



V. "Don" Vettraino

September 5, 1937 - June 29, 2014

V. "Don" Vettraino, age 76, a resident of Madison Heights for more than 40 years, passed away June 29, 2014 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. He was born September 5, 1937 in Highland Park to the late Joseph and Veronica "Verna" Vettraino. Mr. Vettraino was a U.S. Navy veteran. He retired in 1991 after more than 30 years as the maintenance supervisor in the Parks and Recreation Department for the City of Huntington Woods. He loved to coach hockey, play softball and golf, but most of all he loved to spend time with his family. He was the beloved husband of Shirley A. Vettraino nee Ervasti; loving father of Scott Britta Vettraino and Matt Kelly Vettraino; dear brother of the late Joseph June Vettraino, the late Robert Deanna "Dee" Vettraino, Connie the late Bruce Cochran, Roberta the late Bill Brooks, Rick Rita Vettraino and Mark Kelly Vettraino; proud grandfather of Aria, Aidan, Arissa, Brendan, Kya, Chloe and Ava; and son-in-law of Janet Foss and the late Gene Foss and the late William Ervasti. The visitation will be Tuesday 4-9 p.m. and Wednesday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. rosary at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Road 4 blocks E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Mr. Vettraino will lie in state Thursday 10:30 a.m. until the time of the Mass 11 a.m. at Guardian Angels Catholic Church, Clawson. Burial will take place at Oakview Cemetery, Royal Oak. Memorials to Beaumont Hospice or Capuchin Community Center are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

ST

“ Dear Shirley, My sympathy to you and your family at the loss of your husband.

Sheri Treharne - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ I just about this from my father, Don Lesher, who just heard himself. My father and Mr V played softball together for several years when I was growing up, Mr V was my favorite player, much to my Dads chagrin. He was a great guy and I was very sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers for his family....Dan Lesher

Dan Lesher - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Don was one of the most playful, kind and helpful men I have ever met. He was one of my buddies growing up as we played sports day and night, year round. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers are with family during this time of grief. Pat McCary

patmccary - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I will always remember what a kind and gentle man your Don was. He was a joy to be around and a very good friend to my Dave. I always looked forward to the annual dinner following the Shack golf tournaments. You were a couple I loved to be around! Can't wait to see him again someday. May your memories be happy and comforting.

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

JY

“ Shirley I never new Don until I started to play with the Sean Whalen golf outing. He was not A good golfer but that did not matter to him. He loved being with the guys and hunting for his loss balls. I played with him several times and throughly enjoyed his light hearted approach to the game and life. Always friendly and respectful, it was a honor to be a part of his life. Jerry Young

Jerry Young - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Mr. V you will be missed by all. What a great example you were to myself as well as your sons on how to give and love unconditionally. You were always the one to make people feel welcome and you would go out of your way to make sure everyone felt welcome. You were a loving man that just beamed when you talked about your kids and grandkids and felt at peace when everyone was around laughing and having a good time while you sat back on your lazy boy and just watched. Of course food was always involved and you always made sure there was plenty of it and everyone was well fed. I'll never forget coming into the house and you always asking, Hey Danny, do you want some turkey chili?" Oh did I love it. You used to bring buckets of it down to Scott and I in Dayton when we played there. You were a great example of what it is to be a "real man," by loving your wife, loving your family and loving everyone you came into contact with. Thank you for being the person you were on earth and allowing me to be a part of your family. I know your dancing in heaven watching over us all, until we meet again! Danny Carter

Danny Carter - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Shirley, I have wonderful memories of time spent with you and Don. He was so charismatic, kind, funny, such a story teller, proud dad, and obviously head over heels in love with you. You two were a remarkable couple. Tracy Burnham-Grabowski

Tracy - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Don will be missed! Best sense of humor, spaghetti sauce and LEGS! A special friend, husband, father and grandfather. Our love to Shirley and his family.

Diane and Lee McCorkle - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Dear Vettraino Family, so sorry to hear about your loss. Don & Don always had a lot of fun together. Our payers are with you.

Jean Nagel - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM