



Donald John Sack

June 25, 1926 - September 9, 2025

Donald John Sack passed away peacefully on September 9, 2025, at the age of 99, in his home, with his grandson and great grandson by his side.

Don was born on June 25, 1926, to Albert and Loretta (Altenbach) Sack in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He grew up in Racine and graduated from Horlick High School in 1944. Shortly after graduation, Don voluntarily raised his right hand and enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as a P-51 Mustang crew chief during WWII in U.S.-occupied Japan, where he achieved the rank of Corporal. His military honors include:

- Asiatic Pacific Theatre Ribbon
- Victory Medal
- Army of Occupation Medal – Japan
- Good Conduct Medal

After his overseas service, Don returned to Racine, married Margaret Kachichian, and embarked on a career as a self-taught engineer. He worked for Racine companies such as J.I. Case, Walker Manufacturing, Oster, and Hamilton Beach. Don enjoyed many stories of working in factories with the ladies who played on the Racine Belles baseball team. Baseball, especially the Milwaukee Brewers, was one of his passions.

Don was also an award-winning pigeon racer. He loved growing tomatoes at his home—starting plants from seeds saved from previous harvests—and delighted in sharing his bounty with friends and family.

In addition to his busy career, Don was employed at Modine as a Senior

Manufacturing Engineer, traveling extensively across the U.S., Europe, and South America. He and Margaret built a life together, raising two children, Donald Michael and Judith Christine. During his children's early years, Don served as a Cub Scout Den Leader and an active member of the Racine Scouts Drum and Bugle Corps.

He retired in 1991 and traveled in his RV throughout the southern U.S. with his second wife, Sharon. Don and Sharon enjoyed making birdhouses, fishing, and gardening together.

Don was preceded in death by his wives Margaret and Sharon, his son Donald and daughter-in-law Michelle, three dogs named Anoush, and Sharon's sons Scott and Andy, along with many in-laws. He leaves behind his daughter Judith (Jay Sweers), seven grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

A lifelong patron of the Sausage Kitchen and a regular at The Dynasty Restaurant, Don was also an active member of Alcoholics Anonymous and Sacred Heart Church.

In lieu of flowers and donations, the family kindly requests that you donate to an animal rescue organization of your choice, as Don was a friend to all animals.

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Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Sturino Funeral Home
3014 Northwestern Avenue
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ As a long time neighbor, I was very sad to learn just now of Don's passing. It had been such a nice consoling feeling of continuity have someone of his generation still in the neighborhood. It had been a crazy year for me and I was always so busy but thought of him often and wanted to pop over and say hello to let him know he was not forgotten. Sorry now that I didn't make firm point of doing so. We always think we have more time. My deepest condolences to his family, especially his grandson who cared for him. Don and all of you will be in my prayers and I will be sure to have some masses said for him. Eternal rest Grant unto him oh Lord and may Perpetual light shine upon him.

Maria Williams - November 03, 2025 at 12:40 PM

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“ I just learned today, through a former neighbor, that Don passed away. I wish to extend my sincere condolences to his daughter, Judy, and family. For many many years, my parents were next door neighbors and great friends with Don and Margaret. I have so many warm memories of Don. Yes, he was growing tomatoes way back then! He was kind and friendly and funny. Plus, he was a wonderful, helpful neighbor.
May you rest in peace now, Don. You were a good man and you lived a good life.

Wendy Williams Bishop - September 22, 2025 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald John Sack.*



September 11, 2025 at 12:06 PM