



Donald Allen Kutz

November 5, 1939 - June 4, 2024

Donald Allen Kutz, Sr., age 84, died Tuesday, June 4, 2024 after a brief illness. Mr. Kutz was born on November 5, 1939, in Sarcoxie, MO to Ben and Freda Kutz, and was the oldest of six sons. Mr. Kutz married the love of his life Deanna Anderson in Independence, MO on September 12, 1964. She preceded him in death on December 4, 2000. Mr. Kutz married Betty Wrobleski at St. Mary's Church in Pierce City, MO on April 18, 2008. She preceded him in death on September 10, 2015.

Mr. Kutz had a 40-year career with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, holding various management and field positions across six states. He retired in 1999. He returned to Pierce City in 2005, eventually owning the house his parents bought in 1950. This house has hosted numerous family gatherings for the past 15 years. He was an active member of St. Mary's Church and the Pierce City Senior Center, serving as president for several years. Mr. Kutz traveled extensively, visiting his children and attending all family events until he could no longer travel. The family would like to acknowledge the tremendous support that Rodney Wrobleski provided to Don over the past several years. Rodney's mother Betty was a very important person in Don's life. Don and Betty had seven wonderful years together.

He is survived by three children: Don Jr (Lee Ann) of Hernando, MS; Jennifer (Rob) Phenicie of Missoula, MT; and Brian (Michele) Kutz of Canton, OH and

four grandchildren Brittany Kutz, Andrew Kutz, Sarah Kutz and Meghan (Brenden) Kristiansen. Brothers Benjamin (Yvonne) Kutz of Columbia, MO; Richard (Karen) Kutz of Joplin, MO; James (Ann) Kutz) of Glen Allen, VA and Thomas (Karla) Kutz of St. Louis, MO. Also surviving are stepchildren Rodney (Melissa) Wrobleski of Monett, MO; Brenda Buchanen of Liberty, MO; and Jacki (Kyle) Edwards of Monett, MO; along with fifteen step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren and a long list of nieces and nephews.

Mr. Kutz was preceded in death by his parents, brother Kenneth, baby sister Mary Ann, and stepdaughter Mary Beth "Guessie" Pierce.

Visitation will be at St. Mary's Church in Pierce City, MO on Thursday, June 6 from 6 – 8 pm.

All family and friends will gather at St. Mary's Gymnasium at Noon on Friday, June 7 for lunch. Graveside Services will be at 2 pm at St. Mary's Cemetery in Pierce City, MO with Father Matt Rehrauer officiating.

Any memorials in Don's honor should be directed to St. Mary's School. Arrangements are being handled by Lakin Funeral Home, Pierce City, MO.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
200 Front Street
Pierce City, MO 65723
(417) 476-2827

Graveside Service

JUN 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery
Pierce City, MO 65723

Tribute Wall

DC

“ *Worked with Don at Goodyear in Akron, it was such a pleasure. Our condolences and prayers to the entire family. Dave & Bev Cranston*

Dave Cranston - August 08, 2024 at 02:38 PM

BM

“ *I just heard of Don's passing today. So sorry. I worked both for & with Don when we were both still with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. I enjoyed my experience with him while there. After we both retired, I could always look to the week of Thanksgiving as when I would see him return to the Memphis area, as he would come see Don Jr. & also he & I would hook up with Ron Mueller & do a lunch together & talk "that Goodyear Talk" (as we were all working together at Goodyear several years before).. God bless & keep all of the Kutz Family moving forward.*

Brent Murray - August 07, 2024 at 05:07 PM

HS

“ *I/we are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Don and I were in the same fraternity while attending SMS and graduated together. Don was a special friend to all that had the privilege of knowing him.*

Harley and Betty Snyder - August 06, 2024 at 08:13 PM

DT

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I attended college with Don we were both members of the fraternity. My wife and I both extend our sympathets to the family.*

David Tucker - June 10, 2024 at 10:55 PM

JH

“ So sorry to hear of Don’s passing. Visited with him a lot while my Dad was his roommate at Lacoba Homes.

Jill Hudson - June 06, 2024 at 04:49 PM

TW

“ Don was such a special, kind man. We have wonderful memories of our visits and his great stories that we will always cherish. Our deepest sympathies and prayers.
Love, Theresa and Steve Wern

Theresa Wern - June 06, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JC

“ Not sure what I can say. It is like I always expected Don to be there in Pierce City at the Kutz residence. Now, in hindsight of course, I so wish I had kept in touch with him. He offered me some really nice compliments about my mother when she passed. Don was a gentleman, just as I expect from each of the Kutz brothers. I would also say that which is mostly obvious to anyone . . . Don will be missed by those he touched in Pierce City . . . I do know, and am very sure about that!

Joseph Dale Cochran - June 06, 2024 at 12:46 PM

MA

“ Such a kind and gracious man.



Mari - June 06, 2024 at 11:29 AM

GA

“ Gary Anderson lit a candle in memory of Donald Kutz



Gary Anderson - June 05, 2024 at 08:19 PM

GA

“ Norma and I send our prayers and condolences to all of you.

Gary Anderson - June 05, 2024 at 08:18 PM

GA

“ Gary A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Allen Kutz.

Gary A. - June 05, 2024 at 08:04 PM

LW

“ Don will be very missed by this family! He always welcomed us all into his home with a smile and there are lots of awesome memories there. Praying for peace and comfort for all those that feel this loss.
-Lindsey Wrobleski

Lindsey Wrobleski - June 05, 2024 at 07:42 PM

DK

Don was one of the positive people that I was lucky to meet during my career with Goodyear. I always enjoyed talking to him . Our friendship span 40. Years plus. If after he retired I was glad to see him at the Goodyear Store in Joplin. I always enjoyed taking care of his mom too. Don was the real deal. I don't think he ever meant a stranger

David c koch - August 06, 2024 at 07:48 PM



Don was a long time friend always wearing a smile. I have tried to call him several times the past 2 months. Decided to check further this a.m. With heartfelt sympathy. Wilma Mabrey

Wilma Mabrey - September 22, 2024 at 10:39 AM