



## Donald C. Emmons

January 21, 1935 - April 16, 2021

SAND CREEK – Donald C. Emmons, age 86 of Sand Creek passed away Friday, April 16, 2021, at Swanton Valley Rehabilitation Center.

He was born January 21, 1935, in Jasper, Michigan, the oldest of the six children of the late Carl and Pearl (Smith) Emmons and graduated from Sand Creek High School in 1952.

On March 12, 1955, he married Anita “Joan” Roth at her parents’ home. Don and Joan celebrated over 57 years together before her death in 2012.

Don worked on the family dairy farm, milking cows until 1996, and was a member of The Holstein-Friesian Association of America. After selling the cows, he continued crop farming until just a couple of years ago. Don retired in 2008 after 55 years of driving bus for Sand Creek Community Schools. He loved his work and watched generations of Sand Creek families grow up and graduate. While driving bus, he worked at both Sand Creek and Packard cemeteries. Don was a faithful member of Weston Baptist Church where he served on the board. He also served as trustee for Seneca Township. Additionally, Don served in the Army National Guard for eight years.

Surviving are his three children, Janis Emmons of Sand Creek, Judy (Andrejs) Kalnals of Chicago, and Curtis (Julie) Emmons of Midland, MI;

grandchildren, Amanda (Paul) Young, Christopher Kalnmals, Michael Emmons and Liena Kalnmals; great grandchildren, Parker and Hudson Young; his siblings, Mary Helen (Hershel) Love, John (Cheri) Emmons, Janet (Douglas) Bennett, Norman (Gloria) Emmons; and his sister-in-law, Mary Emmons. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Emmons.

Funeral services for Don will take place at 1 p.m., Monday, April 19, 2021, at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with Reverends Duane Cross and Robert Farison officiating. Burial will follow at Sand Creek Cemetery. Visitation will take place at the funeral home Monday from 11 a.m. until the service.

Contributions in memory of Don may be made to Weston Baptist Church or Camp Selah.

Following the Governor's executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate. For those unable to be present, a live streaming of the service will be accessible from Don's tribute wall on [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com), where a link to view the recording will be available for 90 days.

Online memories and condolences may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sand Creek Cemetery

440 Bryant Road  
Sand Creek, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI

## Funeral Service

APR 19. 1:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wagley Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Webcast in memory of Donald C. Emmons*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - April 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM

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*Janis Judy Curt I love you !*

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**Sarah Smith** - April 19, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ *Donald C. Emmons*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM

SP

“ *I used to hear a promotion on public television that described America as a place where ordinary people do extraordinary things. That certainly described Don - driving a school bus for 55 years is truly extraordinary. He was my driver for only a year, but I have many memories of that - I was the first one on the bus in the morning. Don may have driven longer than anyone else in the country - too bad no one keeps track of such things, as far as I know. My condolences to all of you.*

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**Steve Phenicie** - April 19, 2021 at 12:41 PM

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“ *Some of my fond memories: ....is going to Sand Creek to 'The Farm' when we were kids & playing with our cousins, watching them bale hay, riding Martha, the cow, up to the barn & playing baseball beside the house. These are just a few memories that come to mind at this time. Our children enjoyed going to 'The Farm' to visit Uncle Carl & Aunt Pearl, & the cousins in Sand Creek and having some of Aunt Pearl's cookies & homemade oatmeal. Don, you will be missed.*

*Love, Bob (Karolyn) Smith*

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**Bob Smith** - April 19, 2021 at 12:28 PM

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“ *Dear Judy, Andy, Chris and Liena. Please accept our most heartfelt condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. You are all in our thoughts.*

*With love and support,  
Your Axiom Family*



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**Axiom Properties** - April 19, 2021 at 12:24 PM

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“ *Axiom Properties lit a candle in memory of Donald C. Emmons*



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**Axiom Properties** - April 19, 2021 at 12:22 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - April 19, 2021 at 08:36 AM

TO

“ *we all had fun when dad and mom visit with uncle cart and aunt pearl. that big yard got a work out playing ball. long time seeing family. too long.*

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**tom** - April 18, 2021 at 07:22 PM

JK

“ *Janis, Judy and Curt*

*So sorry for the loss of your father. Such memories of your family!*

*Jeanette Knox*

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**Jeanette Knox** - April 18, 2021 at 02:33 PM

JG

“ *Jan, Judy and Curt and families, you have many wonderful memories of not only a great dad but your mother as well. Your family was and is very special to our family. Uncle Donnie and Mrs. Emmons were blessings to our kids and Jack and I as well. They always bring up special memories they have of both of them. Prayers for all of you, may your memories give you comfort in the days ahead.*

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**Jennifer Griffith** - April 17, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald C. Emmons.*



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April 17, 2021 at 06:46 PM