



Donald Bornemeier

April 17, 1936 - April 13, 2020

Donald Robert Bornemeier, 83, passed away peacefully at his Sterling Heights home April 13, 2020 after a long battle with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Don was born in Taylor, NE April 17, 1936 to Rev. Daniel Simon and Martha (Ohs) Bornemeier. He lived in several towns in that state and graduated from Chase County High School, Imperial. He attended North Central College in Naperville, IL where he met Sheila, the love of his life "at first sight", and earned an engineering degree.

His first job after a wedding and graduation was with Boeing in Renton, WA, followed by moves to Slidell, LA and Huntsville, AL, finally leaving Boeing in 1965 to come to LTV in Michigan, then Chrysler Defense. He retired from General Dynamics after almost 25 years in 2001.

Don was a selfless, very private man of integrity who deeply valued love of family, loyalty and a super-strong work ethic which he fortunately instilled in his children. He loved all sports, coached his sons' teams, and attended all his kids' events. Although he was never a Boy Scout he was an active leader in Troop 80 for years where he proudly saw all three sons earn their Eagle awards. Traveling with the whole family early on and his wife after retirement allowed him to visit all 50 states and 20 countries.

He was predeceased by his youngest son, Craig; his brother, Dwight; and his parents. Surviving are his loving wife of 61 years, Sheila, and daughter, Debra (Kevin) Northup of Sterling Heights; sons Dirk (Judi) Bornemeier and Eric Michaels of Chicago. Also surviving are granddaughter Amelia Bornemeier and 5 grandsons - Sean (Hannah) Northup with great-grandchildren, Graeme and Audrey; Ryan (Gloria) Northup of New Hudson; Pvt. Michael Northup; Kent (Catherine) Borrnemeier of Ypsilanti; Chase Michaels of Chicago; and sister, Marcia (Rev. Robert) Harman of Milwaukee.

A private memorial service will be held for family at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to CNS Hospice, 1920 Livernois, Troy, MI 48083.

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Tribute Wall

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“ We are so very sorry to hear this sad news. We first met Don and Sheila when our daughter began dating their grandson Sean at Ball State University. An amazing couple and Don was such a gentleman! He loved eating tomatoes out of our garden! He will be missed!

Tom and Sherry McConnell and family

Sherry L McConnell - April 15, 2020 at 02:01 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with your family.



Mark Bornemeier - April 15, 2020 at 09:47 AM

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“ *Sheila:*
I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you and your family.
Dorothy (Weldy) Seaborg

Dorothy. Seaborg - April 15, 2020 at 09:40 AM

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“ *from Porter Family, Del, Lorri, Jeff, and Errin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Bornemeier.*



from Porter Family, Del, Lorri, Jeff, and Errin - April 14, 2020
at 06:42 PM

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“ *I met Shelia and Don, when he was at Shelby nursing center. Shelia was always so supportive and loving to Don. And Don and i had a special bond. I loved him. He was a wonderful man. I am so sorry Shelia for your loss of such a wonderful husband. I will always remember Don. We will meet again..in heaven. Take care.*

Julie manto - April 14, 2020 at 03:45 PM

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The Howard Lewis family send support and prayers in this difficult time.

Howard Lewis family - April 15, 2020 at 03:04 PM