



## Donald Richard Marcus

January 17, 1939 - July 14, 2021

PALMYRA – Donald Richard Marcus, 82, of Palmyra, died at home Wednesday, July 14, 2021.

Born in Detroit on January 17, 1939, to Edward and Laudina Esther (Hammermaster) Marcus, Don moved to the Palmyra area in 1956, graduating from Blissfield High School in 1960. On May 6, 1967, he married Judy Lou Coulson, who survives.

Don worked at the Cherry Nook during his high school years, and joined the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS Bristol DD857 from 1961 to 1966. He was employed by General Motors starting in 1966, first at the Tecumseh Fisher Body Plant until it closed in 1987 and retiring from the Powertrain Hydramatic plant in 2010. Since his retirement he enjoyed attending Navy reunions, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Don loved his family and his country. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and for many years could be found selling poppies, attending Veterans' funerals, and talking with others (often over a donut) about his experience. Every year since the late 1960's, Don drove a flag float in the Palmyra and Blissfield Memorial Day parades.

In addition to his wife, Judy, Don is survived by his children, daughter Judy

(David) Opalek of Hilliard, Ohio, and son Don (Dawn) Marcus of Palmyra; 6 grandchildren, Elizabeth, Alexander, and Isaac Opalek and Aaron, Zachary, and Kenzie Marcus; his sister, Diana Johnson of Phoenix, AZ; and special cousin, Leonard (Sonny) Hammermaster.

He was preceded in death by his parents and lifelong best friend, Jim Coudron.

A memorial service for Don will be held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel, Blissfield with Envoys Terry and Margaret Gaster of the Salvation Army officiating. Military honors will be provided by Blissfield American Legion Post #325 and VFW Post #1584. Visitation will take place beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until the time of the service. Don will be laid to rest at Palmyra Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Palmyra Fire Department. Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Palmyra Cemetery

East US 223  
Palmyra, MI 49268

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)  
301 S. Lane St.  
Blissfield, MI 49228  
(517) 486-2133  
[info@wagleyfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@wagleyfuneralhome.com)  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Richard Marcus*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *I remember Don and Judy from the Salvation Army when we were all a lot younger. My condolences goes to Judy and the girls. Rest in Peace, Don.*

*Candy (Rosansky) Strine.*

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**Candy Strine** - July 21, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Marcus.*



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July 20, 2021 at 11:33 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences from Texas for Don Marcus. I always had fun times and have fond memories of spending time at the Marcus house, which was pretty much nearly every day as a child. I remember his fondness for the Navy and wonderful patriotism, especially during Memorial Day parades. He was a model for my eventual service to our country in subsequent years. I also remember playing pool in the basement of the Marcus household, where you had to learn to play the break, because it wasn't quite level in both directions.*

*Godspeed Mr Marcus!*

*Matt Shirley*

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**Matthew Shirley** - July 16, 2021 at 03:26 PM

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*Don was a very caring person and we went to elementary school and high school together and he was my best friend through those years. We drifted apart as I had various military assignments around the world He was my brother Jim Coudron's very best and Carin friend. We always called Don red because he had red hair when he was younger. I feel very bad that I just became aware of his passing away he was a great human being a I will always cherish the time we shared. I'm so sorry and wish to pass on my condolences to his family and friends Bob*

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**Robert Coudron** - February 17, 2024 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Manuel Calimquim purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Richard Marcus.*



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**Manuel Calimquim** - July 15, 2021 at 11:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Marcus.*



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July 15, 2021 at 08:57 PM



“ *My memories of Don are from the USS Bristol Association reunions.. He was always a very active member and was fun to be around. Don and I didn't serve together as I was several years before him but the Association made all of the attending members feel like they had always known each other.*

*Don and Judy were a big part of the Association and for many years had acted as storekeeper for the Bristol and he was the keeper of many items of memorabilia that he would bring to the reunions.*

*He will be missed.*

*Tony Molnar RD3 1957-1959*

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**Tony Molnar** - July 15, 2021 at 05:16 PM



*So sorry to here he past. I served with him in the forward engine room and was a great guy to be around. we had many great times.*

*David Olsen*

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**David Olsen** - July 16, 2021 at 09:59 AM