



## Donald R. Scheid

November 21, 1948 - February 2, 2025

Donald Raymond Scheid, age 76, of Royal Oak, passed away on February 2, 2025. He was born on November 21, 1948 in Highland Park to Raymond and Jean Scheid.

Don grew up in Royal Oak, attending St. Dennis Grade School and St. Mary's High School. After graduating, he continued his education at Oakland Community College, where he played baseball, before earning his bachelor's degree from Wayne State University.

A lifelong athlete and natural coach, Don dedicated many years as the athletic director for the Boys and Girls Club of Royal Oak. His coaching career spanned over 50 years, covering baseball, football, basketball, and girls' softball. He mentored athletes at various levels, including City of Royal Oak teams, travel teams, Dondero High School, and later Royal Oak High School, where he also worked as a hall guard for about a decade.

Outside of coaching, Don was an avid reader, card player, and golfer-though he wasn't above a little creative scorekeeping in either game. He had a deep appreciation for Westerns, especially anything starring John Wayne, and counted Louis L'Amour among his favorite authors. A devoted sports fan, he followed the Lions and Tigers faithfully, enjoyed watching M\*A\*S\*H, and never outgrew his love for Motown music. In his younger years, he relished time

spent fishing, hunting, and camping with his children.

Don's tastes were simple but distinct-he loved a good bar burger and had a weakness for black licorice, candy corn, and soft pretzels. And his sharp wit and signature "Don-isms" made him a memorable presence in any conversation, leaving a lasting impression on all who knew him.

Don will be remembered as the loving husband of his late wife, Mary Lou, who passed away last October. This year would have marked their 52nd wedding anniversary-a testament to their enduring love and partnership. Loving father of Jeffrey Scheid, Joseph Scheid, Erica (Jason) Bayliss, and Andrew (Christen) Scheid. Dear brother of Philip (Kathleen) Scheid, Robert (Kathleen) Scheid, Jon Scheid, Therese (George) Miller, and the late Linda Scheid, Thomas Scheid, and Denise Fuller. Further survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and god-children.

A Celebration of Life for Don will be held on Saturday, February 22, from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Jack and Patti Salter Community Center, 1545 E Lincoln Ave, Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions in honor of Don can be directed to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

FEB **22**. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Jack and Patti Salter Community Center  
1545 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Royal Oak, MI 48067

# Tribute Wall



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Scheid.*



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February 22, 2025 at 02:07 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald R. Scheid.

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“ *Jeff, Joe, Andy and Erica;  
Grieving is not easy but part of it is thinking how fortunate you were have two wonderful, caring and loving people you have had in your lives! God Bless!*

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**Gerald LeCureux** - February 21, 2025 at 10:20 AM



“ *Deepest sympathy to Joe and all of Don's family. He was a kind and helpful co-worker. So sorry for your loss.*

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**Mia Gutierrez** - February 19, 2025 at 10:28 AM

CM

“Wow where do I start. I met Don in the early 90's, we worked together for several years and became fast friends. Our family was young, and we had a softball player that Don took under his wing and helped her to practice in the off season. Softball was new to us, and Don taught my husband Terry how to coach my youngest daughter. We remained friends throughout the years and spent many summers camping at Port Crescent State Park together as family's and added in a few friends along the way. Those were the best times with Don and Mary Lou and Jeff, Joe, Erica, and Andy. After my girls graduated from high school there were times we did not see their family, but we always remained friends. I can't tell you what an impact the Scheid family has had on our family, but losing Mary Lou and then shortly after losing Don, my heart is sad, but I know that Don and Mary Lou are having a grand ole time up in heaven. Rest In Peace Don, Hugs to both of you. ❤️❤️❤️❤️”

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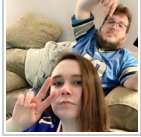
**Cathy Maxwell** - February 07, 2025 at 09:37 PM

JD

“Jeff, Joe, Erica and Andy - I'm a little lost for words. I loved your Dad and Mom just a little more than a next door neighbor probably does. I got to see a side of them that I'm not sure anyone else got to see and we laughed a lot and looked out for each other. I have stories. LOTS of them. From your dad lighting my grass on fire to his obsession with ham to him hiding out from your mom, to hanging out with my dog. Don - you told me I wasn't allowed to move but look what you did! I hope you are with your Mary Lou and I hope your kids can find comfort in knowing so many people loved you both. Xoxoxo Julie”

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**Julie Day** - February 07, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ Don, Erica, and Andy were my coaches for one season of travel softball. I can't thank those three enough for that time. Although I was only 13 (maybe 14??) at the time, I could tell this was such a great family. They all helped me grow as a person, which since I didn't end up sticking with softball, was much more important than growing as a softball player. It's been so long since I've seen this family, but since I'm friends with Erica on facebook, I've been able to keep updated from afar. I'm so sorry for your loss. As you already know, your dad (and mom) positively changed the lives of many. Thank you all for being a true highlight in my life.

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**Mary Kelly** - February 07, 2025 at 07:47 PM



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“ Where to begin. Met Don when I was 14 at the Boys Club. Became friends instantly. Lost touch for a number of years but I was coaching with Vicki Earnshaw at Dondero when Erica was a freshman and he asked if he could coach with us. We jumped at the chance to hire someone with so much coaching experience. He did have one stipulation that if Erica was messing up that Vicki and I would take care of it. He said she probably wouldn't listen to him anyway 😊 Don and I became fast friends again after that and coached together a number of years after that. He taught me a lot. His humor always showed up at the right time. I will miss him tremendously.

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**Dave Falkenbury** - February 07, 2025 at 06:36 PM

DH

“ We have so many wonderful memories of Don. It's difficult to speak about Don without including Mary Lou, they were like family. We spent a lot of time watching our sons play ball, playing euchre, etc. He was a sandbagger at euchre!! They were a delight to be with our time together was always filled with laughter. Our hearts are broken. Sending our love to Jeff, Joe, Toots and Andy.

*Jack and Diana*

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**Diana Haugk** - February 07, 2025 at 03:51 PM