



Obituary

Born: Monday, December 5, 1932

Died: Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Donald "Ducky" Kaczala, 87, passed away peacefully in Maumee, Ohio on March 18th, 2020 surrounded by family. Born December 5th, 1932, Ducky was a Toledo, Ohio native who grew up in the "Old Polish Neighborhood" on Buckingham Street. He was a Libbey Highschool 1951 graduate who enjoyed playing the accordion and woodworking.

After high school the Duck enlisted in the Air Force and spent most of his service as a radio operator stationed at Thule Air Base in Greenland during the Korean Conflict. He also spent time at the Robbins Air Force Base just outside of Macon Georgia where he delighted in the music of Little Richard and the growing genre of rhythm and blues.

After serving, Ducky moved back to Toledo and became a utility lineman at Champion Spark Plug where he would eventually retire. He was a member of the American Legion and Circle 8 Polish Club. Donald was a passionate Notre Dame football fan and an avid lake goer spending much of his later years fishing and lounging on the deck or the beach at what became his favorite place: Lakewood Mobile Home Court on Barton Lake in Indiana.

Never to go a single conversation without making someone stop to wonder if he was being serious or not... Ducky will be lovingly remembered for his courageous sense of humor and contagious smile. Wherever he went he made sure to meet new people and typically found himself learning their entire life story. As a perennial jokester, Ducky was a lighthearted man who did not take life, or himself, too seriously and tried to find the fun in whatever he was doing. He took part in many fun activities at The Lake and became widely known in the small lake community. If Ducky sat down to enjoy a cup of coffee or a drink on his deck it wasn't long before that very deck was filled with people looking to have yet another riveting conversation. The Lake is where Ducky encountered those in his life who would become his best and lifelong friends.

Donald is preceded in death by his wife Carol (Tomaszewski), mother Stephanie (Koperski), father Walter Kaczala, and brother-in-law Edward "Red" Blaszczyk. Forever remembered by his loving sister Margaret Blaszczyk, son Terry (Lisa), granddaughter Deanna, grandson Adam (Kelsey), granddaughter Callie Rose, great-grandchildren Layden and Teagan, and niece Karen (Steve) Johnson. Ducky will be greatly missed by all those he encountered. A celebration of life is to be determined and announced at a later date.

As always, we won't say goodbye. Instead we will say, "Be Safe."

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in

Service Summary

Family to do services at later date

Location: - *Not available* -

Ducky's memory to:

The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research

P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014

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