



Danny Howard MacDonald

July 30, 1953 - June 19, 2023

Danny “Dan” Howard MacDonald, age 69, of Gwinn, Michigan, died Monday, June 19, 2023, in Pickford, Michigan. He was born July 30, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to Robert Wayne and Bernice Stella (Nayback) MacDonald.

Dan grew up in Pickford, the eldest of five children. He graduated from Pickford High School in 1971. Following graduation, he worked for Louie’s Well Drilling in Rudyard, Michigan, before moving to Gwinn where he and his father partnered to form MacDonald’s Well Drilling. They worked together for many years until his father’s retirement. Dan took over the family business and he and his son, Dan Jr., continued the business until he retired in 2014 to enjoy his family and friends.

Dan loved spending time with his many friends in Gwinn. He was always willing to help anyone who was in need and enjoyed the tradition of morning coffee with the guys the most.

Dan truly enjoyed riding his snowmobile, side by side, and motorcycle, and was always ready for a new adventure. He was active in the local snowmobile association, as well as other community activities. Dan was an avid fan of local racing and NASCAR. He enjoyed his home in the woods and feeding the deer and turkeys who visited.

Dan is survived by his daughter, Kelley MacDonald; daughter-in-law, Natasha Collins; grandsons, Stephen MacDonald, Gavin MacDonald, and Brian Copley; granddaughters, Chloe N. MacDonald and Paige A. MacDonald. He also leaves behind his mother, Bernice MacDonald of Pickford; siblings, Kathleen (Roger) Jacobson of Pickford, Bonnie (Dave) Fox of Easley, South Carolina, and Dean (Ami) MacDonald of Greensboro, Georgia, all of whom were his caregivers during his recent illness; his sister-in-law, Sue MacDonald of Pickford; and several nieces and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his father, Robert MacDonald; his son, Danny MacDonald Jr., and his brother, Keith MacDonald.

A Celebration of Dan's life will be held on Friday, July 7, 2023, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at The Up North Lodge Event Center, 215 County Road 557, in Gwinn.

Inurnment will be on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan

Galer Funeral Homes & Cremation of Pickford, Michigan, is serving the family. Condolences may be left to the family at www.galerfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

The Up North Lodge - Event Center
215 County Road 557
Gwinn, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Danny Howard MacDonald*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Danny Howard MacDonald*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear this sad news. Danny was like a big old teddy bear with great hugs and a smile! You will be missed dear friend. My heart goes out to his family and friends.*

Nona L. Uren - June 27, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Dan It's been a pleasure to have known you., I enjoyed the morning coffees with you and the fun it was just joking around. I hope this fall when its time to put the blower on the tractor you're watching over me and whoever is trying to help, we will need it . God bless and may we meet again.*

Marty Torreano - June 24, 2023 at 08:46 PM



“ *Kelley, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. Hugs and prayers
Jan and Mike Lane*

Jan lane - June 24, 2023 at 07:30 PM

DJ

“ *May you rest in peace my friend. We had a lot of memories made in Harvey and the snowmobile club. The trail never ends!* 🙏

Dennis Johnson - June 24, 2023 at 05:14 PM

DK

“ *Danny, we miss you very much at the coffee club, another kind soul gone too quick, I am proud to call you my friend.*

Daniel L Keskimaki - June 24, 2023 at 02:02 PM

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“ *What I loved most about Danny was he had no love of worldly possessions, he prided himself in his work ethic and his genuine love of family and friends!, He was always fun to visit with ! His love for his children and grandchildren was special ! He is in the arms of Jesus! And suffering no more! So sorry for this loss.. Amy Raden*

Amy Raden - June 23, 2023 at 08:03 PM

DH

“ *1 file added to the album Dan*



Darrell Hill - June 23, 2023 at 07:14 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Danny Howard MacDonald.*



June 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Danny Howard MacDonald.

June 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM