



Don Valentine

January 16, 1935 - February 22, 2013

Don Rae Valentine, 78, of North Fort Myers, Florida passed away February 22, 2013.

He was born January 16, 1935 in Lansing, Michigan. He was the son of Floyd and Donna Belle Valentine. After high school, he proudly joined the United States Army in 1954 and was stationed overseas in Germany. After completion of the Army, he was hired by Bell Telephone in Lansing, Michigan. In March of 1957, he married Mary Elaine Hancock and raised three children, Diana, and twins Terri and Larry. He left Michigan for warmer weather and a new career. He went to school and obtained his real estate license, moving several times before finally settling down in Lee County in 1975. Don worked as the director of lot sales for the Lehigh Corporation. He loved Boating, Golfing, Flying, Poker and going to races with his son. He was a great storyteller and had a wonderful personality always loving a good joke. His last few years he found what truly matters most in life...the love of family, stronger together than apart.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his family, Elaine Valentine, 3 children, Diana (David) Jones, Terri (Jeff) Taylor, and Larry (Lori) Valentine, 7 grandchildren, Mica, Jessica, Nick, Jamie, Julie, Lindsay and Chase and 4 great grandchildren, Rylyn, Jacey, Luke and Ben.

A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, March 2nd from 11-1 PM at Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Don's loving memory may be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway, Cape Coral, Florida.

Funeral arrangements under the direction of Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services Inc., 4224 Cleveland Ave, Suite 1, Fort Myers, Florida 33901 239-274-0088. Online condolences may be made at www.gendronfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Don Valentine*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Don Valentine*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM

TE

“ *Many fond memories of Uncle Don. My heart goes out to you all.*

Tammy Ellis - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Terri, we know the sorrow of losing a father and pray that the Lord will give you and your family the strength you need during this time of grief.*

Richard and Suzanne (Taylor) Martinez - March 03, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. My memories of Don are of laughter, fun and kindness. It has been too long since I had seen him, but I always felt that he was a very special man and know that he loved his family. I wish my children could have know their great uncle. In Loving Memory - Sue*

Suzanne (Valentine) Wardell - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *I worked with Don many years ago at US Home Corp. He was Always Fair, Always Smiling, and Always had a good word to say about everyone. It was a pleasure working with him.*

Susan Galea - March 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *The Ken & Arlene Henrys family will all miss you. Your smile and love of life will always be remembered by us.*

Cathy (Henrys) Finn - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ We'll miss you Pop Top Poppa.

Nick McCullers - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ You will be greatly missed. You were a good man. Xoxo

Marissa McCullers - February 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Valentine family at this time.

Jeffrey A. Brisebois - February 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ I am so sorry for your loss. God Bless You.

Jason Grayson - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Pam Shoosmith - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ There will be a large void in the Valentine Family without you Uncle Don. You could tell a joke like no one else and I would laugh even if I didn't always get them. We didn't get to see much of you after you moved to Florida and I know that Dad really missed your times together but you were always in our hearts. Bless you and your family!

Connie Barnhart - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ So sorry to hear about Uncle Donny, always enjoyed visiting in Florida. I used to babysit for the three kids, Teri, Larry and Diane. Thinking of all of you.

Suzanne Hartig - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Terri we are so very sorry for your loss. We are praying you and your family during this most difficult time. Love you.

Jim and Alma Jones - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GD

“ Uncle Don I will miss you very much. I always thought you were great. We had lots of fun fishing & boating. I even ate nasty oysters after you talked me into it. We laughed hard. We both sold real estate and I enjoyed talking about it with you. You will be missed. God bless you.

Gayle Valentine Downs - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ The story teller, even on the phone the animation you could add to a story. I will miss those stories and conversations on the phone. I can only imagine the card game that is going on in heaven as we speak! May your family be comforted by memories. God speed.

Joni (Restainer) Dunckel - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ When I think of my uncle Don, I picture the fun times my dad Tut and him had. Even though my dad is 8 years older, the two were very close. I see them doing their version of a tap dance and ending with their arms out wide. I see the family get together's because it was always a big event when he came to Michigan. I remember when uncle Don took my parents and me fishing and he and dad competing to see who could catch the biggest fish and when my dad won uncle Don told him to hold it up so he could take a picture of the catch of the day which wasn't much bigger than a goldfish. These are only a fraction of the stories that could be told, and I'm glad that I was born into such a fun loving family. You were a great brother and uncle. We all will miss you.

Lisa Valentine - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ THANK YOU, Mr. Valentine for being the father image I had when I came to this Country almost 40 yrs. ago. Remember the times I spent with you and your family whom open the doors of your home to me when I came back from Colombia with my permanent residency, the times you took Larry and I flying around Ft. Myers, the times we went boating...the times we spent talking about Colombia and our culture....our foods. I miss you Mr. Valentine ! Say HI to GOD for me.

Fernando Gonzalez - February 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Don Valentine

Jeannie Restainer - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our Uncle Donny has always been a constant in our family even though we have lived so far apart. He and my Mom Myrna were close all of their lives and that made him close to us too. We will always remember his sense of humor, his smile and his realistic outlook on life. When I was little he was there for us when we had hard times. RIP Uncle you will always be remembered.

Debra McKrill - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM