



Donald Warren Kalpin

June 7, 1930 - November 23, 2023

Donald Warren Kalpin, a beloved husband, father, and grandfather. A lifelong resident of Royal Oak, MI, he peacefully passed away on November 23, 2023, at the age of 93. He was born on June 7, 1930, in Royal Oak, MI, the cherished son of Chester T. Kalpin and Gladys E. (Warren) Kalpin.

On July 12, 1952, Donald was united in marriage to the love of his life, Eleanor Anne Mayne, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. A dedicated patriot, he served his country with honor in the United States Army during the Korean War. Donald spent his professional years contributing his skills and expertise to Ford Motor Company, Tractor Division.

A proud parishioner of The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica in Royal Oak, MI, Donald found solace and community in his faith. In his leisure time, he took joy in cheering for the Detroit Tigers, perfecting his golf game, and participating in bowling matches. His two passions were spending summers with his family at Lake Chemung, Howell, MI and traveling by motorhome with his wife Eleanor.

Left to cherish his memory are his dear wife, Eleanor, their children: Donald R. Kalpin, and Pamela (Steve) Kelsch, Judith Kalpin and husband John O'Brien, and James Cobbledick (son-in-law); 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and his sister, Beverly (Kalpin) McKinney. Donald is preceded in death by his

parents, Chester and Gladys; siblings Ted and Delores; his daughter Kathleen Kalpin Cobbledick, and Susan Kalpin wife of Donald R. Kalpin.

Services will be held privately.

In lieu of flowers please donate to the tuition assistance of a student at Shrine High School that exhibits Kathleen Kalpin Cobbledick (Don's daughter) Christian Service. https://catholicfoundationmichigan.org/give-now?_sf_s=kathleen

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Tribute Wall

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“ Indeed, as another person said, the house at Bonnieview and Woodland will always be the Kalpins. I grew up on Woodland north of Webster and knew of many Shrine families around the neighborhood. May Mr. Kalpin rest in eternal peace.

Ellen Eskola Kehoe - November 28, 2023 at 11:01 PM



“ *Mr and Mrs Kalpin were a fixture at the turn on Bonnieview and Woodland in Royal Oak. I knew Kathy through Margaret Curran and Judy through sports with our kids. As good fortune would have it, Mr and Mrs Kalpin move a few doors down from my mom at the Fairways Condominium Complex a few years ago. Mr Kalpin always seemed to have pep in his step. He often helped my mom with little things so gladly. He took such good care of Mrs Kalpin.*

Prayers for the family. Luckily he lived so long to have many memories to choose from as you remember your dad, grandpa and great grandpa.

Beth Caverly - November 28, 2023 at 06:26 AM

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Thank you we value your friendship and that of your mother.

jkalpin1 - November 30, 2023 at 09:52 PM

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