



## Donald Wayne Hakola

November 20, 1944 - October 15, 2014

Donald Wayne Hakola, age 69, of Rudyard, Michigan, died unexpectedly October 15, 2014. He was born November 20, 1944 in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

Donnie was a lifelong resident of Rudyard. He graduated from Rudyard High School in 1963. In high school, he had been active in the FFA and was a member of State Championship Parliamentary Procedure team. After high school, Donnie worked at Buick in Flint and for Champion Construction before starting to work for United Parcel Service as a package car driver. Donnie started at UPS in 1967 and retired 31 years later in 1998. Donnie married Diane Sue Pemble on July 31, 1965 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church in St. Ignace, Michigan.

Every moment Donnie spent at "Camp Sleepy Ridge" both by himself and with family and friends was very special to him. He enjoyed building and maintaining the camp, hunting birds and deer, fishing, and just relaxing in the great outdoors.

When not working or at camp, Donnie loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He played horseshoes with the EUP Horseshoe Pitching League. Donnie also enjoyed woodworking. He created and built beautiful and intricate log cabin birdhouses complete with cedar shake shingles. Donnie

never used a pattern so every birdhouse was one of a kind.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Sue; sons, Tony (Robin) Hakola of Cedarville, Michigan, and Tate (Juanette) Hakola of Rudyard; daughter, Terri Franklin of Traverse City, Michigan; six grandchildren, Jordan Franklin, Casey (Wes) Molner, Korissa Hakola, Cara Hakola, Presley Hakola, and Cameron Shaw; and three great grandchildren, Jamisen and Jasper Kabbas, and Bryson Molner. Donnie is also survived by his mother and step-father, Ruth and Charles Touple of Sault Ste. Marie; sisters, Sharon (Joe) Phillips of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Bonni (Glenn) Ketchum of Kaleva, Michigan; special cousin, Ernie Aho of Rudyard, who was like a brother to Donnie; dear aunt, Millie Aho of Rudyard; numerous, nieces, nephews, and cousins; brother-in-law, Blair J. Pemble Jr. of St. Ignace; sisters-in-law, Jeanne Gabres, Glenda Pemble, and Barbara Pemble, all of Denver, Colorado.

Donnie was preceded in death by his father, Wayne "Henry" Hakola in 1977; in-laws, Blair and Rita Pemble, both in 1989; brothers-in-law, David and Bruce Pemble; and sister-in-law, Bonnie Ryerse.

Services will be held Saturday, October 18 at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. A memorial gathering visitation will be held from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. with his memorial service following at 4:00 P.M.

# Cemetery Details

## Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT 18. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford  
24549 S. M-129  
Pickford, MI 49774  
(906) 647-3400  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Memorial Service

OCT 18. 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Wayne Hakola*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Donald Wayne Hakola*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Donald Wayne Hakola*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Dear Sue,  
Please accept my deepest condolences at this sad time. I am  
thinking of you and keeping you in my prayers.  
Love, Anne Papineau*

**Anne Papineau** - October 20, 2014 at 09:56 AM



“ *We were so sad to hear of Donnies passing. Our thoughts &  
prayers are with each of you at this sad time. Tom & Val Lawlor*

**Valli Lawlor** - October 18, 2014 at 06:47 PM



“ *Sue, Bob & I send our deepest sympathies to you and your family.  
Our prayers are with you at this difficult time.  
Sandy Rathwell*

**Sandra Rathwell** - October 18, 2014 at 07:43 AM

CB

“ Words fail to convey how sad we are. Donnie was a good man, a true Gentleman and will be missed by everyone that knew him. Our love and prayers are with Sue and the entire family. May God Bless all of you. Love, Carla and Randy Brown

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**Carla Brown** - October 18, 2014 at 04:44 AM

FA

“ Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.



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**Family** - October 17, 2014 at 06:50 PM

SO

“ We are so deeply saddened by the news of Don's passing. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times. Love and Prayers Jim and Sharon Olson

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**Sharon Olson** - October 17, 2014 at 01:50 PM

DJ

“ Darwin&Paula Aho--Anita Johnson purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.



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**Darwin&Paula Aho--Anita Johnson** - October 17, 2014 at 11:57 AM

LB

“ Love you with all our hearts....Uzz, Jeanne, Glenda, Sharlea and Barb purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.



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**Love you with all our hearts....Uzz, Jeanne, Glenda, Sharlea and Barb** - October 17, 2014 at 11:54 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.



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October 17, 2014 at 11:04 AM

CH

“ My favorite memory of Donnie is of he and Sue repainting their fence. The story Sue told about it made me laugh harder than I had in years. I hope Sue will be able to laugh like that again.

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**Carol Huard** - October 17, 2014 at 10:55 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.



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October 17, 2014 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ *With greatest sympathy to all the family. Remember he is always in your heart and you will always have great memories. May God be with you during this difficult time.*

*Joann Nayback Smith*

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**Joann Nayback Smith** - October 17, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Hakola.*



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October 17, 2014 at 08:17 AM

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“ *To The Hakola Family,  
I know words don't mean a whole lot right now, but you all have been in my thoughts and prayers since I heard of Don's passing. The days ahead won't be easy, but hold tight to the memories you have of times together, and keep your love for him safely tucked into your hearts. Be strong and know that others share your grief at this difficult time. Love, hugs and prayers to you and yours from me and mine!*

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**Jamie Harvey (McCoy)** - October 17, 2014 at 07:46 AM

TN

“ Our family is deeply saddened by the passing of Donny. We have wonderful memories of the earliest years of married life. Our children grew up having Tony, Terri and Tate as best friends. Terry and I shared many milestone events with Donny, Susie and the kids. Donny was a great guy, wonderful husband and granddad. I never heard him say anything other than kind words to everyone. He will be missed by so many friends and family as well as the Rudyard Community. Our sympathy to the entire Hakola family. You will always be in our prayers.

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**Terry and Catherine Nayback** - October 16, 2014 at 04:56 PM