



## Donald A. Dirven

May 19, 1932 - February 26, 2020

Donald A. Dirven, resident of Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, and Memphis, Michigan, age 87, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2020. Don is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Doris Dirven (nee Harkness); children Donn (Cathy) Dirven, Debra (Richard) LaFeir, David (Tamara) Dirven, and Donna Gorr; grandchildren Ashley LaFeir, Jessica (Joey) Jurczak, Richard (Kaitlyn) LaFeir Jr., Danielle Dirven, David Dirven Jr., Andre Dirven, Michael (Alyssa) LaFeir, Meagan Dirven, Amanda Gorr, Alyssa LaFeir, Emily Gorr, Nicole Gorr; and great-grandchildren Bailee Knight, and Violet LaFeir. Dear Son of the late Nicholas and Palmyra Dirven. Brother of the late Palmer (Theresa) Dirven, Norma (Edwin) Trott, and Joanne Dawson. Don was born May 19, 1932 in Detroit. After graduating from Detroit Institute of Technology, he went to work as a pharmacist at Harkness Pharmacy in Grosse Pointe Woods, where he met Doris, who would eventually become "his bride". He served in the U.S. Army, and then returned home to Michigan where he and Doris began their life together. Don and Doris took over the family business for several years. Don always reflected proudly on the relationships built during his career as a "hometown" pharmacist, as he later also worked for pharmacies in Marine City and Richmond. Throughout his life, there was nothing more important to Don than his family. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, at Lost Lake Woods Club, boating at the cottage on Ipperwash Beach, socializing with his siblings and cousins, and simply relaxing at home. During their long retirement, Don and Doris enjoyed

traveling together, as well as with their children and grandchildren. Don loved to brag about how their winters spent in Phoenix, Arizona provided them with "...300 days of sunshine a year and no bugs!" His sense of humor and delight in intentionally butchering the English language are remembered fondly by his loved ones. He will be missed dearly. Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Family Parish 79780 Main Street, Memphis, Michigan at 10am on Saturday, July 11, 2020, please see parish website for new procedures and requirements for public masses ~ <https://holyfamily-online.org/reopening-of-mass>

In lieu of flowers, if desired, the family requests memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association/Foundation or American Diabetes Association. Please share a memory at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Family Roman Catholic Parish  
79780 Main Street  
Memphis, MI 48041