



Donald Ridge Kellett

March 23, 1930 - July 24, 2020

Donald Ridge Kellett, 90, of Traverse City passed away Friday, July 24, 2020 at Munson Hospice House surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born on the kitchen table on March 23, 1930 in Royal Oak, MI to the late John and Elsie (Ridge) Kellett. Don grew up during the depression raising chickens and assisting his father delivering oil in 5 gallon pails to local farmers. He loved the automobile and during his teenage years he purchased, repaired and sold over 20 vehicles some of which were purchased with the engine in the rumble seat.

Honorably, Don served our Country in the United States Army. While attending Officer Candidate School he met his future wife, Ellamarie Foubister, at a service club in Jefferson City, Missouri. The couple married on Nov. 23, 1952 in Montgomery County, Maryland. At the time of Donald's tour of duty in Korea the couple moved to Clawson, Michigan. Following his time in the service he went to Lawrence Tech and started his own plumbing and heating business in the Metropolitan Detroit area which he owned for over 55 years.

Donald was a very dedicated husband and father and is survived by his sons, Jeffrey (Pamela), David (Deborah), Bradley (Britney) and Kurt Kellett; 13 grandchildren; and 16 greatgrandchildren.

He was known for his integrity and his love for his country, family and others that were less fortunate. During his retirement years, he spent much of his time participating in Habitat for Humanity projects.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Ellamarie, parents, and sister Doreen Young.

Graveside services with Full Military Honors will be held at 3pm on Tuesday, July 28 2020 at Oakwood Cemetery. Dr. Gary Hogue will officiate. Memorial contributions may be directed to Habitat for Humanity. Don's family extends sincere appreciation for the services of Holli Care LLC during the last few years of Don's life.

Kindly share thoughts and memories with Don's family at www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com.

Cemetery

Events

Oakwood Cemetery
1325 East Eighth Street
Traverse City, MI, 49686

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Graveside Service

03:00PM

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Comments



“ Doris Zamojcin lit a candle in memory of Donald Ridge Kellett



doris zamojcin - July 31 at 01:46 PM



“ Mr. Kellett left a lasting impression on me that I remember to this day
I was 9 years of age living with my divorced Mother in Clawson in 1976
The kitchen basin had become backed up
My Mother did not have much money so I remember her washing the dishes in the
bathtub for a couple of weeks
On a hot July day Mr. Kellett showed up
As he was working to clear the drain and sweating very hard, he took the time to
explain to me the basic sewer principles
When he completed the job he reluctantly accepted only \$10
RIP Mr Kellett

Steve Cochran - July 30 at 04:58 PM



“ Dear Kellett Family,
He raised a remarkable, loving and loyal family. May he rest peacefully in Paradise in
the loving arms of his Heavenly Father, joining his beautiful bride in Glory.
With affection,
Rasa and Joe Baker
Lake Ann, Michigan



Rasa and Joe Baker - July 26 at 06:53 PM



“ Today and always, may loving memories bring peace, comfort, and strength. We will always cherish the beautiful memories we have of Uncle Don and the rest of the family. His kindness will never be forgotten. Love Jackie and from all your Missouri Family

jackie Gilmore - July 28 at 07:54 AM



“ Don Kellet was the epitome of class & a true gentlemen. As a young man I suffered a very serious eye injury & went through major surgery for repair. It was a very scary time. Don had gone through the same procedure himself as a young man. He was the first person to reach out to me with comforting words & encouragement & continued to follow my progress for years. I am extremely grateful to have known Don. Sending condolences to Jeff & family.

Mike Maurer

Mike Maurer - July 30 at 07:10 PM



“ Don was a truly great person, he was a devoted husband to miss Ella also, I will truly treasure his memory as my boss and good friend, will miss you dad, love, Doris

Doris Zamojcin - July 31 at 01:44 PM