



Donald Delmar Ratza

December 24, 1937 - May 16, 2024

Donald Delmar Ratza, 86, of Chesterfield, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, May 16th, 2024. He was born on Friday, December 24th, 1937 in Flint, Michigan to John and Mary Ratza.

Donald was a loving and devoted father to Mary (Gerald) Jackson, James (Linda) Ratza, and Janet (James) Nierzwick. He was also a proud grandfather to Jerome Griffin, Kyle Pelt, and Dale (Jennifer) Pelt. Donald was the former husband of Katheryn A. Shobe. He was predeceased by his loving and devoted wife Jean A. Ratza (Mallast) for over 60 years and also his grandson Tyler Ratza.

In addition to being a loving father and husband, Donald was the owner of Utica Rent-All in Utica, Michigan since 1967. His pastimes included boating and hunting, in fact due to his love of hunting, he was regarded as a great teacher to many of the variety of aspects of hunting.

He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation for Donald will be from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 20th, 2024 at the Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel located at 35259 - 23 Mile Road in New Baltimore.

A funeral service will take place at the funeral home on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 11:00 am with additional visitation beginning at 10 am.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **20**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

MAY **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



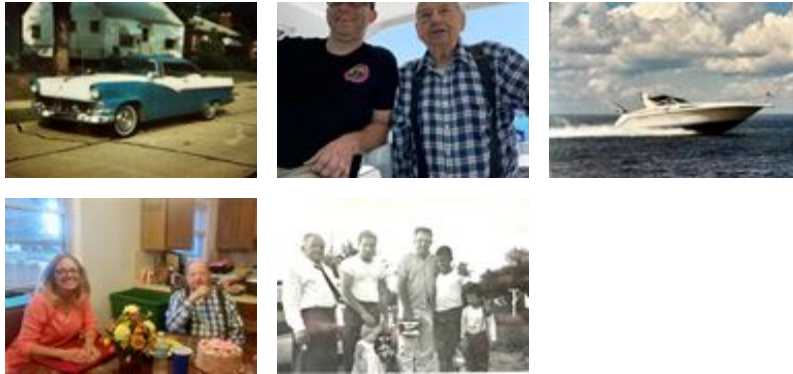
“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Delmar Ratza.*



May 20, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ *148 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. - May 20, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ *As a Police Officer for the City of Utica it was always great to have conversations with Don over coffee and talk about hunting. Don or as they called him at Utica Rental " The Big Cheese" will be greatly missed.*

F. George

F. George - May 19, 2024 at 09:45 PM

MA

“ We loved living next door to Don. Mike and Don would always meet up for a beer in his garage to talk shop. He taught us a lot about boating and was very kind to us. We'll miss celebrating his birthday on Christmas Eve. Don will always have a special place in our hearts. Our condolences to the family. Mike and April

Mike and April - May 19, 2024 at 09:18 AM

JN

Thank you so much for your kind words. He loved living next to you. I'm so happy you were there for him as he grew older. Thank you for all you did for him. ❤️

Jan Nierzwick - May 19, 2024 at 09:57 AM

PA

I just found out about Don, I feel very sad. He's in heaven now with Jean, Jack and Don smith and many others that passed on you know there had to be a huge welcoming party for Don! You will truly be missed. My condolences to his children may you always have Don in your heart ❤️❤️❤️

Patty - June 01, 2024 at 08:39 AM

MA

“ Mike and April Allen purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Donald Delmar Ratza.



Mike and April Allen - May 19, 2024 at 09:13 AM

DK

“ Sorry we are out of town and won't make it to funeral. We have many memories of Don but one of David's favorites is traveling to Newfoundland on a hunting trip with Don and Harry. They got to the airport and there was a lot of walking so Don climbed on a luggage cart and yes David pushed him through the airport. What fun they always had together and of course they had a great hunt. Sending our love and hugs to the family along with Richard and Betty
Xo David & Mollie Kissau

David & Mollie Kissau - May 19, 2024 at 07:13 AM

JN

lol! I never heard that story!! My dad thought a lot of both you! He was always full of stories about what you were up to! I am sorry you won't be able to attend. He would have enjoyed being able to buy you a good meal! 😊

Jan Nierzwick - May 19, 2024 at 10:00 AM