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**D**onald Lee "Duck" Eastman, 72, passed away peacefully with his loving wife by his side on January 8, 2026. He was born on July 29, 1953, in Ferndale, Michigan, to Donald Eastman and Ruth (Holmes) Eastman.

Donald was a man who brought laughter wherever he went. Known affectionately as "Duck," he was a natural jokester with a quick wit and a talent for comedic storytelling that could brighten even the hardest days. His sense of humor was matched only by his warm heart and deep love for family and friends.

Donald worked as a maintenance supervisor at Capital Commons, where he was known for his dedication, problem-solving skills, and friendly presence. On August 7, 1993, he married the love of his life, Diane, and together they shared more than three decades of love, partnership, and devotion.

In his free time, Donald found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He loved playing pool with his best friend, Bob Underhill, tending to his garden, and spending time outdoors. Music was one of his greatest passions, and he was an amazing vocalist whose voice brought joy to those lucky enough to hear him sing.

Donald is lovingly remembered by his wife, Diane Eastman; his son, Joshua (Sarah) Eastman; his daughters, Angela Averill and Teresa Averill; and his brothers, Dave (Janine) Eastman, Steve (Billie) Eastman, and Nick (Catherine) Eastman. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who brought him immense pride and happiness.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Ruth Eastman; his beloved daughter, Chaelynn Perkins; and his dear best friend, Bob Underhill. Though no services are scheduled at this time, Donald's family encourages all who knew him to honor his memory by sharing a laugh, singing a song, or enjoying the beauty of the outdoors-just as Duck would have wanted.



# Tribute Wall

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**Angela Averill** posted:

There is just to much to say... Where do I start...You have been in my life since before I could even drive. I knew the minute I met you how much my mom loved you and you loved her.. You guys were magical.. You both hit the jack pot when you found each other on the Colonial bar dance floor.. Ever since then you have made me laugh and laugh, sometimes even pee my pants.. Best step dad and friend a girl could ask for.. You always made sure everyone was happy, included and made them feel important and special. Between your amazing family, tons of friends and groupies, I was so fortunate to be a part of your ride... You will for ever be remembered and talked about..My Favorite Don good bye phrases:"If you're not going to dry-hump, you better wrap that rascal.""Watch out for 'cum of sum yung guy' (in his best asian voice).""Watch out for Deers, drunks and Amish." You are loved and missed.. -Angela

January 14 at 4:39 PM



**Irene Bowles** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



January 14 at 11:29 AM



**Dale Granger** posted:

Rest easy my friend! You are sadly missed but so glad I got to know you ' I have great memory s of the party and pool playing! But most of all the music I got to share with you, I know you had all the music for everyone of your family and friends, but the times we jammed together live just filled my heart with pure joy, those memories will stay with me always, just know quacker though we didn't see each other a lot in the end times I thought about a lot like brothers do, just know I love ya buddy and will miss you dearly. Peace out to you my friend till we meet again. Love you.

January 13 at 10:44 PM



**Melody Olsson** posted:

I will never forget the time we were at Penny and Lawrence's annual pig roast. Lola and Aunt Dar were getting ready to leave. Duck hugged them both and said " Love ya, drive safe and watch out for deer, possums and Amish 🐘🐘🐘 To this day I have not forgotten that! I laughed so hard.He will be greatly missed by many.

January 13 at 2:03 PM



**Media**

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