



Donald Austin Dunning

June 24, 1945 - February 15, 2022

Donald Austin Dunning, age 76, of Sault Ste. Marie, MI passed away on Tuesday February 15, 2022, at War Memorial Hospital.

Don was born on June 24, 1945, in Flint, Michigan to the late Elmer and Ruby (Austin) Dunning. He graduated from Beecher High School in Flint with the class of 1963. He attended Michigan State University and LSSU earning his associates degree. On August 8, 1964, he married Bonnie Beath in Flint, MI. Don served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam war. He played trumpet in the Navy Band as part of the honor guard for President Kennedy's funeral service. Don was honored to play his trumpet with Doc Severinsen, Bob Crane, and Stan Kenton.

He was part of the Big Brothers Organization and the Auxiliary Police in Howell, MI. He was a past Commander of the American Legion with Post #3. Don helped start La Rendezvous da Sault. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing, riding motorcycles, and going to his daughter's camp. He was a Lions and Tigers fan.

Don is survived by his wife: Bonnie J. Dunning; four children: Laura (Mike) Eastman, Linda (Dan) Dumas, Donnie (Jackie) Dunning, and Gail Wilson all of Sault Ste. Marie, MI; eight grandchildren: Greg (Courtney) Dunning, Trish Ann (Gene) Eastman, Steven Eastman, Christoffer Jacobsen, Matthew Jacobsen, Samantha (Terry) Wilson, Michael Wilson, and Rebecca Cook; three great-grandchildren: Hanna Dunning, Keira Lovegrove, and Adrienne Lovegrove; and a sister: Dorothy Isbell.

Don was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers: Gene Dunning and John "Jack" Dunning.

A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 19, 2022, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home. Friends may gather at the funeral home that same day starting at 2:00 PM.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sorry to hear about Don. He was a good friend.*

Jeff Riordan - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences go out to the Dunning family. I had the pleasure to sit with Don and Bill Dunstone at our 50th class reunion. R.I.P. good friend! God Bless!*

Dale Dobbs - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My sincere condolences to all the family i had the honour and privalge of meeting Don and still remember fondly of our conversations of wine and beer making and the times we shared both over the internet and in person.
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world was a richer place for him being in it and i am thankful for his input into my life*

Rick Cartridge - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Laura and family: There are no words to express your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Sheila Dhillon - February 17, 2022 at 12:00 AM