



Donne "Don" Hartley Ector

November 13, 1942 - August 20, 2025

Donne "Don" Hartley Ector, 82, of Saginaw, Michigan, passed away August 20, 2025. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on November 13, 1942, to the late Walton and Margaret (Root) Ector. Don received his bachelor's degree and master's degree from the University of Arizona. For over 30 years he worked as a Chemical Engineer and Regional Sales Manager for Dow Chemical. Don resided in Michigan for most of his life and was a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hemlock, Michigan.

Don was an avid golfer and a huge fan of the Detroit Tigers. He loved salmon, peanuts, hot dogs, Jet's pizza (and an occasional bourbon). He also loved music. Most days he could be found watching YouTube videos of his favorite artists: Billy Joel, The Eagles, Bob Seger and Tom Petty. He was deeply devoted to his children and family and absolutely adored his late wife, Janice (Bluemer) Ector.

Don is survived by his children, Jeffrey Ector, James (Aimee) Ector and Shelley (David) Waclo; his grandchildren, Samantha, Madison, Pete, Louis and Josie; and his sister, Betsy (Ector) Martin. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carolyn (Mickelsen) Ector; his second wife of 38 years, Janice (Bluemer) Ector; his son, Robert Hartley Ector; and his daughter-in-law, Kristina (Woessner) Ector.

A small graveyard service will be held Thursday, September 4, 2025 at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, 950 N. Center Road, Saginaw, MI 48638. In lieu

of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and/or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Memorial Gardens

950 North Center Road
Saginaw, MI 48638

Tribute Wall



“ I never got to meet Mr. Don, but I know his son Jim and his daughter-in-law Aimee. If Jim is any indication of the type of man that raised him, I know this world has lost a great man. So sorry to all the family, we are praying for you!!!

Jami Renwick - September 04, 2025 at 02:34 PM

JM

I used to work for Don at Dow Chemical. My wife, Lois and I used to be on league for both golf and bowling couples with Don & Jan. One time we got caught on the golf course with a tornado moving into the city (about 1991). We ran to shelter and our golf bags were becoming airborne as we ran. Dangerous but we laughed about it over cocktails time and again. Shelley would babysit for our three infants on occasion and often we were out with Don and Jan. We tried on numerous occasions to get together after being transferred to Maine and back to Wisconsin. My deployments (WIARNG) to Nicaragua and Afghanistan in early 2000's set us back a lot until retiring from military in 2012. We did make contact and planned our reunion which never took place. We loved Don and Jan to the moon and back. We live in Wisconsin now. We were so very sorry to hear of Jan's earlier passing. We are shocked to hear Don is now gone. We pray we swing clubs one day with them in heaven and perhaps bowl a strike or two as well. We were very close back in our Dow days. We send our love, prayers, and condolences to all the family and dear friends. 🌸💕💕

Joseph M McGrath - September 11, 2025 at 09:15 PM

JF

I worked with Donne in the Polyethylene business at Dow Chemical in Freeport, Texas, back in the mid 1970's. So sorry to hear of his passing. Keeping his family in my prayers.
Judy Foster

Judy Foster - October 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM