



## Donald E. Pirlot

November 2, 1937 - December 29, 2016

Donald Elmer Pirlot, loving husband, father, and grandfather, was called to his eternal home on December 29, 2016 at age 79 at Appleton Medical Center.

Don was born on November 2, 1937 in Kingsford, Michigan to Elmer and Ethel Pirlot. He graduated from Kingsford High School in 1955 and entered the workforce. In April of 1958 he married the love of his life, Virgie Marcelini. The couple devoted themselves to raising their three daughters Dawn, Jodi, and Stacey in Appleton, Wisconsin.

His strong desire to be a teacher led him to attend college at Northern Michigan University. He graduated in 1966 with a degree in secondary education and received his Master's Degree from NMU in 1973. Don began his teaching career at Kaukauna High School in Kaukauna, Wisconsin. After teaching in Kaukauna for four years, over the next 26 years Don taught at all three high schools in Appleton, Wisconsin where he had a profound influence on many young people. He also taught night school at Fox Valley Technical College.

Don loved hunting and being in the woods with his brother Harlan and dear friends Augie and Ron. He cherished the times fishing with his children and grandchildren at their home on the Menominee River. Don was a talented craftsman and gifted others with his amazing art. He crafted a beautiful cradle

for his first granddaughter, which is where his first great grandson will soon be sleeping. Don was also a gifted musician. He played the guitar, wrote music, and sang. Don won an award for his song "A Daddy's Wedding Song" from the Music City Song Festival in Nashville. He and Virgie enjoyed being a part of a music group that sang at nursing homes and at church.

Don was an active member of St. Thomas More Church in Appleton for 30 years and a contributing member of the school board for several years. After retiring and returning to live in the Upper Peninsula, he and Virgie attended American Martyrs Catholic Church in Kingsford, Michigan where they were married 58 years ago. He was also a member of the National Guard.

In addition to his wife, Virgie, Don is survived by three daughters Dawn (Jim) Fulcer of Appleton, Jodi Pirlot of Breckenridge, Colorado, and Stacey (Jeff) Wysocki of Erie, Colorado; grandchildren Lindsay (Eric) Ropella, Brady Fulcer, Lucas Schmolesky, Chloe Schmolesky, Jensen Wysocki, and Ethan Wysocki; and brother Harlan (Joyce) Pirlot of Appleton.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Ethel Pirlot; his sister, Linda VanGinkel; brother Dale Pirlot; brother-in-law Larry Lidbeck; and sister-in-law Darlene Lidbeck. Visitation will be from 9:00–10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at the Kingsford Funeral Home, 1000 S. Carpenter Avenue, Kingsford, Michigan. A mass to celebrate Don's life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday at American Martyr's Catholic Church, 908 W. Sagola Ave, Kingsford, Michigan. Fr. Joseph Gouin will officiate.

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

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Kingsford Funeral Home with the arrangements.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 4. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Kingsford Funeral Home  
1000 S. Carpenter  
Kingsford, MI 49802

## Memorial Mass

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
908 W. Sagola Ave.  
Kingsford, MI 49802

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ We wanted the whole family know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We wished we could have been there for th funeral. An amazing man will be missed.

*Danielle and Reece Tourangeau*

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**Danielle Tourangeau** - January 04, 2017 at 12:07 PM

DM

“ To Vergie & Family....extending to you our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Sending thoughts & prayers your way!  
*Lloyd & Donna Mannigel*

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**Donna Mannigel** - January 03, 2017 at 01:05 PM



“ *Dear Pirlot Family,  
I am so sorry to hear about Mr. Pirlot. I will never forget the warm and loving home that you all made me part of in Appleton. He was such a wonderful role model and father. I will miss him and wish you comfort from the warm memories you have. All my love, Corrine (Kolka) Welt*

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**Corrine Welt** - January 03, 2017 at 11:47 AM

SJ

“ Dear Virgie, I'm so sorry for your lost. I have been in prayer for you & your family.

*I would have been to the funeral home but we couldn't make it at that time. But*

*I can't say how sorry I am, I know you had the best life with Don.*

*I had major back surgery & it is hard to get outside in the ice, because if I fall I*

*could break my back. I had surgery in August & I have a few more mths to go*

*Then my warrant is up. ( just a little joke) I'm doing better every day.*

*I pray you*

*will take this one day at a time. Praying for you.*

*The only thing that save me when my daughter died, was I took the narrow road,*

*not the wide road. I gave my life to Jesus, I became born again. I'll keep you and*

*your family in prayer. Give it all to Jesus He'll always be their for you. Read*

*John 3:16 Give your life to Jesus*

*A friend from school, Sandy Cory Johnson*

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**Sandy Johnson** - January 03, 2017 at 11:14 AM

TF

“ To Virgie, Dawn, Jodi and Stacey,

*We were saddened to read of Don's death. We extend our sincere sympathy and you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Tom and Pat Fanning*

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**Tom Fanning** - January 01, 2017 at 12:25 PM

DF

“ We will remember Don as a mild mannered man with multi talents. We do not wish to remember the last few years when things got tougher on a very special man. We are sure all the family will miss him  
Don and Mary Fulcer

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**Don Fulcer** - January 01, 2017 at 10:13 AM

JJ

“ My sincere prayers and deep sympathy to you, Virgie, and the entire family during this very difficult time. May God Bless you and give you the strength needed to help you through this. Judy Johnson

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**Judy Johnson** - December 31, 2016 at 04:51 PM

BK

“ Hi Virgie,  
So sad to see Dons obituary in our paper. I am so very sorry for you. I brought him communion at Manor Care and visited with you,  
You are in my prayers.  
Love  
Bette Koehn

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**Bette Koehn** - December 31, 2016 at 01:52 PM

KH

“ Mr. Harlan Pirlot, sorry to hear about your brother. My sympathy to you and your family. Miss seeing you and your wife at McDonalds.  
Kathy Halloran (Class 1970 West)

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**Kathy Halloran** - December 31, 2016 at 09:25 AM

MS

“ *Mr. Pirlot was one of my favorite teachers (along with his brother) in Business Education at Appleton West HS in 1973-1974. I still remember the award and trophy they gave me. Marsha Gurnee Suszan*



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**Marsha Gurnee Suszan** - December 31, 2016 at 08:08 AM