



## Dr. Donald O. McKenzie

September 12, 1943 - April 13, 2024

Mt. Horeb / Dodgeville – Dr. Donald O. McKenzie, age 80, of Mt. Horeb, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at his home. He was born September 12, 1943 in Hazel Green. The son of Eileen and Doug McKenzie. He married Carolyn Fitzsimons on July 1, 1967 in Dodgeville.

Don attended high school in Mineral Point 1958-1962. During high school he participated in several sports including football, basketball and track. In 1961 and 1962 Mineral Point high school were state champions in track and field in which Don ran relays. Donald attended college at Iowa State and UW Platteville. He completed a Bachelor's degree in Psychology in 1966. He also attended Optometric school at Indiana University, completing his doctorate in Optometry in 1972.

He started his private practice in Optometry in the communities of Platteville, Dodgeville and Fennimore between the years of 1972 and 1973. Dr. McKenzie (aka Dr Don) valued giving back to his community where he ensured all members of the community were able to afford good optometric healthcare.

Hobbies for Don were travel, tennis, racquetball, bicycling and politics. He was known within the family to have a love of fine food, wine, and grocery shopping.

He is preceded in death by his mother; Eileen, his brother; Douglas; and his father, Doug.

Don is survived by; his wife, Carolyn; his daughters, Bree and Blythe; his sister in law, Kay McKenzie; his mother's husband, "Grandpa" Gerald Jacobson; his first cousin and good friend; Cheryl and many relatives.

A Public Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution to the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or a charity of your choice.

If you would like to send flowers for the service, please contact White Rose Florist in Dodgeville, WI.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Gorgen-McGinley & Ayers Funeral Home  
400 East Grace Street  
Dodgeville, WI 53533  
(608) 935-5222  
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

# Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Donald O. McKenzie.*



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April 23, 2024 at 06:52 PM



“ *My cousin Donnie has always been more like a big brother to me. His father Doug and my father John were brothers. Donnie showed his love in actions, not words. As a teenager he made sure to bring our grandpa (who loved to read) books and magazines and he took our grandma shopping at the grocery store and Goodwill (where she loved to spend hours looking at glassware). I was lucky enough to be included in these trips. My dad died when I was young and throughout the years Donnie was always there for me. We shared a love of movies, chocolate, and grocery shopping. We were avid list makers and were often teased about this. I spent many wonderful holidays and visits with him and his dear family. I cherish the memories of the special times we shared. I will miss him dearly.*



*With my deepest, heartfelt sympathy,  
Cherie*

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**Cheryl Kilcline** - April 21, 2024 at 11:30 AM

KC

“ My memories of my cousin Donnie are from our Grandma and Grandpa McKenzie's house. I remember Donnie having a really quick, dry sense of humor. He would good naturedly tease Grandma until she would scold him. We all knew how fond he was of her and Grandpa, he was good to them. I've heard over the years about how he was doing through Cheryl. He was a good man, and I extend my deepest condolences to Carolyn and the girls.

Kathleen Capps - April 20, 2024 at 09:35 PM

JB

“ Judith B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Donald O. McKenzie.

Judith B. - April 20, 2024 at 04:34 PM

JB

“ Donnie was my cousin; his father and my mother were siblings. I will always remember him as being kind, patient, and with a sense of humor. Many of my happy memories of Milwaukee, Wi involve him and his brother, especially when we were all teenagers. Tim and I send our deepest sympathy to his family. I hope all of the wonderful memories will give you comfort in some way.  
Judy and Tim Blum



Judith Blum - April 20, 2024 at 04:27 PM

TD

“ See you on the other side cuz!



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**Teri Davis** - April 20, 2024 at 11:23 AM

TD

“ Donnie was my cousin on my mom's side. There were many years between us however that's not what I remember about Donnie. He was kind, compassionate and loving. I will always remember that. Prayers and Love to his wife and girls!❤️

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**Teri Davis** - April 20, 2024 at 11:17 AM