



## Donald William Heckman

May 14, 1943 - September 4, 2023

Donald Heckman, age 80, passed away on Monday, September 4, 2023.

Donald knew on a fieldtrip to a radio station as a middle schooler that radio was going to be his career. This became reality and through his life he has owned and operated numerous stations in the United States. He loved boating and cars, and this love was picked up by his grandsons. He was dearly loved and will be missed.

He was preceded in death by his son, Bradley Heckman in 2009.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Jean Heckman; son, Mark and Cindy Heckman; granddaughter, Renee and Kirk Walters (Rylee and Skylar); grandson, Michael Heckman; grandson Matthew Heckman; brother, Jeffery and Kathy Heckman; brother-in-law, Gary and Susan Foxx; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation with the family is 5:00-7:00 pm on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State St. Zeeland, MI 49464.

In lieu of flowers and to honor Don's service in the United States Air Force, memorial contributions may be given to Wounded Warriors at [woundedwarriorsproject.org](http://woundedwarriorsproject.org).

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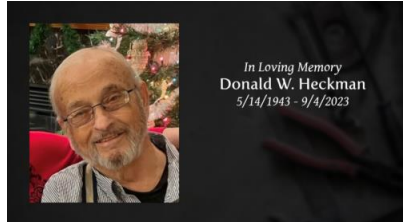
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald William Heckman*



Langeland-Sterenberg Yntema Funeral Homes - September 18, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald William Heckman.

September 19, 2023 at 12:36 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald William Heckman.



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September 16, 2023 at 05:07 PM



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“ So sorry to hear about Don. I am sure ol' Jim has already met him with a 'cup of coffee' in hand to greet him! Jim enjoyed working with Don so many years ago!

**Patricia Barron** - September 07, 2023 at 04:38 PM

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“ *From dining to boating to bridge, Don was my buddy. He was a connoisseur of good food and a knowledgeable advisor on cars throughout our friendship. We traveled to Baltimore, where he introduced us to my favorite restaurant, Tio Pepe's. Don and I cooked a number of meals for our wives, primarily because they beat us at bridge, but the meals were legendary. I could go on, but suffice it to say he was one of a kind and will be missed.*

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**Peter Glansberg** - September 05, 2023 at 06:58 PM