



Donald B. Ihrke

May 16, 1930 - August 4, 2012

Donald B. Ihrke, 82, of Weeki Wachee, FL formerly of Shelby Twp, MI passed away peacefully at Sturgill HPH Hospice of Brooksville, FL Aug. 3, 2012, after suffering congestive heart failure and chronic lung disease. Donald is survived by his wife, Lois of 62 years; dear father of Karen Capanyola Bryan, Robert Ihrke Sharri, and Ronald Ihrke Jill and the late Cheryl Ann Ihrke Frketic. loving grandfather of Andy Capanyola, Carrie Capanyola, Jon Frketic, Matt Frketic, and Jorie Frketic, Karl Ihrke, Jeni Ihrke, Jessi DeMara Nick, Kaycee Ihrke, and Christi Ihrke. Donald served as a corporal in the United States Army in Germany from 1951 to 1953. His work of more than 30 years as a district manager for the Detroit News was a source of great pride and pleasure, especially the opportunity to work with 100's of paperboys over that time. He owned and operated several businesses independently over the years, most notably Post Laundry & Cleaners of Utica, MI, and, more recently, Clinton Twp, which is currently owned and operated by Don's son, Ronald Ihrke. Don served on the Historical Commission for the city of Utica, MI in the 1980's as he had a strong interest in maintaining the buildings and properties to preserve the history of the city, in the city.

Don was an avid pilot, owned his own plane for many years, and flew extensively over the continental United States, Mexico and the Caribbean for both business and pleasure, accompanied by his wife and "co-pilot" Lois.

Visitation will be held at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica, MI. on Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 3:00 to 9:00 PM.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am Thursday at the funeral home. The family requests donations to HPH Hospice Foundation in lieu of flowers. HPH Hospice Foundation, 12107 Majestic Blvd. Hudson, FL, 34667-2455 www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall

LC

“ Remember sharing many many good times and the many wonderful parties and horse shoe games and a few cocktails... Thanks for all the fond memories!

Louise Capanyola - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ It was such a pleasure knowing Don and we will always remember how welcome he made us feel when we first moved next door to them in Shelby Twp. and when we went to their place in Florida. He will be missed but is in a better place. All our love to the family.

The Humpichs - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mr. Ihrke provided me with some of my fondest childhood memories. I will always smile when remembering the summer nights spent swimming in the pool, the hard fought defeats on the volleyball court and wondering the wrath I would endure if I didn't immediately react when commanded to rectify the empty beer pitchers during the horse shoe matches. My father had many friends, however very few that I knew him to admire – but Mr. Ihrke's friendship he dearly valued. After moving to Ohio, he could typically be found telling “Uncle Don” stories to anyone that would listen. My family, my father and myself were blessed to have known him. My thoughts and prayers to the family.

Christopher Soupal - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To: The Don Ihrke Family; What great friends you have all been to the Soupal family. Don was like family. I know Don and Dick are playing golf and laughing together while enjoying their favorite beverage and a cigar. My sincere sympathy to all of you. May your family find peace in sharing all of your memories of Don. The Soupal Family

Barb Soupal - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ We would all be much better off if there were more people like Don. There are a whole bunch of us who will miss him very much. To Lois and the whole family, all 'the Frketic's' are with all of you in spirit.

Mike Frketic - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ What a great guy and one of my Dad's best buddies. Thanks to you and your wonderful family for being such close friends to the Waem family. We have some great pics of Don and Louis along with my parents down in Port Isable, TX. Rick and Rose

Richardd Waem - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM