

# **Obituary for Donald Duane Beck**



Donald Duane Beck, 73, of Three Oaks, passed away at West Woods of Bridgman on Sunday, May 29, 2016.

Donald was born on February 7, 1943 to Victor and Gertrude (Shearer) Beck in Paw Paw, Michigan. Don graduated from high school and went on to join the United States Navy. After serving in the Navy, Don entered into service as a Michigan State Trooper with the 57th Recruit Class on February 25, 1965. He was first assigned to the Ithaca Post, followed by the New Buffalo Post, which later combined with the Benton Harbor Post to become the Bridgman Post. On June 4, 1988, he married Theresa M. Carlson and in 1996 he retired from the Michigan State Police.

Don enjoyed coaching and watching his children's athletic events, and attending get-togethers of any kind. He was a great storyteller, who was known for his outgoing personality, his genuine helpfulness, and his unpretentious demeanor as a state trooper. A child at heart, babies were drawn to Don with his big smile and silly nature.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa Beck; children, Kim Wendt, Kelly (Craig) Boersma, Kristin (Mark) Harrington, Brian (Stephanie) Voss, Tim (Ashley) Beck, and Andrew (Sharon) Beck; grand-children, Sasha, Dallas, Kyle, Chase, Carlee, Boden, Cooper, Emma, Landon, Mavis, Ashton, and Benjamin; Great-Grandchildren, Braiden and Finley; brother, Barry (Cindy) Beck, sister, Brenda (Larry) Shaefer; and special cousins, Doug, Harriet and Tami.

In keeping with Don's caring nature and willingness to help others he has selflessly donated his organs and cremation has taken place. His family will be hosting a memorial service on Thursday, June 9, at 4:00p.m. EDST at the New Buffalo Township Park, 17425 Red Arrow Hwy with a time to visit with the family one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to: The Michigan State Troopers Assistance Fund, the Three Oaks Ambulance Association, or the E.O.D. Warrior Foundation.