



Donald L. Durnavich

October 29, 1965 - January 14, 2025

Donald L. “The Donz” Durnavich, 59, of Manhattan, formerly of Richton Park, passed away on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at Silver Cross Hospital, surrounded by his family.

Born on October 29, 1965, in Chicago to Louis and Rosemarie (Alfano) Durnavich, Don was a larger-than-life presence who touched the lives of everyone around him.

A hardworking and devoted father and grandfather, Don’s top priority was always providing for and making memories with his family. He was known for his sharp sense of humor, love of music, and unmatched ability to bring people together. Whether he was telling stories, cracking jokes, or lending a hand, Don’s generous heart and vibrant energy left a lasting impression.

He is survived by his three children, Cassie Brandau of Manteno, Danny (Linsy) Durnavich of Manhattan, and Hailey Durnavich of Joliet; four grandchildren, Alexia Brandau, Collin Brandau, Elias Durnavich, and Phoenix Durnavich; his mother, Rosemarie Durnavich of Manteno; and his siblings, Steve (Christine) Durnavich, Therese (Jim) Dole, Tony (Montse) Durnavich, Jimmy Durnavich, and Brian Durnavich. Don also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Louis Durnavich.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Sunday, January 19, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Brown-Jensen Funeral Home in Manteno. Family and friends are invited to honor his memory by sharing stories, laughter, and the love that Don brought to the world.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family as they carry forward Don's legacy of love, humor, and generosity.

Don was truly one of a kind—a man who worked hard, loved deeply, and lived fully. His absence will be profoundly felt, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of those he cherished most.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 19. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Jensen Funeral Home
21 N Main St
Manteno, IL 60950

Tribute Wall

NW

“ *The smartest man I ever met!*

Nathaniel (Tom) Whynott - July 09, 2025 at 07:17 PM

BF

“ *My deepest condolences to the Durnavich Family. The RP Family lost a good man. Rest in peace Don!*

*Bob Frap..
& Family*

Bob Frap - January 20, 2025 at 02:52 PM

IM

“ *Ilena M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Durnavich.*

Ilena M. - January 19, 2025 at 06:22 PM

FR

“ *RIP Don . the durnavich family is one of the great families I grew up with and have known for 50 years so sad for the loss*

Frankie - January 19, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CB

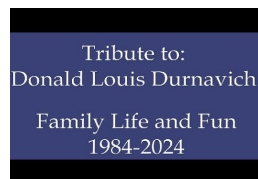
“ I’m not sure how to put into words how lost I feel. Since the day I was born you’ve been my rock, the one man I could depend on through anything. You’ve taught me so many things and have been the best dad any girl could ever ask for. I promise there won’t be a single day that goes by that the kids and I won’t think about you and miss you. I know you will be with us through every milestone that they go through in life because we’ve already felt your presence and seen the signs during these past couple of days. I love you dad and can’t wait until the day I can see you again in Heaven.



Cassie Brandau - January 18, 2025 at 08:51 PM

UC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Uncle Carl - January 18, 2025 at 11:48 AM

UC

“ Donnie, around 1980 you built a wooden 10 foot fence partition for Grandma Doris. It is still standing today. It's a bit shaky, but I'll reinforce it and keep it as a memorial. And will never forget you roofing my house. Afterwards you and I sat on the roof for an hour or so and just talked about life. Everyone should do that at least once in life with others close.

Uncle Carl - January 18, 2025 at 11:33 AM

DD

“ Where do I start? You've been my best friend my entire life. I have endless memories and stories to tell my kids about their crazy grandpa who loved them so damn much. My whole world is going to be different without you here. Every single day is different now. Thank you so much for every lesson you have ever taught me and helping me become the man I am today. Everyone who knew you, loved you. You made such a footprint on this world more than you'd ever know. We love you D. Thanks for giving me 33 years of having the most unique, loving, caring father a kid could ask for.



Danny Durnavich - January 18, 2025 at 12:54 AM

DM

“ One of the best roofers i ever worked with.
One of a kind!
RIP

Dan McKenna - January 17, 2025 at 10:46 PM

KD

“ So sorry for the family that lost DON...A great friend and a great person ..You will be missed and never forgotten.. Football Sunday at Don's and Saturday night fights at Dan's will always be in my thoughts..many good times...He always talked the most shit and made us all laugh...We are going to miss you brother..

Keith Dudkowski - January 17, 2025 at 10:16 PM

JB

“ Words cannot express the way anyone that knew Donny AKA : Chuck Norris is feeling at this time , the world lost a great man that would do anything and everything for anyone that crossed his path.one thing guaranteed when your with Donny a GOOD TIME! Someone that will be deeply missed but do know he is up there having a good time with Elvis. Donny our friend you will never be forgotten and always remembered. Love Jim B and Family

Jim Berlongieri - January 17, 2025 at 07:39 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



January 17, 2025 at 07:39 PM

DW

“ David Weber purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



David Weber - January 17, 2025 at 05:31 PM

DW

“ David Weber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Durnavich.

David Weber - January 17, 2025 at 05:31 PM

SM

“ Sammy & Mariana purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



Sammy & Mariana - January 17, 2025 at 03:40 PM

TF

“ Trenary Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



Trenary Family - January 17, 2025 at 02:58 PM

TF

“ *Trenary Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Durnavich.*

Trenary Family - January 17, 2025 at 02:58 PM



“ *30 files added to the album Tony's Pictures*



Tony Durnavich - January 17, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.*



January 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald L. Durnavich.*

January 17, 2025 at 10:29 AM



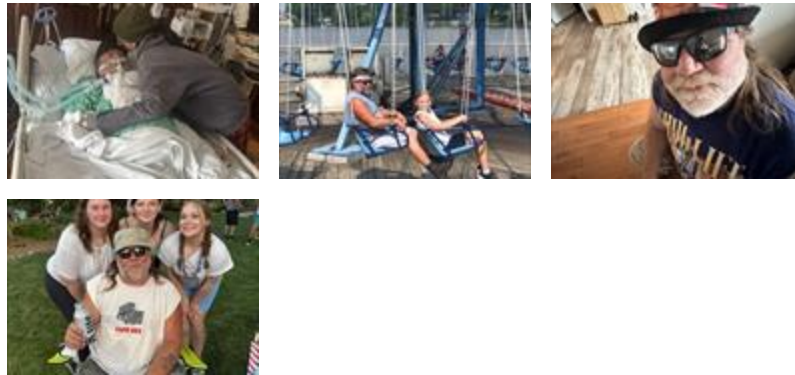
“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.*



January 16, 2025 at 10:42 PM



“ *i miss you grandpa you were my best friend*



lexi - January 16, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ *Steve, Therese, Tony, Jimmy, and Brian purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.*



Steve, Therese, Tony, Jimmy, and Brian - January 16, 2025 at 08:17 PM

HD

“ He is the best dad ever! And when I say IS I don't mean Was I mean he still IS! I know for a fact he is never gonna leave me alone. He's always been with me and he will continue to always be with me. I will continue to see signs of you everywhere and everything will continue to remind me of you. You will never be forgotten I promise you that. I'm gonna have a whole wall of my daddy in the new house! I will say Goodmorning and goodnight to you everyday. I love you!



Hailey Durnavich - January 16, 2025 at 08:11 PM

RJ

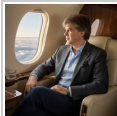
My deepest condolences Hailey to you and your family! May God keep you cradled in his loving arms during this time of sorrow. Here for you always! ❤️

Robyn Johnson - January 16, 2025 at 09:03 PM

CB

He definitely is the best dad ever. Couldn't have asked for any better than him

Cassie Brandau - January 17, 2025 at 09:04 AM



Best brother ever too. I'm not just saying it because it's a nice thing to say. It's true.

Tony Durnavich - January 17, 2025 at 01:58 PM

JD

“ Words can't express the void I feel. Not only a great brother but a best friend. Forever in my thoughts and heart. Love you Donz!!!

James Durnavich - January 16, 2025 at 07:19 PM

FR

So sorry for your loss Jim I've known you guys for 50 years great memories great family RIP Don from frank comise !

Frankie - January 19, 2025 at 02:31 PM

UC

“ *Uncle Carl purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.*



Uncle Carl - January 16, 2025 at 06:21 PM

LA

“ *Lara and Mary Ann purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.*



Lara and Mary Ann - January 16, 2025 at 06:10 PM

LA

“ *Lara and Mary Ann planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald L. Durnavich.*

Lara and Mary Ann - January 16, 2025 at 06:10 PM

JR

“ Don was always willing to lend a hand if you needed something. You could be sure if he was helping the job would be done right and you would have fun doing it. He was a master carpenter. A great buddy with a big heart. I will never forget the time when he lived next door to me there was a handicapped boy on the other block had his bike taken away from him by 2 teens. The little guy was devastated and heart broke. Don went to WalMart and bought the boy a new bike and gave it to him. This was how Don was. My condolences to the family because I know how he loved them. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him. RIP Donny

Joe Roels - January 16, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ *Written in the Stars* was purchased for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



January 16, 2025 at 02:48 PM

OB

“ *Old Plank Trail Bank* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Donald L. Durnavich.



Old Plank Trail Bank - January 16, 2025 at 01:26 PM

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Old Plank Trail Bank - January 16, 2025 at 01:26 PM