



Donald John Bauer

July 23, 1930 - December 25, 2015

Donald J. Bauer, 85, of Syracuse, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 25, 2015. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Donald was a Master Plumber and owner of Bauer Plumbing and Roto Rooter on South Salina Street. He will be greatly missed.

Following boarding school at Stonybrook, Donald attended Grove City College for a year before entering the US Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Stationed in Germany, he met his beloved German wife of 61 years, Edeltrud (known by many as "Dell"). Donald was a member of South Presbyterian Church where he served in the Session and also as an Elder. He loved the Thousand Islands, where he had a summer home and served as president of the Thousand Island Park Corporation. Additionally, he was on the Board of Directors at Mill Harbor Association and St. Croix (USVI) and past president of the Master Plumbers Association. He served on various other boards, including the Rescue Mission, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and a Shriner and a Jester.

Surviving are his wife, Edeltrud M. Bauer (Diegelmann); daughters, Barbara A. Bauer of California, Deborah E. (David) McDonald, and Christine E. (Mark) Armstrong, both of Syracuse; seventeen grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a niece in Germany, Monika Meyer. He was predeceased by a daughter, Diane (Robert) Stroman.

Funeral services will be private and there will be no calling hours. Burial with military honors will be in Oakwood Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in Donald's name to the Billy Graham Evangelical Association or Samaritan's Purse.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald John Bauer*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - December 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *I wish to express my deepest sympathy to you. Edeltrude, and to your family at the loss of your most beloved Donald. I also wish to thank you and to let you know that both my brother John and I deeply appreciated all the warmth and support you gave us. John respected Donald and you both and was saddened to hear of Donald's passing. May it help you to know that both you and Donald touched the hearts of John and I with your many kindnesses. May it help you to know that we care and have been deeply touched and saddened by your loss. May it also help you to know that Donald is at Home, at last, with his beloved Creator and that someday, we too, together with Donald, will sing and rejoice in celebration of our everlasting, all-powerful, Lord and Savior 's infinite love, care, and mercy. God be ever-so-close-to you Dell now as you move forward without Donald's earthly presence to uplift and encourage you, but with our Lord's ever-present, Living-Spirit to guide, support, comfort, encourage, love, protect, and to care for you daily. Blessings.*
A friend-in-Christ,
Liga Wood (one of John Briedis' sisters)

January 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *This is such a beautiful tribute to your father Christine. Mine died in May and I share your emotions. I hope that good memories will fill that hole in all your hearts. Dr. Mary Cerreto*

January 04, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our prayers are with you, Dell and family. May the God Don loved and served comfort you. We appreciated getting to know you all at South Church and then catching up on our occasional visits back to Syracuse.*

Steve and Elisa Sywulka

December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grandpa, I am going to miss you so much. You meant everything to me. I will forever cherish every memory I have of you. I will never forget all the times you took me to the buffalo farm, lunches in Cape Vincent, bbq's at the cottage & singing Taylor Swift with you. I will miss hearing your voice, your laughter & drinking coffee with you. You are my angel now & forever. I love you with all my heart. Love, Ashleigh Victoria*

December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dell and Family,*

We are grieved to hear of Don's passing. Countless times we have thought of you both and the wonderful fun occasions we had together. We loved and remember the stories we shared at long breakfasts at your place on the Island. And, we will never forget Don's smile and laughter, his generosity and caring, -- always present, always true. We feel so grateful to have been his friends, and also yours. You are the best of the best!

Love,

Al and Carol Sunderwirth

December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *A Toast, to the Robineau Rd Boy-*

God always first, then family - a man who loved to make people laugh - my Mentor and Friend - my FATHER-inlaw! CHEERS, to Don Bauer!

*Christine woke me just past midnight on December 25th and delivered the news, you Wont be back to play in the sand bin... life will never be the same,
love mark*

Bible - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Dell and Family,*

So sorry to learn of your loss. TIP was a better place for your presence and contributions. We wish you peace.

*Summer neighbors and friends,
Jim and Beth Brassler*

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dad...there are no words to say except "I love you and will Greatly miss you ! Give everyone a hug up there especially Di... Tell her and everyone I miss them too! You are whole again ..Amen Love your daughter , Deborah

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Lovely Deb, love the picture! Rosemary

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Don, you were a devoted and incurable River Rat. The St. Lawrence River ran through your veins! My late husband Jim and I met you and Del on Wellesley Island and became lifetime friends, and family. The "River" brought our families together. You were a happy, fun- loving person with an amazing smile. Your love of family and God were obvious. You will be greatly missed. My heart goes out to the entire Bauer family
Rosemary Armstrong

Love of Three - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.
Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent Programs
Syracuse, NY

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *As our family's grew up your family was our friends always thought you was awesome people.you will be missed*

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad, you will be so missed. You taught me so much in my life, especially perseverance. We always had a close connection, teaching me along the way both in business and adventure. Thank you for always looking out for me and making me strong. I will forever cherish our times in St. Croix and embracing every moment of our times there. You made me proud to be your daughter. I am forever grateful for all you did in my life and my family. Love your daughter, Christine.*

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald John Bauer*

Heavenly Light - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Donald John Bauer*

Love of Three - December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

December 29, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs.Bauer i am very sorry for you and your family..Donald was a very nice man who always had a good laugh for me when he came to the drug store. He always paid with a fifty dollar bill and would always remark he just made it.God Bless his soul and your family .
Marty Nave

Candle of Peace - December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Dell...We had great times together all the years that Joan and I worshipped, lived and supped together. Don always was there for me as we struggled on the Southside. Great picture of the guy I loved to ride with on the river as he would yell. "I have the need...the need to speed" as we out raced the tankers come down the St Lawrence. Thank God Don has finally run the race and is at peace.

December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ God Bless you Don. You are the most godly man I have every know. May you have peace in heaven.

December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ It was good to know and work with Don and Dell at So Pres in the 70's. What a nice present to be with Jesus on his birthday! Dell, may that same Jesus uphold you in the coming days. Dwight Lind

December 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Grandpa,

You'll be missed. You taught me everything I know about driving a boat at the 1000 islands. Shoals, islands, channels, and of the course the need for speed to jump the wake of those tour boats and "pound the boat". A ferry ride to Wolfe island on the ferry from Cape Vincent was always a fun time when you unplugged the cord at the dock. And boy did that Lincoln mark VIII go fast up the bridge! I'll miss those times. American onion soup, freedom fries from the clipper inn, candy from the guzzle and so much more. Trips to see the Yankees play in Toronto, steakhouses. All great.

*Thanks for the memories and being a great grandpa! Enjoy Heaven.
Love your grandson,
Brent*

December 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM