



Donald Eugene Niver

November 11, 1941 - January 11, 2011

Donald Eugene Niver of Marion died Tuesday January 11, 2011 at his home with his loving family at his side. He was 69. He was born on November 11, 1941 in Tustin to Basil E. and Frances L. (Rawson) Niver. On June 24, 1961 he married his high school sweetheart, Carol Ann Laughlin in Temple, Michigan.

Don Spent two years in the Cadillac Naval Reserves and two years in active duty on the U.S.S. Oxford. His tour of duty included serving in the Cuban Crisis. He was employed at Riverside Electric Manufacturing Company and Jenkins Oil Company as a furnace repairman. Don also drove truck for Niver's Transport, which he later bought from his father, Basil Niver. The job he loved most of all serving the Marion area at Marion Sand and Gravel.

Don most enjoyed spending holidays and special family time at his cabin, and he wouldn't miss Tuesday night bowling with the guys at the cabin. He was an avid hunter, a sport taught to him by his father, which he has passed down to his son and grandson. Don also enjoyed the 13 years he spent on Team Highland Champion Snowmobile Team as truck driver and pit crew chief.

Survivors include his mother, Frances Niver; wife, Carol Ann; daughter, Dona Le Veddler; and son Brian Niver all of Marion. He was very proud of his four grandchildren: Tera LeAnn Veddler of Cadillac, Dana (Michael) Stahl of Moundridge, KS, BranDon Veddler and Shandel Veddler; and great grandson, Quinton Veddler all of Marion; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Jim Ryan, Darryl (Louise) Laughlin all of Marion and Karen (John) Gernaat of McBain. Don was preceded in death by his son, David Wayne Niver; his father, Basil E. Niver; and a sister, Barb Ryan.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 PM Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the Highland Christian Reformed Church (23 Mile Road and 90th Avenue) in Marion with Reverend Keith Mannes officiating. Visitation will be Friday at the Church from 4-9 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Osceola County Habitat for Humanity or DeVos Children's

Hospital. Arrangements were made by the Burkholder Funeral Home in McBain. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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Il always remember our high school years. Don was my prom date when I was a freshman and new to Marion High School. Always a gentleman. God bless you Don. Will pray for you, Carol and family.

Ann Vokes Artkop - January 15, 2011 at 07:40 PM

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Our sympathies are with your family at this time. He was a great hunting neighbor. He will be sincerely missed.

Chris and Brandy LaFountain - January 14, 2011 at 04:41 PM

BD

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Carol, Dona, Brian & Frances, you have our deepest sympathy in the loss of Don. Our thoughts and prayers are with you that the Lord will give you His Comfort and Peace.

Bill & Mary Dracht - January 13, 2011 at 09:09 PM

DK

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Carol Brian Dona and Francis, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Don. I will always remember his friendly smile and zest for life. I am honored to have been his friend.

Darrell Kelley - January 13, 2011 at 08:51 PM

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Carol, You and your family are in my prayers. I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I know these days are hard. I will call you soon. Laura

Laura Ruhl - January 13, 2011 at 08:32 PM

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My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I remember Don coming over to Hicks Lake to help my parents, Gus and June build there home, he was always there with a smile and a offering of a helping hand.

Anita (Falk) Henry - January 13, 2011 at 07:30 PM

LR

“ Carol, Brian, Dona, Frances: Our loving thoughts and prayers are with you through this very difficult time. We have all made so many special memories together. May time help heal your sorrow and be replaced by the many fond memories Don has left us with. Peace be with your family!

Larry & Jan Ransom - January 13, 2011 at 06:46 PM

RT

“ Carol Brian and Dona.
Our thought and prayers are with you in these hard times. We pray God will uphold and keep you.

Ron Vander Tuuk - January 13, 2011 at 03:48 PM

MM

“ Carol, Brian and Dona, I was so sorry to hear about Don's passing away. I will always have fond memories of him in Big Bay. Always laughing and enjoying himself. You are all in my prayers.

Mary Fish (former owner of Big Bay Motel) - January 13, 2011 at 02:17 PM

DS

“ Our friendship through the years was renewed again with our tribute to Team Highland. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are so glad we had a small part of your life and you will be missed by all of us here at the A-1 Swap and Show!

Diane & Bill Miller from A-1 Swap & Show - January 13, 2011 at 11:43 AM

ST

“ Though I haven't seen you in quite sometime you were in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed your warm hello and your readiness to help. Your big smile and twinkle in your eye. The snowmobile adventures with you as leader of the pack. I'm glad to have known you. You will be missed very much by all who were blessed to be part of your life.

Sandy Tomczak - January 13, 2011 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ I've known Don for many years, and shared so many good times and laughter. He always had a smile on his face and welcomed you with open arms. We will miss you Don, and pray for strength for Carol and family.

Barb Baird - January 13, 2011 at 09:49 AM