



Donald "Moose" Lee Underwood

July 22, 1944 - June 12, 2025

BLISSFIELD- Donald "Moose" Lee Underwood, age 80, of Blissfield, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born on July 22, 1944, in Morenci to William and Rose "Leona" (Rice) Underwood. He graduated from Morenci High School with the Class of 1963. During his time there he competed on the Basketball, Football, and Track teams and was a multiple time All-State athlete and was named State of Michigan Athlete of the Year. After high school, Don enrolled at Ferris State University where he played football and earned his associate degree in Metallurgy. He was inducted into the United States Army in 1965 and proudly served until 1967 after earning the rank of Sergeant. On August 23rd in 1965, while on leave from the Army, he married his sweetheart, Sally L. Mincheff during a brief ceremony at the United Methodist Church in Morenci. Don retired from Ervin Industries after 37 years of employment.

Don will be remembered for his sense of humor and not having a filter. He really enjoyed making others laugh and had a soft heart. Don liked to take camping and fishing trips with his family and friends, making many memories over the years. He was extremely proud of his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Don was able to watch his grandchildren participate in sports and other activities all the way from high

school until they graduated from college. With great joy Don was able to meet his twin great grandchildren before his passing.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife of 59 years, Sally Underwood; son, Mark (Michelle) Underwood; daughter, Amy (Nathan) Osburn; grandchildren, Dakota (Mady) Underwood, Shelby (Harrison) Kane, Waide (Sydney Faust) Osburn, Brady Osburn (Kennedy Lawson) and William Fiander; great grandchildren, Janie and Elias Kane; sisters-in-law, Ruth Underwood, Donna Fiander and Nancy Rutkowski; brothers-in-law, George Mincheff and Dave Traschke; along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Don was preceded in death by his parents and twin brother, David E. Underwood.

Following Don's wishes, cremation will take place with a Celebration of Life being held on Sunday, August 10, 2025 from 2-6:00 p.m. at the Morenci Fraternal Order of Eagles, 239 W. Main St., Morenci, MI 49256 with Military Funeral Honors will be held at 2:30 p.m. Come and enjoy a cheeseburger and margarita per Donald's request.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Elara Caring Hospice or to Hospice of Lenawee.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 10. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Morenci Fraternal Order of Eagles
239 W. Main Street
Morenci, MI 49256

Military Honors

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Tribute Wall

RA

“ I have many fond memories of working with Don at Ervin 40 years ago as a college student. As a matter of fact, I was telling a "Moose" story just the other day. He was well-liked and always respected by his friends and coworkers. My condolences to his wife and family on your loss. He was one of the good guys for sure.

Russ Averill - June 23, 2025 at 08:16 PM

BJ

“ I will always remember all our times together in high school and fun times in 4-H.

Barbara Johnston - June 20, 2025 at 02:08 PM

DJ

“ Uncle Don,

Thank you for all the great memories and laughs. You taught me how to give the sturdiest handshake—something I'll never forget. I have a lifetime of fun stories about you, many of them passed down to me from my dad.

I'll always remember your laugh, the way you'd whistle, and most of all, how happy my dad was whenever he was with you.

You were truly one of a kind. I love you!

David Jr.

David Underwood Jr - June 17, 2025 at 11:04 PM

ME

“ Sally is my 1st. cousin, I'm sure she won't remember me , My Dad Sam Hendrix , was her mothers Brother, I was named after Aunt Mary and aunt Ellen, I believe I might be the only one Left, But I guess George (junior) is still with us, its been Many years since I have seen Any Of the Mincheffs, God bless you and Family , Sorry for your loss.

Mary E. - June 16, 2025 at 09:45 AM

ME

“ Mary E. lit a candle in memory of Donald "Moose" Underwood



Mary E. - June 16, 2025 at 09:34 AM

LZ

“ Linda Zigon lit a candle in memory of Donald "Moose" Underwood



Linda Zigon - June 15, 2025 at 10:55 AM

RA

“ Ruby Alderson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Moose" Underwood



Ruby Alderson - June 13, 2025 at 10:11 PM