



Donald George Jokerst

February 28, 1929 - August 10, 2012

Donald G. Jokerst, previous resident of Detroit and Las Vegas, passed away on Friday, August 10, 2012 in Spokane, WA. He was born February 28, 1929 in Detroit to Tom and Rose (Huck) Jokerst. Don served in the U.S. Army during the Korean conflict. He worked for the U.S. Post Office in Detroit, and owned a small business "Don Jay's Evening Catering".

Don fell in love with Ruth Carleton and married her on August 2, 1958. They remained in Detroit, raising their family and living a life full of love, until tragedy struck when his beloved Ruth, died suddenly on April 7, 1982. Don retired from the Post Office at the age of 55, and moved to Las Vegas where he lived his passion of playing the horses and enjoying the desert climate of Nevada. He met Diane Paleologos and found the woman he desired to spend the remaining years of his life with, as they shared many happy times together.

Don was a family man and hard worker. He lived the ethic of taking care of his family, and was a deeply devoted husband and father. He was a positive person, who found joy in his daily life. He lived out his dreams, and encouraged his children to follow their hearts. We miss you Dad, and we will always love you.

Don was preceded in death by his loving wife, Ruth and his brother, Earl

Jokerst. He is survived by his children, Catherine Renard, Jim (Dana) Jokerst, Janet Rose Kawczynski and Julia (Mark) Becker; grandchildren Rebecca, Aaron, Donald, Pierce, John, Diana, Heather, Jesse, Jimmy and Ian; sister Marylou (Ed) DeBoom; brother James Jokerst; many nieces & nephews, and his long time loving companion, Diane.

The family wishes to thank all the staff at Pine Ridge in Spokane for the kindness that they gave Don which provided him such warm loving care in the final weeks of his life.

A service will be held Saturday October 20, 2012, 1:00 p.m. at Mount Olivet Cemetery in Detroit where his urn will be laid to rest next to his wife Ruth.

Please view the memorial and sign the online guest book to share your memories of Don.

Farewell Tribute Information

Graveside inurnment service:

Saturday, October 20th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, MI

Reception Lunch to follow at Juliano's Restaurant

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I have nothing but loving memories of Uncle Don! He clearly was a responsible, gentle & kind man who loved his wife & children deeply. Easter and barbeques at Uncle Don & Aunt Ruth's were always so fun with just a gentle easiness of joy and security of family about them!! Of course, the performances Janet, Julia, Annelise & sometime I performed were no doubt the highlights for everyone!! ;-) I smile thinking of Uncle Don quietly and contently joining Uncle Ed, Aunt Nancy & my Dad at that big poker game in the sky AFTER a long overdue reunion with his beloved Ruth! Oh how he loved (& I'm sure missed) her!! Sending lots of love to you Cathy, Jim, Janet & Julia & your families. You all were deeply loved children by those great parents of yours for sure!! I feel blessed to of had them as an Aunt & Uncle growing up!!! Love, Mary, Paul & the boys

Mary Carleton - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ I'm so sorry Rose! Hugs to you!

Mary Lucas - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Hello I am sorry for your loss. I lived next door on Caldwell. We lost our dad Bob McNamara last month. May God bless you .

kathy mcnamara walinske - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Dear Dad,

A little piece of my heart ws taken away last week, but you're the reason I have so much love to give. You always taught us to live and love life to the fullest and you were a great example for all of us. A wonderful father, affectionate husband and all around "good guy". I love you.

Catherine Renard - August 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM