

McBride, Donald



Donald "Dunk" McBride, 61 of Caseville, died unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon, November 15 at his deer hunting "condo" near Port Hope.

He was born October 15, 1945 in Bad Axe, the son of Frances and the late Kenneth McBride, and was a 1963 graduate of Laker High School.

Don's life was family, farming, and friendships. He lived by the "Golden Rule." Don's happiest moments were when he and Deb were surrounded by their girls and grandchildren at their home. They loved being together; the noisier the house, the better! The little ones looked forward to having grandpa give them a ride on the big tractor, or take them in the golf cart to check the crops. His daughters called often to say "Hi" and ask him what he was doing. Don and Deb were the best of friends and loved traveling in the winter months – sometimes to Hawaii, the Caribbean Islands, or Spain. Wherever they went they met and made new friends. They loved exploring the places they visited together and always looked forward to where they'd travel the next winter. Don was raised on the family farm and was successful because he worked side-by-side with his dad throughout most of his life. Don loved life and will be remembered by his buddies for some of the practical jokes he played on them – and they on him! He enjoyed being with people, and his warmth and welcoming smile made him a friend to many. Don was a dedicated deer hunter and avid golfer. Don had a deep love of family and many true friendships. Don is survived by his adoring wife, Deborah (Ducharme), to whom he was married August 5, 1966; loving daughters and their spouses, Denice & Kirt Walton of Traverse City, Krista & Sean Connors of Bridgeport, Wendy & Mark Bailey of Saginaw; treasured grandchildren, Zachary & Molly Walton, Brenna & Karly Connors; step-grandchildren, Jessica & Mark Bailey; and his mother, Frances. His siblings are Ken & Kathy McBride of Missouri, Jim & Rita McBride of Oregon, Carole & Stewart Henry of Caseville, and Peggy & Dr. Victor Schechter of Texas. His in-laws include Dr. Howard & Karen Ducharme of Ohio, Dr. Timothy & Suzanne Murphy of Saginaw, and Bill & Jean Allgaier of Traverse City. Survivors also include nieces and nephews, and many true friends. The Funeral Service will be 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19 at the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home in Pigeon, with Elder Ervin Haley officiating. Burial will be in Grandlawn Cemetery. To complete his love of life, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Gift of Life.

PALLBEARERS

Dennis McBride, Tim Murphy, Bob "Red" Newton,
Ervin "Jr." Schuette, Lee Truemner, Jerry Young, Michael Murphy