



Faustine Donald Guzdziol

February 15, 1932 - February 27, 2023

Faustine Donald Guzdziol, of Detroit, passed away Monday, February 27, 2023, at the age of 91. He was born February 15, 1932, in Detroit to the late Frank and Sophie Guzdziol. Beloved husband of the late Elaine (nee Green) Guzdziol. Dearest father of Carol (the late Mark) Klotz, Nancy (Grant) Hickey, Donald (Monica), Daniel, and David. Loving grandfather of Heidi, Alyssa, Joey, Charlie, and step-grandfather of Krystal and Ashley. Dear brother of the late Frank Guzdziol, the late Barbara Flis, the late Maxine Smith, and Cathy Stevens. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Donald grew up in Detroit and graduated from St. Stanislaus High School. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and honorably served during the Korean War. He joined the Detroit Police Department in 1956 and retired in 1992. Early in his career as a police officer he met and married the love of his life, Elaine. Donald was a lifelong Catholic and his faith was very important to him. He and his family were active members of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Detroit. Donald had many hobbies, including baseball, football, and westerns. His greatest satisfaction was his love for family and helping others. In his high school yearbook, a quote attributed to him reads, "It's what he does for others that feeds his contented mind". A truly well-loved man, Donald will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Visitation Friday, March 3, 2023, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. with a 6:30 p.m.

Rosary at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc., 11470 Thirteen Mile Road (West of Hoover) Warren. Instate Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. Funeral Mass at St. Faustina Catholic Church, 14025 Twelve Mile Road (East of Schoenherr) Warren. Interment Resurrection Cemetery in Clinton Twp., Michigan.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - Warren
11470 Thirteen Mile Road
Warren, MI 48093
(586) 751-3131
warren@wasikfuneralhome.com

Rosary

MAR 3. 6:30 PM (ET)

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Instate in church

MAR 4. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Faustina Catholic Church
14025 12 Mile Road
Warren, MI 48088

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

MR

“ I worked with Guz at the 11th Davison Pct. In Detroit. Just one of the best officers I ever met.

Michael J Rhine - April 21, 2023 at 10:11 PM

AG

“ In 1969 I was in Vietnam north of Danang. One day in October I received a package from Uncle Don. He sent me a fifth of Jack Daniel's packed in numerous plastic baby bottles. The attached note said he wanted me to have a drink on my 21st birthday on the 22nd but was afraid a glass bottle would get broken in the mail so he repacked it in the baby bottles. That was a very nice thing that I will never forget

Allen Green - March 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM

CK

Thank you for sharing this ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:23 PM

AK

“Poppy was a family man and one of my favorite traditions is going to his house every Sunday for dinner with the rest of my family. Here he would sometimes share stories of the past and make new ones. I loved hearing him tell stories from his police days, childhood, and experiences throughout his 9 decades of life. Some of my favorite memories I made with him were swimming in the kiddie pool in the backyard while he barbecued, coming over in our Halloween costumes, going to St. Bart's, watching him make his famous kielbasa, and going to some of his favorite Detroit spots like Belle Isle and baseball games at Comerica. Poppy was an incredibly supportive man and was always there for my celebrations in life whether it be a dance recital, graduation, or even something small.

We recently were over a few weeks ago to celebrate his 91st birthday and sang Sto lat. This was a very joyous day and I am glad we got to spend this milestone with him. Poppy lived a beautiful, long fulfilling life surrounded by family and friends who have shared lovely memories with him the past few days. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful grandpa in my life and will treasure the time I spent with him. Whenever we would say goodbye to him he would always respond, "Adios and see you later," in his beautiful baritone voice. Today we sadly have to say "adios" again but please say hello to dad and grandma for me. Love you forever💙 -Alyssa



Alyssa Carol Klotz - March 05, 2023 at 02:21 PM

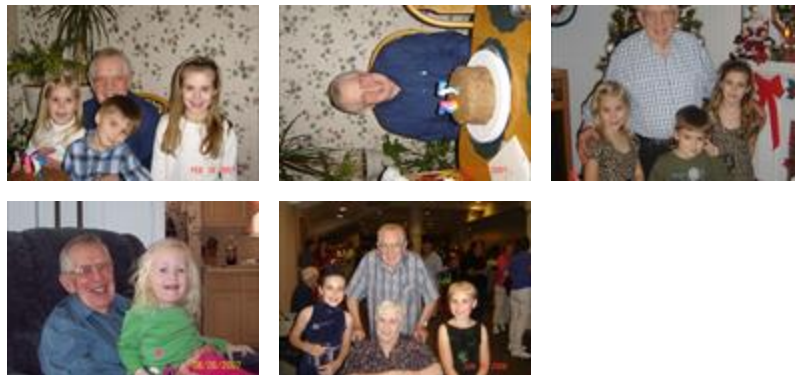
CK

Alyssa, thank you for the beautiful tribute to Poppy. We have so many wonderful memories ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:27 PM

AK

“ 8 files added to the album Poppy



Alyssa Carol Klotz - March 05, 2023 at 01:37 PM

CK

“ Dear Dad, Thank you so much for everything you have taught me and did for me through my life. I am forever grateful! I have many wonderful memories from going on my first roller coaster with you, police field days, Edgewater amusement park, Michigan State Fair, St. Bart's festivals, Belle Isle, Detroit Zoo, Maryland trips, and so many others that I will cherish. You were a great Poppy to Heidi, Alyssa, and Joey. You loved sitting in the rocking chair and rocking them and giving them horsey rides on your leg when they were little. You were always there for them. I am so grateful that we got to spend one last birthday together. It's a memory I will cherish forever. I will miss you singing Sto Lat at all the birthday parties. That is something we all will miss. Love and miss you! Carol ❤️👍



Carol Klotz - March 05, 2023 at 12:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David Guzdziol - March 03, 2023 at 09:03 AM



“ March 3, 1962 - Happy Anniversary, together again ❤️



Nancy Hickey - March 03, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ My condolences to the family, Uncle Don you will be missed.

Lori Green - March 02, 2023 at 10:29 PM



Lori, thank you for your thoughts during this difficult time.

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:29 PM

KW

“ Heartfelt love and sympathy to our cousins. Uncle Don was a man of faith and honor. We are grateful for his service to country, community and family. He truly was an angel on earth who was always there for many of us in our times of need. We are proud to be family, and I am blessed to call him my godfather. Childhood memories with him (Police Field Day, State Fairgrounds Rodeo, Edgewater Amusement Park, just to name a few) will never be forgotten. Rest peacefully now and know that you are loved and missed forever.

All Our Love, Jerome, Karen and Family

Karen Wierzbowski - March 02, 2023 at 08:26 PM

CK

Karen, thank you for the beautiful tribute. We did have some great memories growing up ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:34 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Faustine Donald Guzdial.



March 02, 2023 at 01:58 PM

TG

“ Donald was one of my nicest and most conscientious cousins. His good works and christian love is manifested in his loving family! GOD BLESS HIM ! Tony Guzdial

Tony Guzdial - March 02, 2023 at 10:37 AM

CK

Thank you for your kind words ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:35 PM

MF

“ Uncle Don's passing makes me sad as he was always a wonderful man. My memories of him go back to the days when he and Roland Raska (RIP, his DPD partner) would roll by in the squad car and put the lights on for me as a child. I remember him rocking his children in front of the living room window and humming to them. I could go on too. Not only was he a good Uncle but he was also a guardian angel to many of us. He will be truly missed by us but has gone on to his reward in Heaven. Our condolences and love to his family. Michael and Elizabeth Flis

Michael Flis - March 02, 2023 at 10:17 AM

CK

Mike, thank you for your kind thoughts and wonderful memories ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:38 PM

MV

“ I recall Gus from my time in the DPD 11th precinct. He was a very nice man and a gentleman. My condolences to his family. Mike Vandeginste, Ret Inspector, Grosse Pointe Woods DPS.

Michael F Vandeginste - March 02, 2023 at 09:11 AM

CK

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Faustine Donald Guzdzioł.*



March 01, 2023 at 09:33 AM



“ *Roger and I express our condolences to the family, and cherish all the memories we have of him. May he rest in peace. Marilyn and Roger St.pierre*

Marilyn St Pierre - February 28, 2023 at 08:25 PM



Marilyn, thank you for thoughts and prayers. ❤️

Carol Klotz - March 26, 2023 at 12:43 PM