



## Donald Samuel Khoury

November 30, 1941 - November 28, 2023

Vulcan - Donald Samuel Khoury, 82, of Vulcan passed away peacefully on Tuesday morning, November 28, 2023, at Marshfield Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mi. He is now with his Saviour and Guide, Jesus Christ. He loved Him and now is very pleased to be with Him in Heaven, along with wife Sharon, his mother and father and sister. During the past few years, Don was caregiver to his beloved wife Sharon Ruth (Mellon) Khoury who preceded him in death on March 27, 2023, and together they worked and ministered to people at The Wishing Well, Downtown Iron Mountain since 1970.

He was born November 30, 1941 in Iron Mountain, Mi. to Samuel "Bokey" John Khoury and Berenice E. Cole; they preceded him in death in 1960 and 1996, as well as a sister, Barbara Khoury Vojtech in 2020. He is survived by a sister, Karen Jules Adelfang; brother-in-law, Jerry; sister-in-law, Maureen Bradshaw of California; nephew, Mark Bradshaw in Germany; niece, Jennifer (Robert); brother-in-law, Walter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Don graduated from Iron Mountain High School in 1959 and married Sharon Mellon on September 26, 1970, at St. Barbara Catholic Church in Vulcan; they had 53 1/2 years of marriage. Don then started Wishing Well Gifts, Downtown Iron Mountain in 1970, working tirelessly until the Friday before he died. He knew his health was failing, so he was in the process of a retirement sale. God had a different plan, but in the process brought many customers and

friends into the store for one more bag of candy or to just show their love and appreciation in return to this man who meant so much to so many. Sharon and Don did so much more than sell gifts and candy. They prayed with and for those who thought they needed a gift but maybe needed more or just a listening ear. Christ was an intricate part of their lives, and they shared the salvation message with many customers, friends, and even strangers. They were generous with love and gave quietly to many. Matthew 6:3....But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. They opened their door to many, not only giving shelter but the love of Christ in their hospitality.

In accordance with Don's wishes, there will be no public visitation but a private visitation and service with close family and friends, which was held on December 4th followed by burial at Norway Township Cemetery. It was a mild, sunny, peaceful day....a day to remember this man who made so many happy.....so many years as a clown in the 4th of July Parade, tirelessly giving to the Downtown (referred to as Mr. Downtown), being a mentor to new and younger business owners around him. When asked what made him most happy....he replied, "Bringing happiness to and helping others....and enjoying God's blessings!"

Condolences to the family of Donald Khoury may be expressed online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Iron Mountain with the arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Norway Twp. Cemetery

Norway, MI

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ I worked next door to the Wishing Well for many years and it was always nice to go over and talk to Don and Sharon. They shared their faith, even prayed with me a few times when I was struggling with life. They were two of the kindest people I've ever met and will be greatly missed.

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**Diane Lange** - December 11, 2023 at 08:30 AM

HC

“ We will so miss visiting with Don on our future trips back to Iron Mountain. At one point, Don and I were trying to figure out how we were related. I believe we came to the thinking that we were second cousins once removed. It was always fun to catch up on family news when we returned up north each summer. Our kids have fond memories of Don letting them each pick out some candy. They'd leave the store happy with their own small bags of candy. What a great example for them of thoughtfulness and generosity. Our future trips to Iron Mountain will not be quite the same. So thankful to know that Don is with Jesus now. Thanks for great memories, Don Holly (Khoury) Cote

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**Holly (Khoury) Cote** - December 10, 2023 at 09:58 AM

CG

“ We are so sad to hear about Don. He was a remarkable person, honest, friendly, and stood by his values. Don worked hard, missed Sharon so much, and was a faithful servant to God. We will all miss him and be thankful that we were fortunate to know him. Rest in peace, Don.

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**Cynthia and Rod Gordon** - December 10, 2023 at 09:17 AM

SK

“ Condolences to the family...it was quite a shock to read Don's name in the IM paper...as a distant cousin I shall miss his toothy grin and wholesome hug, when I would visit back in IM...I am very sad for all our loss.

Sharon Khoury - December 09, 2023 at 07:33 PM

SF

“ what a friend. he loved his wife so, others, and loved iron mountain but first he loved his Savior Jesus Christ. we have done business for fifty years and the last we saw him we said...See you on the other side, brother. he said yes.

SHELDON FREEMAN - December 08, 2023 at 01:08 PM

CB

Beautifully written obituary for Don. I was in his store in October and gave him two hugs while I was there. I'm glad I did. He was a wonderful man who is now enjoying the fruits of his labor with his Lord and family in Heaven!!

Carol J Bartolameolli - December 08, 2023 at 11:16 PM

JB

I'm sad to hear he passed. I don't think retirement would not have made him any happier. He just was happy. When I return to town for a visit, I would stop in to see him. He always remembered me, using my maiden name. He would also give me detailed historical info about my family home on Stockbridge. There was never any doubt, he knew what he was talking about.

Love you Don. Judy Wittock Beauchamp

Judy Beauchamp - December 09, 2023 at 10:26 AM

CP

A beautiful tribute to a wonderful gentleman that loved the Lord and people. Now living in Minnesota, my friend and I always visited his store when we came back to visit family in Aurora. A delightful store in Iron Mountain.

Carol (Broullire) Peterson - December 09, 2023 at 10:54 PM

JS

*Thinking of Don's family during this difficult time. In the short time I have known him, I felt his grace, patience and kindness in all he did. My world is better because I had met Don. Thank you for your smile and generous spirit of your time with others. With deepest condolences, Jill Steckbauer*

**Jill Steckbauer** - December 11, 2023 at 02:15 PM

DA

*I enjoyed visiting the Wishing Well when I visited back home. Don was such a wonderful person. Iron Mountain has lost a truly amazing person.*

**David H Alquist** - December 11, 2023 at 02:38 PM

RM

*I am happy to hear of Don's passing! He was a blessed man and I am sure he is basking in Jesus's glory now. I was looking forward to visiting him at the store over Christmas. Godspeed to him and his family. He will be missed here on Earth but gladly welcomed in Heaven.*

**Robert Motl** - December 11, 2023 at 02:55 PM

JM

*So sad to learn of Don's passing. He was a man of integrity, sensitivity and conviction without imposing his views on others. We ended our most recent visit with a big hug. I'll always smile when I recall our moments together. May his memory be a blessing.*

**Jerome (Jerry) Zacks MD** - May 09, 2024 at 02:44 PM