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Sturtevant-Donald Frederick. Draves, 78, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at his residence.

Donald was born to the late Leo and Eleanor (nee Jensen) Draves on March 16, 1944, in Racine. He was a man of many talents. One those talents was music. Donald could play any instrument but mostly played the piano and cello. He also wrote his own music. Donald enjoyed riding his motorcycle, camping, and canoeing. He was a hardworking man who loved his children and his cat, Hemi, with all his heart.

Donald will be deeply missed by his daughter, Denyse Draves-Cooper; son, Darin Draves; grandchildren: Daniel Cooper, Nichole Cagle, and Brandon Draves; brother, Alan Draves; sister, Judy Lanning; cat, Hemi; along with several other relatives and friends.

Donald is predeceased by his sister, Jan Mohr.

Per Donald's wishes, no services will be held.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to officer Robert Karasek from the Sturtevant Police Department and Tom Czerniak from the Racine County Medical Examiner's office for their assistance.



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SK

Shirley Kopecky posted:

Denyse and Darin I'm so sorry for your loss. Both of you are in my thoughts and prayers. God's peace to you both. Shirley Kopecky

June 30 at 5:14 AM

DC

Denyse Cooper posted:

I miss my dad 😭

June 28 at 2:43 PM

JB

Julie "Parr" Balke posted:

I remember Don very well. We completed on and off for the first chair of the cello section in the orchestra at Park High. What I remember most about it was how talented he was at technique and how his general attitude toward life shone through when he played. He was a true character! We went on a few dates in the early years at Park High and even after I found my husband, Jr year, always remained friends. I remember how proud his mom always was of him. The last time I saw him was when my hubs preached at the Lutheran church in Sturtevant and he was there. We had a wonderful visit and the character I remembered was still there. Our condolences to Don's family and other friends. They will all definitely miss him.

June 26 at 12:27 PM

DH

Dennis Hinen lit a candle in honor of Donald.

I am so very sorry for your loss. I have known Don since kindergarten and all through high school. In kindergarten and the next few years we could have passed as brothers. When he had a patch on one eye I had one on the other. We did not run together but were always friends. We reconnected on FB after almost sixty years and even spoke a few times. He was a good friend and one of the best musicians that I have ever known. I will miss him



June 26 at 7:38 AM



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Jackie Odders posted:

I can still remember years ago that he and his mother sometimes played Ave Maria on Christmas eve at Holy Communion Church. It was very beautiful. Many years ago I took violin lessons from his mother and my son did Suzuki with his sister. What a talented family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Jackie Odders

June 25 at 12:00 PM



Leila Daniels Phelps posted:

We knew each other for many years but then we were cousins. Part of a very large extended family that were in and out of each other's lives over the years. His wife and I graduated from Park High together (married our Prom dates and had kids close in age who knew each other, more cousins in our lines from Denmark. Rest in peace Donny...my sincere condolences to his family.

June 23 at 10:14 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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