



## Donald Draper

June 4, 1941 - November 24, 2013

Age 72, passed away on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Superior Twp. He was born June 4, 1941 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Maurice and Gertrude (Nelson) Draper. Survivors include his daughters, Tanya (Chris) Berg of Ypsilanti and Alicia (John) Upton of Petersburg and his sister, Kathy Coniam. He was preceded in death by his parents. Don was devoted to his children's pets, their Jack Russell Terrier, Wrigley and their cats, Bix, Dinah and Columbo. He donated his body to the University of Michigan Medical School. A private memorial was held. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Jack Russell Terrier Rescue or the Saline Library. To sign Don's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for more information or directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Don was a most unique individual. His dry sense of humor and quick wit made most conversations an experience to remember. Members of our family received good counsel on academic and other matters. To Tonya and Alicia please accept our condolences. My guess is that wherever he is he's saying "I did it my way" He will be missed.

*Kathy Dailey & family*

---

**Kathy Dailey** - December 28, 2013 at 01:18 PM

KG

“ ..just read about Don's passing and so many people will miss his wit and humor and gentle smile. Walking around Briarwood just won't be the same knowing our steps won't cross paths...With sadness, kathy

---

**kathy green** - December 04, 2013 at 10:11 PM

GS

“ Don loved people! Over the years, as a speech therapist with the Ann Arbor Schools, he helped many students. He liked the kids and was there for them. As a colleague he not only brought humor to staff meetings but helped us appreciate each other. After his retirement, I loved bumping into Don at Briarwood where he always took time to talk. Our conversations were witty and always left me smiling inside and out. Don was a special man who touched many lives. He will be remembered and missed. - Georgiana Siehl

---

**Georgiana Siehl** - December 04, 2013 at 10:08 PM

CM

“ We were shocked to hear of Don's passing.....I had seen him at the Mall just a few days before. He always had something interesting to say/comment on. Sherry worked with him back in the 90's at Pittsfield Elem. School....he always made our spec. ed. meetings more lively & entertaining when he was there. Enjoyed talking to him at Briarwood, where we called him the "Mayor of the Mall" because he seemed to know everyone there....couldn't miss him w/ his ponytail, Hawaiian shirts, shorts (for most of the year!), & cup of coffee in his hand. The world will be a lesser place without him.....Cliff & Sher Murphy

---

**Cliff Murphy** - December 04, 2013 at 06:57 PM

SH

“ So incredibly sad to hear about Don. I knew him almost all my life and I will miss running into him at the mall. He was always smiling and I will always remember him that way.

shannon - December 02, 2013 at 04:45 PM

CR

“ I've known your Dad all my life. He was a beautiful man inside and out. Inordinately smart and wickedly funny. He was devoted to you and our other family members and was always willing to listen and help, I will miss him greatly. He was a big part of my life and I am deeply saddened about his passing. He helped me in more ways than anyone knows. I have you both in my thoughts and prayers. I hope your grieving will bring you peace and the bright light that was your Dad will always shine in your heart. All my love -Chris

Christine Moroz Ringel - December 02, 2013 at 02:20 PM

LN

“ The staff at Saline District Library are very saddened to hear of Don's passing. He came to the library every day to check out magazines and books and to converse - and joke - with the staff. He will be sorely missed - most of us can't imagine a day without talking to Don! Our sympathies go out to daughters Tanya and Alicia. Leslee Niethammer, library director

Leslee Niethammer - December 02, 2013 at 08:53 AM

GO

“ We are so sorry to hear about Don's passing. We worked with him for many years. He always brought humor and a perspective that was uniquely "Don". We enjoyed seeing him at Briarwood when we were out and about. Rick and Gloria O'Neill

Gloria O'Neill - December 02, 2013 at 07:50 AM

JU

“ I know I will miss his wonderful sense of humor. He was always sure to stop and say hello on his walks and had a knack for making anything funny. He is surely irreplaceable and it will be hard knowing he won't be coming down Macys aisle to brighten our day.



Judy - December 02, 2013 at 07:31 AM

PT

“ I have spoken with Don, at M-Den Briarwood, almost every day since this past June. He would stop in and say, "Hi Coach." He would tell me a joke or two and move on with his walk. We worked together at Pattengill for a number of years. I am grateful that I talked with him about prayer. I pray that he is with Our Lord in heaven. Sincerely, Paul Test

---

**Paul Test** - December 01, 2013 at 10:34 PM

GH

“ I met Don years ago at Saline Community Hospital where I worked as an RN and he attended meetings. He would share anecdotes on various subjects with me. Anytime I would see Don in town or at the mall, he'd say something that would make me laugh or give me a compliment. He was quite forth-coming about some of his issues. I will miss seeing him and his bright blue car at My Favorite Café, The Drowsy Parrot or Brewed Awakenings. His wit and humor, interesting hats and ponytail will be missed by many, I am sure.

*Genie Hollander*

---

**Genie Hollander** - December 01, 2013 at 01:40 PM

JC

“ I'm very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I have shared many cups of coffee with Don at the Drowsy Parrot in Saline. His sarcasm and sense of humor were always refreshing on a Sunday morning. He will be missed by many.

---

**Julie Charney** - December 01, 2013 at 11:31 AM



“ I'm sorry to here about Don he was a wonderful person to talk to ...he made me laugh with his quick wit and silly jokes I will definitely miss his humor.. Condolences to the family...Lillian /papyrus @ briarwood mall

---

**Lillian Salazar-cano** - November 27, 2013 at 08:41 PM

KL

“ Alicia and Tanya I was shocked to learn of your dads passing...Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We had many many good and fun times while living in Saline during your younger years.. We were like a family. So so sorry for your lost.

*John and Kathy LeBeau*

---

**Kathy LeBeau** - November 27, 2013 at 01:55 PM

RW

“ *Alicia and Family,*  
*My heart and thoughts are with you at this most difficult time. Please know you*  
*are all in my prayers.*

---

**Robin (Hainstock) West** - November 27, 2013 at 12:40 PM