



Donald James Finch

November 27, 1939 - November 9, 2023

Donald James Finch was born November 27th, 1939 in Detroit, Michigan. He passed away peacefully at home in Shelby Township, Michigan the morning of November 9th, 2023. Don is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Joann (Januszek) Finch, his son Donald (Anna) Finch, and daughters Theresa Finch and Shelly (Patrick) Akerley. Don was the proud grandfather of 5 grandchildren: Ryan Finch, Rachael Finch, Alyssa Finch, Dylan Akerley and Julia Akerley.

Don served in the United States Army and after settling into civilian life, he worked for the Ford Motor Company, where he retired after 30 years of service. Don loved golfing, fishing and riding his motorcycle. He loved playing Euchre and games of chance with friends and family. He loved the Detroit Tigers and U of M Football, and in recent years, made an annual trip to Ann Arbor with family to watch the Wolverines play football at the Big House. Don was a lifelong member of the HOH Social Club.

Don Finch was a man of all trades. He could build a house or rebuild a car and was willing to help out anyone who needed his time and knowledge. But most important of all, he built a family that he loved more than anything - a family that loved him dearly and will miss him everyday.

On Friday, November 24th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. there will be a memorial

visitation at St. Therese Parish on 48115 Schoenherr Rd. in Shelby Township, Michigan, with mass at 10:00 a.m. Immediately following the service, there will be a celebration of life luncheon at Fern Hill Country Club at 17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township, Michigan.

Don will be laid to rest with military honors at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan on Friday, May 10th at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers donations would be appreciated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV **24**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Memorial Mass

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church
48115 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ We are sadden to hear of Don’s passing. Don and Joann were our neighbors in Sugar Springs and we remember them fondly as some of the best neighbors anyone could wish for. Sending our love to Joann. - Sue and Scott Jones

Sue & Scott Jones - December 07, 2023 at 10:46 PM

TG

“ Uncle Don was a very caring man who asked how you’re doing and took a genuine interest with compassion in each family members life. He was always so witty and had a smile to greet you! The Best caring and loving uncle ever💕 my heart goes out to Joanne, his kids, and grandkids during this difficult time. He will be missed more than words can say.

Terri Genette - November 23, 2023 at 11:51 PM

RF

“ Love you grandpa.



Ryan Finch - November 22, 2023 at 03:59 PM

MM

“ will miss you Don had a great time working with you mel don roger and showmobiling bikering with the club god bless you

mel mason - November 22, 2023 at 08:40 AM

DM

“ Joann sorry for your loss, Don will be missed. Sending prayers for you and your family during this difficult time. Hugs Donna and Don Makelim

Donna Makelim - November 14, 2023 at 05:55 PM