



Donald J.A. Pitzen

May 20, 1937 - October 24, 2006

PITZEN, Donald J.A., October 24, 2006. Dear Husband of Denise nee Kerner. Dear father of Dana Steve Jenuwine and Darcia Bunner. Five Grandchildren. Brother of Shirley Clarence Separa and the late Mary Jane Culp. Family will receive friends at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road 3 blks east of VanDyke Utica on Thursday and Friday 2:00pm-9:00pm. Funeral service on Saturday at 11:00 am at the funeral home. Contributions appreciate to Henry Ford Hospice - St. Joseph Team. Please share memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald J.A. Pitzen*

March 25, 2023 at 11:03 AM



“ *Don was a great neighbor, the best I've ever had, and a wonderful friend. He was the type of person that would do anything for someone. I've only known him for 10 or so years and he made me feel like he'd known me for years . My husband Steve and Don would whistle for each other when one or the other would come outside, I'm going to miss those whistles along with the motorcycle rides the 4 of us took together and too many other things to list, but most of all I'll miss his smile, hello's from across the street and his friendship. Smiley street will not be the same.*

Denise O'Rourke - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Pitzen I'm a builder in Shelby and I've known Don for many years. When I first meet him we had that builder inspection but I knew he was doing his job. Over time he became a friend and I respected him. He taught me a lot about building and I thank him for helping me become a better builder over the years. I will miss him and treasure the time he spent showing me the way to become a great builder. God bless you and your family in this difficult time. My family's prayers will be with you.*

Greg Fornari - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Sorry I was unable to attend the wake for Don. I worked in the Supervisor's Office for 15 years and am now retired. I just always remembered Don as being the nicest, warmest and kindest man. He was always friendly to me. I wanted to share what I remember Don doing for us girls at the township. On the coldest, snowiest, blowing days of Winter, he would be in the parking lot cleaning all the girls cars off so when we got there, they were clean or he would be helping everyone to get them clean! Isn't that a wonderful gesture of kindness that I will never forget. God Bless you and your family.

Carol Long - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ It was a privilege to know Don Pitzen. That opportunity came late in our lives but I appreciated Don's devotion to issues in his neighborhood and community. Don & I often talked local politics and how that we might be able to change, or influence change, to items that we felt were not right. Don was fair and consistent - but he was also persistent in getting changes made - as noted in his getting pedestrian bridges over M53. Don & I shared the same day Thursday to deliver meals. He and I often changed days - and I could always count on him to accomodate me if he possibly could. I had a great deal of respect for Don. Once he and I were both nominated to serve on the Civil Service Commission in Shelby. When I found out that I was competing with Don I called and withdrew my nomination. He was the better of the two candidates. I will miss Don and I hope the best for Denise and the family in their great loss. Dub Hearon

Dub Hearon - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PZ

“ Dana; I'm so sorry to learn of your fathers passing. My parents are both failing at this time so my heart goes out to you. My prayers to you and your family.

Patty Ziehm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Denise, Dana , Darcie & Families, Our Prayers are with you in this time of sadness.

Bob ,Tootie & Bobby Goodman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Please accept my deepest condolences for your lose. Having worked with Don at the Township for many years he was not only a co-worker but a friend as well. Although, I have been aware of his battle with cancer, somehow we can only hope that such a wonderful person will win in the end. Perhaps in our hearts we know he has won because is no longer in pain and distress but at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with your entire family. Emily Harshman

Emily Harshman - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LI

“ Deepest sympathy for your loss. I've known Don as a building inspector since the early 80's.

Lenox Bowman - P & B Finishers, Inc. - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Denise & Family: We were saddened to hear of the passing of Don. We had a nice visit with him this spring at Rocky Park, just after we bought our trailer he came over on the four wheeler and him and Lynn had a great visit, and our son and him had a chat about nascar. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Lynn Sharon and the whole McCallum Family from Durham

The Dougald McCallum Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Uncle Don, I am going to miss you SO much! You lived such a full and happy life. You made everyone around you so much happier, and always had a smile on your face. Your zest and vigor about everything was contagious. I still have my "Guinness Book of World Records" that you signed for me when you were in it. You touched so many people.....family, friends, neighbors, co-workers. I know your sister, my Mom, has been sad since you got sick. She really enjoyed the ride on your Harley last year. It doesn't seem fair that someone with so much to share, to live for, had to leave us all so soon. Thank you for touching our lives with your presence, for making everyone glad to have known you. We will miss you every day.

Sue Separa - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM