



Donald J. Nowak

January 10, 1939 - December 29, 2017

Donald John Nowak, age 78, passed away at home on December 29, 2017. He was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on January 10, 1939 to Edmund and Jennie (Zembrowski) Nowak.

Don attended St. Ladislaus High School until he joined the United States Army and served as a Paratrooper. He spent his years in the service traveling through Italy, Germany and other parts of Europe. When he returned to Hamtramck from the Army, Donald met Charlene (Schulz) Nowak. They married two years later on January 21, 1961. Don was a successful Millwright for Chrysler for over 40 years and retired happily to spend time traveling, going to the casino, and to have quality time with his wife and family.

Don found his place in heaven after his two-year battle with cancer. He fought so hard these last two months. He did not want to leave his beloved wife of 56 years, Charlene. His brothers survive him: Edward (Darlene), Leonard (Linda), and Thomas (Patricia).

He was a loving father to Debbie (Shawn), Lynn (Mike), Derek (Kara) and Buddy (the dog).

He was also the most amazing Grandpa to Nikki, Amanda, Samantha (Zack), Austin, Parker and Selena.

He loved going to the casino with his wife and before his diagnosis he enjoyed golfing and bowling with his brothers and friends. He was a jokester all throughout his life and would always tease his children and grandchildren. Even when he was ill, he always tried his best to make everyone in the room laugh.

He will be greatly missed by so many!

Visitation Wednesday from 3:00 until 9:00 pm
at the Sterling Heights Chapel of the E.J. Mandziuk & Son Funeral Dir, Inc

Funeral Mass Thursday, 10:00am at St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic
Church

Previous Events

Visitation

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

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

JAN 4. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Jane Frances deChantal Catholic Church
38750 Ryan Rd
Sterling Heights, MI

Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald J. Nowak*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Donald J. Nowak*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald J. Nowak.*



January 03, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ *eddie purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Donald J. Nowak.*



eddie - January 02, 2018 at 11:17 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald J. Nowak.*



January 01, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ *Dear Charlene we are so sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was such a great guy. We are out of state otherwise we would attend the funeral. Prayers to you and the family.*

Joe & Sandy Sobiesiak - December 31, 2017 at 07:29 PM



“ *Tommy, Patty, Kristie, Jeffrey and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald J. Nowak.*



Tommy, Patty, Kristie, Jeffrey and Family - December 31, 2017 at 01:09 PM