



## Donald R. Dickinson

October 22, 1945 - February 24, 2023

Donald Ross Dickinson (77), of Chesterfield Twp., Michigan, passed away on February 24, 2023 due to complications from a long battle with dementia.

Don was born to William and Mary (McKinnon) Dickinson, on October 22, 1945, in Brantford, Ontario, Canada. He is survived by his loving and caring wife, of 57 years, Patricia (Labinski) Dickinson. Don and Pat were married on September 4, 1965 and were blessed with two children, daughter Kim (Dan) Michelini and son John Dickinson. They were further blessed with two grandchildren Samantha Michelini and Matthew Michelini. Don is also survived by his three younger siblings Marlene Renke, Cindy (late Paul) Manciero, and Ron (Sheila) Dickinson. Don was a good son, grandson, brother, cousin, husband, father, granddad, uncle, and friend. He will be missed by many.

Don received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration. He worked as a Project Manager in manufacturing of specialty machines. In his free time, Don enjoyed spending time up north at our family cabin and working at his boat storage business. He also like to go fishing, snowmobiling and watching hockey. The Red Wings were his hometown team, but he especially loved watching his grandson play hockey. He coached his son's little league baseball teams, worked on cars, and enjoyed going to the race track. He was very smart and helped his daughter get her trigonometry and calculus down

pat. Don was a great provider for his family and loved us all very much.

“Donnie” as his late nana, Ida (Garthwaite) Dickinson, called him loved his nana a lot to say the least. He lived in Canada until he was in 2nd grade. When he was in nursery school he would sneak out and run to his Nana and Grandad’s house. He loved to tell that story. His Nana spoiled him and he loved every single minute of it. He especially loved her “Scottish Shortbread” cookies. She made them for him whenever she came to The States.

Don’s family will host a memorial service on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. The service will be at the Wasik Funeral Home located at 35259-23 Mile Road in New Baltimore, Michigan. Reception to follow the at Tina’s Country House & Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Dementia Society of America in Don’s name.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

MAR 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Dickinson.*



March 17, 2023 at 07:21 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Donald R. Dickinson.*



March 17, 2023 at 07:11 PM



“ *I earlier messaged our condolences on Don's passing but so shamefully forgot to extend our heartfelt condolences to Kim as well. I must have had a senior's moment so please accept my sincere apologies. Please know that Janet and I have your entire family in our thoughts.*

*Brian Smith and Janet Crook*

**Brian Smith** - March 08, 2023 at 08:52 AM



*Thank you Brian & Janet. No apologies necessary. Miss you both and hope to visit you soon. All of my love to you both ❤️ I'm off of all social media now so I don't know what everyone is up to. We haven't been over in over a year since my dad was doing so poorly.*

**Kim Michelini** - March 14, 2023 at 07:29 PM

BS

“ Our deepest condolences go out to Pat and John. I am one of Don's many cousins from Canada. When we were young boys and before his family moved to Michigan, Don and I were largely inseparable. We rode our bikes around Brantford, went on hikes along the Grand River and enjoyed so many great family times together. After moving to Michigan, and as a young teen, Don often visited his grandparents (my aunt and uncle) for summer vacations. How well I remember our times sleeping out in the backyard, going to Teen Town, annually going to the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto and just hanging out in the neighbourhood. In later years, as we both grew into adults we drifted apart and it seemed that sadly we only connected with each other at family reunions and Christmas greeting. But still, I have the memories of the fun we had and the bond we developed. Rest in peace cousin.  
Brian (and wife Janet) from Brantford, Ontario

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**Brian Smith** - March 08, 2023 at 06:52 AM

KM

Yes, you were my dads bestie! I've heard many many stories. He may have lived here most of his life, but it is Canada that kept a chunk of his heart with all of you 🤔. So happy my dad continued to visit all the time with us, so we could share in his love of his family he moved away from. So happy we all are able to stay connected. I think you have my email, please keep in touch. See you on our next visit which will be soon!

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**Kim Michelini** - March 14, 2023 at 07:36 PM

TV

“ So blessed with the memories we all have, them smokey kitchen Saturdays at Uncle Donny's and Auntie Gayle's and then in National City. I love you Aunt Pat, Kimmy, and Johnny, my heart hurts for you all. God bless. Miss you Uncle Don.

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**Tim Valik** - February 27, 2023 at 07:49 PM

KM

*Thanks Timmy! Yes miss those days like crazy! ❤️*

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**Kim Michelini** - March 14, 2023 at 07:30 PM

JD

“*Dad, thank you for all your love and support through my life. Thank you for raising me to be the man I am today. I will truly miss you but the memories we have shared will never be forgotten. Like working on cars, drag racing at the drag strip and participating on some illegal street racing 😊, taking me fishing, snowmobiling, teaching me about hockey, coaching my baseball teams, all trips to the cabin up north. So many great memories with you. I am so thankful you are no longer suffering and are in a peaceful place now. Dad I will forever love you and miss you. Rest in Peace... Your Loving son Johnny 💔😭😭*”

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**John Dickinson** - February 27, 2023 at 06:46 PM