. Your love, loyalty, and legacy will never be forgotten.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
(586) 731-2411
utica@sullivanfh.com
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

Family Services

DEC 17. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LT

“ *Lt lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Berz*



Lt - December 19, 2024 at 08:45 AM

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“ *Don had a kind and generous heart. I will miss his "it's Friday" calls. His boisterous voice and laugh and smile will be missed. My job is how I met Don and his beloved dog, whom I'm sure is missing him. Your days are no longer in pain and may you rest peacefully now " pizza pizza" man. You were one of a kind Don. TMH*

Tina Hecht. (TMH) - December 18, 2024 at 08:44 PM

DS

I'm so sorry 😞 I didn't know my brother passed away. I loved in my heart but we were estranged. This is our Deborah Wais. He's with our lord now and has no pain. Now he can enjoy being with his twin.

Deborah Wais his sister - May 22, 2025 at 12:44 PM

RC

So Sad. I didnt respond to a text from him last year cuz I've been so sick. Rest In Peace my freind

Rena & Ken Convery - July 21, 2025 at 03:03 AM

MA

“ MALISSA lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Berz



MALISSA - December 18, 2024 at 08:23 AM

MM

*“In loving memory of Donald R. Berz,
So dearly loved. So sadly missed.
May the stars carry your sadness away.
You are TRULY Someone so special who will NEVER be forgotten.*

*Love Always,
Malissa, & Joann”*

MALISSA & JOANN (from MMC) - December 18, 2024 at 08:27 AM



M - December 18, 2024 at 09:20 PM

KA

“ Don was a wonderful person, he always had a smile and so caring!
Rest in peace 🙏



karen - December 17, 2024 at 08:24 PM

TF

“ *The Dlugosielski Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald R. Berz.*



The Dlugosielski Family - December 16, 2024 at 09:58 PM

TF

“ *The Dlugosielski Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald R. Berz.*

The Dlugosielski Family - December 16, 2024 at 09:58 PM

FA

“ *Fabiano purchased the White Poinsettia for the family of Donald R. Berz.*



Fabiano - December 16, 2024 at 04:12 PM

RB

“ *Rick and Eleanor Blake purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald R. Berz.*



Rick and Eleanor Blake - December 16, 2024 at 01:48 PM

SP

“ Shelli Pacioni purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Berz.



Shellie Pacioni - December 16, 2024 at 01:20 PM

HP

“ Hunter P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald R. Berz.

Hunter P. - December 15, 2024 at 11:49 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald R. Berz.



December 15, 2024 at 09:59 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald R. Berz.

December 15, 2024 at 09:59 PM

GF

“ Greg Bills & Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Donald R. Berz.



Greg Bills & Family - December 15, 2024 at 08:07 PM