

**OBITUARY – Donald Clyde Graves** - Donald C. Graves was born in Hillsdale, Michigan on January 24, 1934, living his entire life in Jonesville, Michigan. The Son of Clyde and Donna (Lynch) Graves and the older of two children, arriving two years ahead of his sister, Marian (Graves) Day. Donald, known by all as Don was a graduate of Jonesville High School in 1952 and a member of the Comets District and League championship basketball teams. He was an Alpha Gama Rho at Michigan State University, and proposed to his high school sweetheart, Nellie Jo Roberts on the "Spartan Train" (Lansing to Pasadena) in route to the 1954 Rose Bowl. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Construction and Lumber Merchandising in 1956, he was married to Nellie Jo in June of that year.

After spending two years building prefabricated homes in Lansing, MI, Don and his bride returned to Jonesville, where they raised three children. He returned to Jonesville Lumber, spending the remainder of his career as the third generation operator and owner. He took great pride in having driven substantial growth and expansion during the recession of the early 80's, to provide a foundation ensuring company & family success for future generations. Don also spent twenty years on the Board of County National Bank, during a period of significant financial results and growth.

Don will be remembered for his integrity, sense of humor, always having a smile for everyone, and being the consummate gentleman. He was an accomplished game hunter, Scout Master, photographer, and an avid Spartan fan. His passion for Architecture was life long, he took pride in his re-designs of Jonesville's County National Bank building, Sauk Theater, and Jonesville Lumber, CO. A multifaceted man, his other interests are too many to list. A member of the Jonesville First Presbyterian Church, he was always willing to do whatever was needed, and served countless charitable organizations in his community and elsewhere.

Don passed peacefully on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at his home in Palm Beach, FL with children at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister. He is survived by his son Jim Graves, daughter, Lesley Graves-Boynton, and son, Jeff Graves. Eight grandchildren, Ben Graves, Abe Graves, Lindy (Graves) Stewart, Alexandra Boynton, Jake Boynton, Everett Graves, Carsen (Graves) Watts, and Baylor Graves. Eight great grandchildren, Kaley, Alexis, Cole, Kelsey, Carley, Titus, William, and Eli. Two nephews, Scott Day and Lance Day, and ten great nieces and nephews.

Don was always there, supporting family and friends who needed him, and should be remembered for his gracious giving of his time and energy. Memorial contributions in his name are suggested to: Greater Hillsdale Humane Society, Hillsdale County Habitat for Humanity or The Sauk Theater. A memorial service for Don will be held at Jonesville First Presbyterian Church in Jonesville, Michigan - details will be forthcoming.