



Donald James Lenhausen

July 8, 1928 - April 21, 2025

Don Lenhausen, 96, died April 21, 2025, in his New Baltimore home. Don was a news reporter at the Detroit Free Press for the majority of his career, retiring in 1992. Don was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rowena. He is survived by his 8 children: Brett (Tammi), Rhett (Debbie), Julie, Cabrelle (Rob) Phelps, Greta (Kevin) Furlong, Jack, Sara (Dean) Jobes, Karla (Steve) Hagemann, 24 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Don loved telling stories and making others laugh. He lit up every room with his grace and humor. Don appreciated the simple pleasures in life. In his honor, please plant something new in your garden, take a long walk with your dog, shoot a good game of pool and enjoy a glass of bourbon or a fine bottle of Mexican beer (absolutely NOT Michelob Ultra!).

A private family memorial will be held at a future date.

Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Lenhausen family. This is Frank Lenhausen, Don's brother Frank's oldest son. My brother Drew and I would like to offer our deepest condolences on the passing of Don. So many great memories of everyone gathered at Grandpa Jack and Grandma Len's apartment in Peoria. It's so difficult losing that are closest to us but we do find comfort knowing that Shirley, Frank, Don and Rowena are together now. Drew and I still live in Kansas City and are in our early 60's now. We hope you and your families are all doing well. Take Care!

Frank Lenhausen - April 28, 2025 at 08:50 AM

JL

Thank you, Frankie! I remember watching the brothers fish while we climbed a hill. Grandma Lenhausen made the best breakfasts.

Toward the end, Dad shared stories of his early childhood. His memories were vivid, including how your dad was a star poker player at I think at age 5, and how they had to clean 114 fish that their dad caught, among many other wonderful stories.

He said his brother Frank was one of the best people he ever knew. He did not understand why he was taken so soon.

We hope you are doing well, too.

Cousin Julie.

julie Lenhausen - April 28, 2025 at 08:31 PM