



Donald L. Rinckey

December 19, 1923 - March 6, 2018

Donald Lee Rinckey was born to Arthur and Vera (Hamilton) Rinckey on December 19, 1923, in Elwell, Michigan and passed away March 6, 2018. He was beloved brother to Carl, Doris, Marion, and Millie.

After finishing his schooling, Don started his entrepreneurial journey that would last over six decades. From working for the CCCs during his youth, to owning several construction companies and a wholesale pet supply distribution business, Don took pride in honesty. "I never had a customer I couldn't look in the eye and shake his hand."

Don met and married the love of his life, Christine Ford, in Muskegon, Michigan, in 1944, right before he enlisted in the Army, where he served during WWII. They had four children: Judy (Frank) LaFay, Dennis (deceased), David (Barb) Rinckey and Debbie (Mark) Roberts. Don and Chris were devoted to each other and their family. Their journey together of over 55 years included travel, cottages, winters in Florida and lots of cherished friendships together. During their marriage they never stopped laughing and enjoying each other's company until Chris passed away July 3, 2000.

Throughout Don's life, he was an avid outdoorsman, especially enjoying hunting and fishing of all kinds. He never missed an opportunity to tell a story about the "one that got away." He also loved sports, especially his Detroit

Tigers.

Throughout his life, Don prided himself in being connected to his friends and family and even at 94 years old, he was emailing jokes, using Facebook and texting. He was a charter member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Lansing and more recently a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Grand Ledge.

Don has 7 grandchildren: Dominic LaFay, Michael LaFay, Matthew (Nicki) Rinckey, Jill Rinckey, B.J. (Lacy) Roberts, Sarah Roberts (J.R.), and Rebecca Roberts. He also has 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great grandchild and they will all miss everything from his pancakes and chicken casserole to his thoughtful birthday cards.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge, with Pastor Chuck Foerster, officiating. Interment will follow with military honors at Wacousta Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 5-8:00 p.m. at the Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home, Grand Ledge, and Saturday at the church from 10-11:00 a.m. The family would like to thank the entire staff at Independence Village of Grand Ledge and Compassus Hospice for their compassionate and loving care. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to Compassus Hospice, 801 S. Waverly Road, Lansing, Michigan 48917 or Independence Village of Grand Ledge Activity Fund, 4775 Village Drive, Grand Ledge, Michigan 48837.

Cemetery Details

Wacousta Cemetery

13500 Wacousta Road
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **9**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home & Cremation Services
406 N. Bridge Street
Grand Ledge, MI 48837
(517) 627-2531
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Visitation

MAR **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Lutheran Church
517 S. Clinton St.
Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Service

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Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Uncle Don (as I called him) was my dads cousin Bob Rinckey. He was the nicest, kindest man I have ever met and he loved and took the best care of his beloved wife Christine ❤️, it was such a pleasure knowing him and his family he will be greatly missed by so many. Sending love and prayers to you all, Tami Rinckey Johnson



Tami johnson - March 10, 2018 at 10:09 AM

DR

“ Judy and family, So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Dottie Ritter

Dottie Ritter - March 10, 2018 at 04:04 AM

HW

“ Our family is deeply saddened by your loss. Please accept our condolences, and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

The McNamara Family

*Jeff and Linda,
Heather and Jacob,
Jenny and TJ, and
Kristen*

Heather Walters - March 09, 2018 at 11:51 PM

LF

“ Love, Dolly Kay, Jim & Linda and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald L. Rinckey.



Love, Dolly Kay, Jim & Linda and families - March 08, 2018 at 07:14 PM



“ 113 files added to the album Don



Holihan-Atkin-Barclay Funeral Home - March 08, 2018 at 12:36 PM

DZ

“ dan zimmermann purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald L. Rinckey.



dan zimmermann - March 07, 2018 at 08:24 PM

Lacy
Roberts

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Lacy Roberts - March 07, 2018 at 04:29 PM

BW

“ To the family of Don. We have fond memories of Don & Chrissy from our first meeting of them at Anchor Point In Apollo Beach. Played alot of golf and dined with them. Fished with Don just a few years ago with Wayne at White Lake. Wayne and myself visited with Don and had lunch with him just afew months ago and will keep him and the family in our prayers and thoughts. Lots of great memories.s

Bob & Suzy Wells

Bob wells - March 07, 2018 at 11:48 AM