



Donald W. Ruswick

August 17, 1934 - May 23, 2015

Donald W. Ruswick of Tustin, died on Saturday, May 23, 2015, at Autumnwood of McBain. He was 80 years old.

Don was born on August 17, 1934, in Chicago, to William H. and Gladys (Lee) Ruswick, and they preceded him in death.

Don served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, and later graduated from the Detroit School of Electrical Engineering. He was employed as an engineer at IBM for 37 years.

Don was a computer expert, played golf, was a voracious reader, enjoyed poetry and playing chess. He was a lifelong scholar, exploring many subjects of interest to him. He embraced diversity and deepened his respect for other cultures through study. He was active with the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). As a Quaker, Don was a part of Prison Ministry, and was currently a member of Pine River Friends in Mt. Pleasant, MI, and Tustin Worship Group.

Don's hearty laugh was legendary, and his sense of humor never faltered during his long illness.

Throughout his life he faced challenges with a positive outlook, setting an example for those around him.

On June 22, 1972, he married the former Mitzi L. Engler, and was a selfless and devoted husband to her. Mitzi survives him along with his children: Connie (Chris) Randazzo of Kissimmee, Florida; Bill (Tracy) Ruswick of Celebration Village, Florida; Theresa (Frank) Riviera of Rochester Hills, MI; John Ruswick (Patti) of Metamora, MI; and Annette Engler (Terry) of Waterford, MI; 15 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild; in-laws: Loretta (Winford) Lovelace, Iva (Lonnie) Leftwich, all of Tustin; Douglas Engler of Leroy, Ella Engler of Lewiston, and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, William; father and mother-in-law, Adolph and Milly Engler, and brother-in-law, Kurt Engler.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2015, at the Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac, with Clerks Don and Nancy Nagler presiding. Friends may meet the family Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Burial will take place at Burdell Township Cemetery in Tustin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pine River Friends, or the Tustin Community Library. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ *Don will be sorely missed. During my late father's final years he was a great friend and huge help to my brother and me.*

Woody Hodgson - May 29, 2015 at 11:14 PM

RC

“ *My deep sympathy. I am so sorry for your loss, Mitzi.*

Ruth Calkins - May 28, 2015 at 10:52 PM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and love are with you. Don was such a warm and happy person and will be so missed. Our sincere condolences.*

Don and Marilyn - May 28, 2015 at 05:22 PM

JI

“ *Don's quick wit, smile and laughter will live on in our memory of him. Glad to have known his friendship. Condolences to each family member.*

John & Joanne Iler - May 28, 2015 at 08:37 AM

RB

“ *I am so sorry to hear that my classmate from St Ambrose grammar school in Chicago, has passed away. Please accept my Sympathy to his family.*

Rosalie Biehl - May 27, 2015 at 05:05 PM

BK

“ *This picture is the way we will remember Don.
Peace to you in the coming days.*

Bruce & Kay - May 27, 2015 at 09:50 AM

MH

“ *Don was so loved by his family and friends. My sympathy to you
Mitzi, and all the family.*

Melanie Herrin - May 26, 2015 at 09:42 PM

AS

“ *My sincerest condolences on your recent loss. May he rest in
peace.*

Adam Sutel - May 26, 2015 at 11:39 AM