



Donald D. Hemstreet

March 10, 1945 - May 15, 2026

Donald D. Hemstreet, age 81 of Clare, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 15, 2026 at the Horizon Senior Living Facility of Clare. On March 10, 1945, Don was born the eldest of four children to Jack and Romagne (Perry) Hemstreet in Detroit, MI. Clare was home for Don's childhood years into his early adulthood, and he was a graduate of Clare High School's Class of 1963. Shortly after graduating, Don proudly served in the U.S. Airforce, before returning to Michigan and acquiring a bachelor's degree from CMU. Don later pursued a lengthy career as a mortgage officer in the commercial lending industry, having served many Michigan based banks that later become PNC Bank, where Don finished his career and retired in the mid-2000's. Near the end of his banking years, Don met his soulmate Guy Sands, and they were united in marriage on July 8, 2013. Following Guy's retirement, the pair moved to Cathedral City, CA. where they could enjoy the weather, friends, and fine dining—all hobbies of Don. In 2024, Don moved back to Clare to be closer to family after Guy's passing in May of 2023. Don was an avid gardener and golfer in his younger years. He was also passionate about the Clare Congregational Church where he was a member and both the Detroit Tigers and Michigan Wolverines. Although Don enjoyed giving the impression of a grouchy personality on the exterior, those that were fortunate to be close to him were lucky to experience his caring thoughtfulness and extreme generosity.

Don is survived by his daughters Sarah (Ryan) Gwizdala, Laura (Chris)

Boquette, and Sara (Jaime) Corona, his eight grandchildren, and his siblings Jack Hemstreet, Jr. and Sheila Hemstreet. He was preceded in death by his husband Guy Sands, his parents Jack and Romagne Hemstreet, and his sister Cindy Mayes.

In keeping with Don's wishes, cremation has taken place. A celebration of Don's life will take place on Saturday, June 13, 2026 at the Clare Congregational Church at 3:00 P.M. with Pastor Connie Bongard officiating. Don's final place of rest will be the Cherry Grove Cemetery of Clare alongside his family. Memorial contributions in honor of Don may be directed to the Clare Congregational Church. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Cherry Grove Cemetery

1000 Cedar St.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 3:00 PM (ET)

Clare Congregational United Church of Christ
110 W. Fifth Street
Clare, MI 48617

Tribute Wall

BS

“ So sorry to hear of Dons passing. We were friends in high school and active in the Congregation Church youth group. Even though it has been several years since I have seen him I have many fond memories of him and friend John Shayler. God be with them both

Bonnie Cerny Smith - June 12 at 08:05 PM

BB

“ Bob Bergey lit a candle in memory of Donald D. Hemstreet



Bob Bergey - June 03 at 08:33 PM

AR

“ I did not know this when I saw you today Sheila, condolences to you and his family!

Arlene Robison - June 02 at 07:34 PM