



## Donald C. MacKenzie

July 1, 1943 - May 11, 2023

Donald Charles MacKenzie, aged 79, died suddenly at his home on May 11, 2023.

Don was born in Holly, Michigan to Shirley and Rolland “Mac” MacKenzie on July 1st, 1943. He grew up on Buckhorn Lake in Rose Center, one of 7 children, and attended school in a one-room schoolhouse. Don graduated from Holly High School in 1961 as a student-athlete earning varsity letters in basketball, football, track, baseball, and golf. He graduated with high honors earning a degree in Pharmacy from Ferris State University. He joined his father, Mac, and brother, Jack at Mac’s Pharmacy where they worked together until Mac retired and Don bought the store. Years later he sold Mac’s Pharmacy to Rite Aid and went to work for Rite Aid in Holly.

Don was an excellent golfer and a member first with his family at Atlas Valley Country Club and later at Spring Meadows Country Club. He hunted, fished, played cards, and bowled over the years with his many friends. He will be missed by his family, friends, and all the customers he served over the years, but most of all his grandchildren. He tried to make their every athletic event from water polo, basketball, soccer, and baseball games.

Don was preceded in death by his mother and father, Mac and Shirley MacKenzie, his brother, Jack MacKenzie, and sister, Norma Baker.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 41 years, Susan MacKenzie, his children John Patrick (Kate) MacKenzie, Meghan MacKenzie (Robert Zalewski), Stephanie Bennett, and Rob Bennett, grandchildren Cecelia, Max, Josephine, Francesca, Karl, and Veronica Zalewski and Rocco Caponigro, Also, his sisters: Sally Schultz, Sandy (George) McDaniel, Karen Freeman, Kathy McKenney, and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation at Dryer's Funeral Home in Holly on Friday May 19, 2023 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday May 20, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Memorial Service to follow at 12:00 p.m.

Donations can be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the American Heart Association

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Dryer Funeral Home  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Visitation

MAY 20. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291

## Memorial Service

MAY 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald C. MacKenzie*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 19, 2023 at 02:49 PM

JC

“ *So sorry to hear he passed. He was great boss and I miss the old days of Mac's Pharmacy often.*

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**Jenny Costa** - June 02, 2023 at 10:34 AM

ED

“ *I worked with Don several times over the years at Rite Aid, he was a great guy and will be missed. My condolences to the family.*

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**Erica D** - May 22, 2023 at 06:13 PM

BD

“ *1 file added to the album Memorial service Donald MacKenzie*



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**Bruce Dryer** - May 22, 2023 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald C. MacKenzie.

May 22, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



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“ I graduated with Don and shared many athletic moments with him. Wished I had stayed in touch. Just a great guy, friend and teammate. I hope there is a golf course in heaven. Miss you man....  
Bill

Bill Masten - May 20, 2023 at 10:30 PM



“ Good friend!

william m conti - May 19, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.*

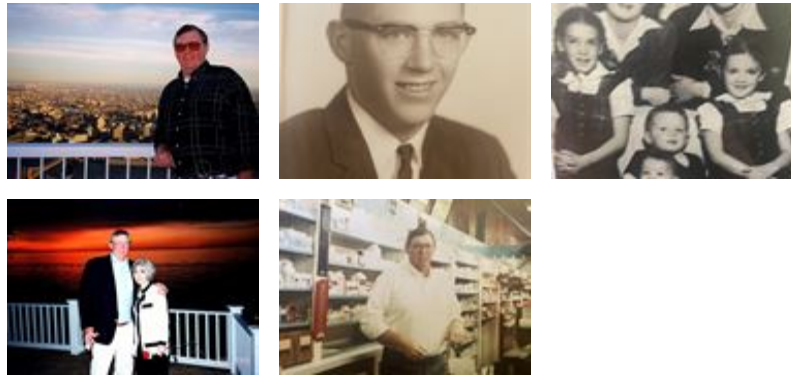


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May 19, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *28 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 18, 2023 at 08:41 PM



“ *<a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518" target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.*

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May 18, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



May 18, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



May 18, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



May 17, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



May 17, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - May 17, 2023 at 10:04 AM

FG

Sorry for your loss Sue i dont see any of the class much but i do think about you God bless

frank garner - May 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM

SS

Prayers to family and friends 🙏❤️ He was such a sweet man ❤️ I missed him so much from when he had Drug store down town it just wasn't the same always a cheerful loads of smile ❤️ Hugs Sue so sorry ❤️

Sally Stotler - May 17, 2023 at 05:15 PM

GT

“ gloria toth lit a candle in memory of Donald MacKenzie



gloria kitchen toth - May 17, 2023 at 12:28 AM

GT

“ Don was a classmate and good friend❤️. I am so sorry to hear he passed away....my deepest sympathies to his family....

gloria kitchen toth - May 17, 2023 at 12:28 AM

AM

“ I grew up knowing Don's wife, Susie and I had the great opportunity to play basketball with Don on the 1959-60 team. It is sad that Don is no longer with us in body, but he will remain with us in spirit. My wishes to the family in their sorrow.  
Allen Moody

Allen Moody - May 15, 2023 at 08:38 PM

MA

“ I am very saddened to hear of the passing Don MacKenzie. Sending my deepest condolences and much love to you Susan, my dear friend Nancy MacKenzie and this entire MacKenzie family. Peace 🤍🕊️🤍



Marjorie Addis - May 15, 2023 at 03:04 PM

KT

“ Sending my condolences to my friend and classmate Karen, Don's wife Susie and all the family. His pleasant manner will be missed 🌹  
🙏

Kay Thompson - May 15, 2023 at 12:26 PM

TH

“ Tony Jean Heron lit a candle in memory of Donald MacKenzie



Tony and Jean Heron - May 15, 2023 at 09:29 AM

LT

“ When I was a little growing up in Holly we did not have much money and we needed a medication Don would help my mom out and sometimes we wouldn't have to pay for the medicine he was a great guy and cared for everybody always had a smile on his face praying for your family Louise Moreno Turner

Louise Moreno Turner - May 15, 2023 at 06:07 AM

RC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Don's passing. I always considered him a friend. I can't say I knew him well on a personal bases, but I knew him very well on a professional one. When I was in practice in Holly, I thought of all of the MacKenzies as being part of the team. RIP Richard Cronk

Richard Cronk - May 14, 2023 at 12:26 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald C. MacKenzie.



May 14, 2023 at 09:01 AM

NS

“ Norma Shattock lit a candle in memory of Donald MacKenzie



Norma Shattock - May 14, 2023 at 07:03 AM



“ *Connie Austin-Davis lit a candle in memory of Donald MacKenzie*



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**Connie Austin-Davis** - May 13, 2023 at 04:08 PM

KW

“ *I attended school with Don and Susie. sending Gods love and comforting arms to family*



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**Kathy LeBaron Williams** - May 13, 2023 at 01:30 PM

PH

“ *It would take all day to list all the memories that I had with Don. Our parents were best friends and all of us kids had fun playing horse, Monopoly, fishing and boating. Most of all golfing. He was married to my best friend and they made two beautiful kids together. Luv you Don, you will be missed. PJ Hansen and Jim.*



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**Paula Hansen** - May 12, 2023 at 10:57 PM

RG

*Sorry to hear of Dons Passing  
We were both born on July 1, 1943.  
We always had that in common, and I spent a lot of summers with Don  
on Buckhorn Lake. Spent time at the MacKenzie home in my younger  
days when Visiting my Uncle Paul & Aunt Doris!  
Rest in Peace my Good Friend!  
Ray D. Gittins  
Coleman Mi.*

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**Ray Gittins** - May 13, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Donald C. MacKenzie.*



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May 12, 2023 at 05:13 PM