



Donald Gene Poling

March 26, 1933 - June 19, 2022

ADRIAN- Donald Gene Poling, 89, of Adrian died Sunday evening, June 19, 2022 at the Hospice of Lenawee Home.

Don was born on March 26, 1933 in Adrian, the son of Ward and Verneita (Halstead) Poling. He was very close to his grandparents, growing up on the family farm in Onsted. Don graduated from Onsted High School with the Class of 1951.

On July 7, 1957 Don married Joan Hendrickson at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian and they would have celebrated 65 years of marriage next month. Joan said that Don made such a good impression when meeting her parents that they both declared "he's the one!".

Don's strong work ethic was evident in the quality of his work and never missing a day in the 47 years he worked at Oliver Instrument Company in Adrian. Retiring in 1998, Don found time to take a trip to Hawaii with Joan where they created many memories. Don enjoyed playing golf and doing home improvement projects around the house. He was a lifelong member at the First United Methodist Church in Adrian.

In addition to his wife, Joan, Don is survived by their children, Susan Denise Newton of East Lansing, MI and Kenneth Donald Poling of Gilbert, AZ; and granddaughter, Rachel E. Newton. He was preceded in death by his parents, and siblings, Richard Poling and Joyce Yench.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 3 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian, with Rev. Eric Stone officiating. Memorial

visitation will take place from 2 p.m. until the start of the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Lenawee Humane Society or to Associated Charities of Lenawee. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

OCT **29**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)
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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Gene Poling*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Dad (he will always be Dad to me) was the kindest, gentlest man I have known. I will miss him so much - I will miss his gentleness, wisdom and love. Give Caitlin my love, Dad! I will see you again!*
Love,
Mickey

Mickey - September 21, 2022 at 09:24 PM



“ *God bless the Polings*

Bill Lorenc jr - July 03, 2022 at 07:39 AM



“ *Don and his wife Joan and kids were a big fun part of our lives. Many great times at their home and my folks. God bless you in your time of grief.*

Angela Makoski - July 02, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *A long time friend from Onsted. He was always friendly and enjoyed a conversation.*

Karen Roback - June 29, 2022 at 08:32 AM

SC

“ *Worked with Don at Oliver, Great all around guy and highly respected.*

Scott Covell - June 28, 2022 at 10:55 AM

BG

“ *Oh Aunt Joan I just saw about Uncle Don. I am so sorry to hear this. Have you had a service for him? Please let me know. So very sorry for your loss. He was a great MAN!*

Brenda gribbs - June 25, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Joan & family,*

We are so sorry for your loss. Don was such a kind and gentle man. May happy memories carry you thru cloudy days.

Nancy & Chris Pellowe

Nancy Pellowe - June 23, 2022 at 03:15 PM

KV

Dear Joan. I just heard the so sad news. My heart aches for you Don was a wonderful husband and father. . Will be in touch to help and support you anyway I can. Your Friend Kathleen. .

Kathleen Vroman - June 27, 2022 at 06:05 PM

RD

I am so sorry for your loss you both were a big part of my life growing up he will be greatly missed

Robin Doyle - July 01, 2022 at 02:28 PM