



## Donald John Dudycha, Jr.

November 26, 1952 - April 30, 2025

Donald (Don) John Dudycha Jr., age 72, of Savage, Minnesota, passed away at home on April 30, 2025.

Born on November 26, 1952, in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, Don was the son of Donald Sr. and Fayadel Dudycha. He worked alongside his father and brothers, Terry and Mike, as an HVAC specialist with Climate Engineering. Don bought the business from his father in the winter of 1989. He and his brother Mike continued the family business until Don sold the company in 1996. He finished his professional career as a building inspector with the City of Minnetonka, where he was known for his dedication and hard work, retiring in November 2011.

In 2011, Don suffered a massive stroke, leaving him with aphasia and paralysis on the right side of his body. Despite the challenges of his long and arduous recovery, Don's condition remained with him until the day he passed. During this time, Don found strength in his faith in Jesus and was baptized on June 1, 2014.

Don's greatest passions were his wife, family, and love for the outdoors. He treasured his time in God's creation while on the water with his children and grandchildren. Don also enjoyed the wind in his hair-(or lack thereof)-while riding with his wife in her Corvette convertible or on his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Don was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his beloved bride of 49 years, Rosemarie (Overman) Dudycha; his two children,

April Schafer (Matt) and Jon Dudycha (Connie); and five grandchildren who were the light of his life-Eric, Allison, Lucas, Daniel, and Charlie. He is also survived by his two brothers, Terry Dudycha and Mike Dudycha; his two sisters, Merry Bruneau and Nancy Roycraft; and many close friends and extended family members.

A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. at River Valley Church in Shakopee, MN.

The family finds peace knowing that Don is no longer hindered by the pain of this world. He is in heaven with Jesus, where no one walks with a limp or a swagger. Don's deep love for his family and his reverence for the Lord will live on in every sunrise over the water and every fish story shared among friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

River Valley Church  
1350 Crossings Boulevard  
Shakopee, MN 55379

## Memorial Service

JUN **26**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald John Dudycha, Jr..

June 25, 2025 at 12:29 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald John Dudycha, Jr..



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“ Sara Lightner purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald John Dudycha, Jr..



Sara Lightner - June 20, 2025 at 02:40 PM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Diane Dukes - June 02, 2025 at 11:48 AM

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*Whether celebrating birthdays, holidays or just good friends we always had the best time. Our last get together Rose cooked an amazing meal and we played a variety of games for hours. We will treasure those moments forever. LOVE YOU, ROSE. We will miss Donny and his sense of humor. Hugs to you and the whole family.*

**Diane Dukes** - June 02, 2025 at 11:53 AM

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**Rose Dudycha** - May 26, 2025 at 10:43 AM

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*Crystal Learning Center - Stroke & Brain Injury Classes*

**Rose Dudycha** - May 26, 2025 at 10:45 AM

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**Rose Dudycha** - May 25, 2025 at 06:51 PM

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*Allison and Grandpa Don!*

**Rose Dudycha** - May 25, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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N. Roeber - May 25, 2025 at 04:20 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald John Dudycha, Jr..*



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