



Donald T. McKay

February 18, 1936 - July 19, 2025

July 19, 2025 of West Seneca, NY.

Beloved husband of the late Violet (nee Brodzinski) McKay; loving father of Michele (Mark) Ganschow and Michael (Janice) McKay; cherished grandfather of Brendon (Kathryn), Bradley (Jordan Burnell), Michael (Carol Lavalle), and Jessie (Andrew); great-grandfather of Blake and Emma; dear companion of the late Judy Lukowski; devoted brother of Irene (late Frank) Peters; predeceased by siblings Frances, Clara, Eugene, and Rosie; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Don was a proud US Army Veteran and the owner of Frans Cabinets and Display Company in Buffalo. He was an avid golfer, a member of St Gabriel's Holy Name Society, and has held Buffalo Sabres Season Tickets since the team formed. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Wednesday July 23rd from 3-7PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (two blocks south of William St.). A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday at 9:30AM in St Gabriel's R.C. Church, 5271 Clinton St., Elma. Please assemble at church. Interment in St Adalberts Cemetery, Lancaster. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made in Don's name to Hospice Buffalo. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Adalbert Cemetery - Lancaster

6200 Broadway
Lancaster, NY 14086

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 23. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 24 (ET)

St. Gabriel's RC Church
5271 Clinton Street
Elma, NY 14059

Time TBA / Please Assemble at Church

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Mike and Mckay Family,

I am terribly sorry for your loss and hope you can find comfort in a life full of memories and family experiences.

*Best regards
Dave Rivett*

Dave Rivett - July 24, 2025 at 10:13 AM

BL

“ Don, you and Vi were Uncle Don and Aunt Vi to our kids. You were family and introduced my Son Bill and I to the Buffalo Sabres, and to our family, camping at Darien Lake. My daughter Jill and I just talked about how you taught our kids a special “entry” to the park after 5. You and Vi were God Parents for our late son Peter. I know my other daughters Mary and AnneMarie have great memories of their Uncle Don. Now that you're back home with Vi say a special hello to Pete. Miss you, Bill Lisnerski

Bill Lisnerski - July 21, 2025 at 03:55 PM

MG

Bill thank you so much for the kind and caring words. Everything you said brought back wonderful memories. Your children came to the wake and it was wonderful to see how well they are doing and how successful they are.

Mchele Ganschow - August 11, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald T. McKay.*



July 21, 2025 at 03:19 PM



“ *Thinking of all you during this difficult time.*



Lori - July 20, 2025 at 07:38 PM



“ *We are so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a fantastic person. Find peace in knowing He and Vi are together again. May they both be at peace.*
Ed and Diane Kuciel

Diane Kuciel - July 20, 2025 at 05:21 PM



“ *Don, you were such an easy person to get along with. As a neighbor, Linda and I, enjoyed so many good times. Thanks for being Megan's Godfather. We will always remember how thoughtful you were. Thank you for being a long time friend. God bless and rest in peace. John and Linda Gourlay.*

John and Linda Gourlay - July 20, 2025 at 12:46 PM