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Donald Francis Boufford, husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend, passed away at the age of 92 with his sister, Jean Finkbiner and his son, Rick by his side.

Beloved husband of the late Pauline (Boulet) Boufford for 62 years. Loving father of Robert, Lawrence, Richard, Pamela, Carol, John, Diane, Sandra and Deborah, 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He was also a devoted brother to Jean Finkbiner and Chuck Boufford.

Donald was born in Detroit, Michigan, to Oswald and Myrtle Boufford. He attended University of Detroit High School and earned a Bachelors' degree in Business from University of Detroit. He was married to the love of his life, Pauline, until her passing in 2013.

His career in Sales and Operations with Ford Motor Company's Tractor Division spanned more than 30 years. He was very proud of being part of the farming community that helped feed the world. His job took him and his family from Michigan to life in Tennessee, Missouri, Virginia, and California. He and Pauline were always active in planning and participating in neighborhood, church and community activities. They loved to put on a good party or barbeque, surrounded by family and friends wherever they called home.

Donald was an active volunteer throughout his life, including Saint Vincent DePaul, Boy Scouts of America, his church community, and several clubs and planning committees at Fox Run Senior Living Community in Novi, Michigan. He was an avid gardener and through example, he shared his love and knowledge of gardening with his children and grandchildren. While he appreciated the opportunity to travel around the country and many places throughout the world, he often reminisced and had fond memories of time

spent on his grandparents' family farm in Canada.

Donald was a loving and supportive husband and incredible father. He is lovingly remembered for his hearty voice, sage advice, love of family and friends, and humble heart of gratitude. Family and friends will cherish their memories and happy times with him for many years to come.

A Mass to celebrate Donald's life will take place on Monday, October 18th, @ 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Fox Run located at 41000 W 13 Mile Rd, Novi, MI 48377. Fox Run requests that attendees wear a mask while on the premises.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to:

Angela Hospice(<https://angelahospice.org/donate/>>)

The Benevolent Care Fund at Fox Run

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** **02:00PM**
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Fox Run

41000 West 13 Mile, Novi, MI, US, 48377

Comments



“ Many condolences to the Don Boufford family. Very sad to hear of his passing.
Aj Williams



Aj Williams - November 05 at 01:06 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. I remember Don from my first years at T & I Credit Union,
Kathy Karner

Kathy Karner - October 15 at 01:16 PM



“ On Oct 13, 2021.
From Barbara Eilers,
Lori's Cousin

Such a wonderful life and contribution; a city farmer with his work on Ford tractors.
Daily I pass a field to see the cows; their field being eaten.

Daily prayers.....re-born so close to his birthday🦋!.....and joined our family
members already passed.

Praying you find joy in sorrow.

Barbara

Ps Even in New Orleans we see the falling leaves of autumn, anticipate the chill of
winter knowing that it is followed by Spring

Barb Eilers - October 15 at 12:45 PM



“ Love, Chuck, Nancy, Jean & Ray purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald Francis Boufford.



Love, Chuck, Nancy, Jean & Ray - October 13 at 03:05 PM



“ My Uncle Don was one of a kind! A successful businessman, entrepreneur, property owner, community leader and most of all a wonderful family man. He had a strong faith walk and lived life the right way.

As a small business owner for the past 30 years, I found many times asking what would Don do? The answer was always the right thing. I always found strength in a subtle way from this guy who was always bigger than life to me.

I know that my Mom will miss her dear brother and all the years they got to spend together after their spouses passed on. Pretty special relationship to watch the two of them as they aged together.

I'm glad that Uncle Don was able to peacefully pass to his eternal reward. His wisdom, kindness and caring have made such a positive mark on my life.

Rest in Peace Uncle Don
Love, Mike Finkbiner

Mike Finkbiner - October 11 at 12:09 PM



“ The Amlin Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald Francis Boufford.



The Amlin Family - October 10 at 11:37 PM



“ One of my fondest memories of Mr. Boufford is when he took Diane, Sandy, Deb and I (and a friend Diane brought) to the Pinery campground in Ontario Canada for a long weekend. It (seemed like) it POURED rain the entire time, but we had a blast just the same! Mr. Boufford was so patient with all us girls and so fun! As we were arriving home up Great Oaks Blvd. Deb threw up in the car!! It was an honor to know BOTH Mr and Mrs Boufford and to be a part of there household growing up! I was SO glad to have been able to visit him just a few weeks ago when Sandy came to town and spend some quality conversation with him as always! You are loved, Mr. Boufford. Your 10th child and 6th daughter☐- Jody (Fidler) Fleischhut

Jody K. Fleischhut - October 09 at 09:34 PM