



Donald "Don" John Brabant Sr.

October 11, 1959 - September 20, 2025

Donald "Don" John Brabant Sr., age 65, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, died on September 20, 2025, at home. He was born on October 11, 1959, in Sault Ste. Marie to Francis and Margaret (Kelley) Brabant.

Don grew up in Sault Ste. Marie and graduated from Sault Area High School with the Class of 1976. He began his career at The O'Jibway Hotel, where he worked for thirty years before retiring.

A man with a love for the outdoors and for life's simple pleasures, Don enjoyed the Dafter Lions Truck Pulls, Mud Runs, watching NASCAR, spending time sawmilling, hunting, and fishing.

His dogs held a special place in his heart. He takes comfort in being reunited with his beloved Zak and Ginger.

Don took great pride in his sons and grandchildren. He was known for his humor, his straightforward way of seeing the world, and the loyalty he showed to those he loved.

Don is survived by his sons, William Hogarth of Sault Ste. Marie, Christopher Brabant of Franklin Park, Illinois, and Donald Brabant Jr. of Brimley, Michigan; grandchildren, Leland Hogarth, Julius St. James, Ryan Brabant, and Payton

Brabant; siblings, Lisa (Vic) McBride of Spokane, Washington, Mary (Andy) Simpson of Horicon, Wisconsin, Ronald (Renee) Brabant of Dafter, Michigan, Robert Brabant of Kinross, Michigan, and Douglas (Tami) Brabant of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Tamara Brabant of Huntington Beach, California; and close nephews, Francis (Samantha) Cantafio, Joe Cantafio, and Jordan Cantafio,

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Francis and Margaret; brothers, Patrick Brabant and William "Buffalo" (Sandy) Brabant; sisters, Nancy (Joe) Cantafio and Cathy Aday; and niece, Eva Brabant.

A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left to the family at www.familylifefh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ I used to call don, Ginger lol because I was a lil kid when Ginger was around and then when Ginger passed I started calling him Ginger instead, goodbye Grandpa, goodbye to a world.

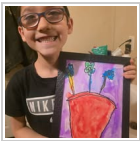
Leland Hogarth - March 04 at 01:28 AM

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“ Just seen this today so sorry for a loss to all his family..I worked at the ojibway for 15 years when donny was working there he was such a good guy ..he knew his job & all that needed to be done around there..when I retired from there didn't see him much but he was a nut gave so many alot off Isughts...so sorry..



Joanne Iaponis - October 24, 2025 at 07:25 PM



“ Uncle Don... I really don't know where to start. You may have had a hard exterior at some times but you always cared for us like family should. I remember spending so much time with you when I was younger and no matter how much time went by we were always welcome to stop by. Once I had my son I stopped coming out as much and you barely got to see him grow up. My biggest regret is not being there near your end. I know you went the way you wanted but man do I miss you. To say you haven't helped shape me as a man would be a lie. You helped to fill the hole our father left. Although we may have just been nephews we were treated with such value. To grow up to me has been to watch all the people I value the most go away. I will always remember you. I love and miss you. Your nephew, Jordan.

Jordan Cantafio - September 28, 2025 at 07:02 PM