



## Donald James Warner

October 20, 1954 - January 5, 2026

Donald James Warner, born October 20, 1954, in Detroit, Michigan, passed away on January 5, 2026. He was the beloved son of the late Robert and Dorothy Warner. He was the beloved husband to Norah Warner. Loving father to Jeremy (Kelly) Warner, Heather Warner, and Eric (Angelina) Warner. Proud grandfather to Payton, Benjamin, Parker, Brayden, Dmitri, and Arkady, whom he cherished deeply.

A graduate of Servite High School, Donald worked at General Motors for 30 years as a Vehicle Configuration Lead Engineer, where he was fondly known by colleagues for his signature pink shirts and his joking personality. He enjoyed spending much of his free time in Lewiston, Michigan.

He is survived by his brothers Raymond (Bobby) Warner and Peter (Karen) Warner, his sisters Peggy (Joseph) Stabile and Linda (Richard) Kramer and his sister in law MaryAnn (Robert) Warner. He was preceded in death by his brothers Robert (MaryAnn) Warner, Gerald Warner, and John Warner, and his sister Patricia Warner.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to The Alzheimer's Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 12. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Gendernalik Chapel  
35259 23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

JAN 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

TB

“ Don and I worked together at General Motors. He was the real deal in terms of designing and configuring the architectural layouts of future vehicles. He and I were both sometimes right in the middle of battles between the design studio and engineering, trying to get the trade offs between vehicle styling and vehicle functional performance optimized to the best extent possible. His expertise was dimensions, shapes, allocation of space, driver's lines of vision, vehicle proportions. He was very very interesting in what he did from a technical perspective. He had some unique perspectives and insights that nobody else had, we needed Don to get the design right, nobody else could some of the things he was doing.

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**Ty Bollinger** - March 28 at 11:57 AM

AT

“ I grew up with him on Eastlawn. Many fond memories of getting into hijinks during our wonderful sunny childhood summers. We were all a tight group of 4 families on that block. My sincere condolences to his whole family. May he be at peace now.

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**Alan Tausney** - January 20 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Uncle Don had a rare gift: a sense of humor that was both sharp and inviting. He would tease us with a playful edge, always just enough to make a person laugh, to get a response, never to wound. Growing up, I took it for granted, but living abroad and meeting people from all over the world, I realized how unique this gift was—this particular way of joking with those you love, a humor full of warmth, wit, and mischief.*

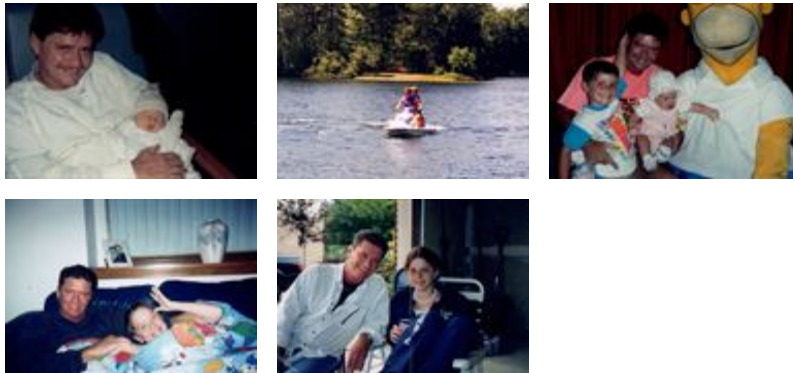
*When I became friends with people from England, Ireland, South Africa, et cetera, I brought this playful banter into the conversation and realized that Uncle Don had a profound impact on me. He was an integral part in forming how I interact with the outside world. Most importantly, he made everyone feel welcome, and he made each family gathering a little lighter and brighter. I'll miss him, and I'll always remember his excellent and utterly unique laughter.*

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**Christopher Kramer** - January 10 at 08:25 PM



“ 109 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - January 10 at 10:36 AM

DW

“ I'm saddened to hear of Don's passing. Don and I collaborated on many GM vehicles over many years at Design Center. He was very knowledgeable, but best of all was a pleasure to work with! His happy disposition and sense of humor made Don one of my favorite people. Rest in peace my friend, and my sincere sympathies to his family.

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**Dan Whitman** - January 08 at 05:00 PM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald James Warner.



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January 07 at 11:31 AM

MP

“ So sad to hear of Don's passing. Thoughts and prayers to his family. I enjoyed the banter we shared at GM. Don was a great and fun guy to be around. Rest in peace Don!

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**Mark Petz** - January 07 at 10:02 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald James Warner.



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January 06 at 05:23 PM



“ Ron and Carrie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald James Warner.

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**Ron and Carrie** - January 06 at 04:48 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald James Warner.



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