



## Raymond Martin Donahue

June 23, 1938 - July 30, 2014

Raymond Martin Donahue

Ray was born on June 23, 1938 in Detroit, Michigan to James and Frances Donahue, Sr.

Ray attended Assumption Grotto School graduating in 1952. From Grotto, Ray went to Sacred Heart Seminary High School, graduating in 1956 and then on to St. John Provincial Seminary, graduating in the class of 1960.

In his summers, Ray worked for the Corp of Engineers and volunteered at CYO Camp. Ray was ordained into the Catholic Priesthood in 1964 and had many assignments as a Catholic Priest, last serving the people and community of St. Catherine Church in Algonac. After serving the Archdiocese of Detroit for 30 years, Ray retired in 1994.

Ray married his beloved and devoted wife, Julia Ann Ertzbischoff, at St. Jude Catholic Church in 1999 and have had many wonderful and beautiful years together.

They loved the view of the waters of Lake Huron in all its beauty. Ray and Julia Ann enjoyed attending church together, their other past times included music, reading, painting, and just being with nature.

Ray had a love for collecting and taking photographs of freighters, trains,

ornate churches (including St. Bonaventure Solanus Casey Center in Detroit).

Ray was a publication manager in 1972; President of Marine Historical Society of Detroit in 1975, current member of the Toronto Marine Historical Society, as well as the Great Lakes Historical Society and the U.S. Navel Institutes.

Most recently Ray held the position of being a laboratory courier for the Port Huron Hospital. A position he enjoyed for 16 years.

Ray will be deeply missed by his wife Julia Ann. His contagious smile and singing voice will be one of the many cherished memories that she will forever treasure.

As well as Ray's step children, step grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, brother-in-laws, sister-in-law, friends, co-workers and his Brother in Priests have celebrated joy with the presence of Ray in their life as he will be greatly missed by all. Ray will be especially remembered for his - Kind - Loving - Generous Nature -

Farewell

July 30, 2014

# Cemetery Details

## Assumption Grotto

13770 Gratiot Ave  
Detroit, MI 48205

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Township, MI 48315  
(586) 532-8600  
[shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com](mailto:shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com)

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## Scripture Service

AUG 4. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township  
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## Instate at Church

AUG 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

Capuchin Monastery  
1825 Mt. Elliott  
Detroit, MI 48207

## Funeral Mass

AUG 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Ray and I sat next to each other for years in the seminary. Doyle Donohue Droske. Every class, every year. I love his quite humor and was jealous of his painting ability. He shared his paintings with me by knocking on my door at St. John's Seminary during grand silence with the painting in his hand and that smile on his face that he kept all his life. .... Larry Doyle..

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**Larry Doyle** - February 07, 2017 at 09:19 PM

DM

“ Julie & Donahue Family: Miki and I extend our sympathies to all of you. Ray was a good man, a good husband, and a good friend to George (Ertzbischoff), Marty (Penridge), and all the rest of the "ESTATE SALES" Crew. He always had a big smile at the ready. Ray, we hope you are visiting with all your friends and relatives, the Angels and Saints, and the Supreme Deity whom you served for so long. It was great to know you and we know you will be helping Julie and your relatives manage your departure from this world knowing that you are saving a better place for them up there. So, all you guys, please be kind to each other. Thank those who have been helping during this stressful situation to make the Mourning activities less overwhelming, those who have offered words of empathy / sympathy, and those who have created remembrances, assisted in various tasks, and, as well, stood-by Ray's & Julie's-sides in this journey. Heaven knows of your tears, your prayers, your sincere feelings, your hours of work on their behalf, and your friendships for and with Ray and Julie. The Ledger has been so noted.

*P.S.: BTW...RAY! The Lotto jackpot is quite large here in Florida - please see what you can do - we'll make sure some of the winnings will get to those who deserve some of it. Now, go and inspire someone to write an Historical series about the Great Lakes and the ships that sailed them. We'll know you were the INSPIRATION! We miss you.*

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Dennis & Miki - August 04, 2014 at 02:47 PM

CS

“ Julie I send my deepest sympathy to you, for your great loss. Ray was a great friend and he will be truly miss by me and all his co-workers at McLaren Port Huron Hospital. We work together for 15 years. I will always remember his stories of the ships and the street cars back in the day. He had much wisdom about history. I'm glad our paths cross. Rest in Peace Ray.

Carla Smith

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Carla Smith - August 03, 2014 at 02:53 PM

JE

Even though we are apart  
You, Raymond, will Forever be in my "HEART"! I will always have Beautiful memories of our Life together. GOD gifted you with so many talents & I miss your Beautiful singing Voice & the two of us praying the Most Holy Rosary together. Your Smile always lit up the room. Eternal rest GRANT unto him Oh Lord & let perpetual light shine upon him. May his Soul & all the Souls of the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of GOD, Rest In PEACE. AMEN (7th.yr)  
Your Loving wife, JULIA ANN

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Julia Ann E-Donahue - July 30, 2021 at 05:09 AM

NL

“ Julie so sorry to hear of your loss. We send our prayers. God bless you.

Donna Sementilli and Nancy Lewerenz

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Nancy Lewerenz - August 03, 2014 at 09:59 AM

DA

“ I would like to express our deep sorrow in hearing that our dear friend Ray has passed away. This world has been blessed with his presence here and our lives truly enhanced in knowing this devout shepherd of Jesus Christ. Rest now dear friend as you enjoy the fruits of your labors in total peace and joy, while resting in the loving arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary. No more suffering or sorrow, only peace and joy. For this day you walk in the presence of those you have honored all the days of your life, the saints and angels gone before you. God Bless you Ray Donahue. Sincerely your frends in Jesus Christ, Danny and Debbie Ameel

Danny Ameel - August 03, 2014 at 08:36 AM

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Kim Kutchey - August 02, 2014 at 08:07 AM

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Debbie Roszkowski - August 01, 2014 at 04:12 PM

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Father Donahue with me on my First Communion 1969

Debbie Roszkowski - August 03, 2014 at 01:06 PM

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**Debbie Roszkowski** - August 01, 2014 at 04:11 PM

DR

*Father Donahue with my sister Diane on her First Communion day  
1967*

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**Debbie Roszkowski** - August 03, 2014 at 01:07 PM

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**Debbie Roszkowski** - August 01, 2014 at 04:03 PM