



Donald Markovitz

May 25, 1931 - January 7, 2026

Donald Markovitz, 94, of North Tonawanda, NY, died unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. He was born in North Tonawanda, NY on May 25, 1931 to Julius Joseph and Alice Mary (Becker) Markovitz. In 1955, he married Ellen Louise Wall, and they had 49 years together. She predeceased him in 2004. Donald met Marlene Murphy in 2005, and she was his companion for twelve wonderful years before her passing in 2022.

Donald was a tool designer at Harrison Radiator in Lockport, NY retiring with 37 years of service. He was also an active member of Friedens United Church of Christ in North Tonawanda, NY and served as finance secretary and trustee until its closing.

In his spare time, he loved to vacation in Cape Cod, the Adirondack Mountains, Canada, the New England area, and Myrtle Beach. He was very handy with wood and tools; he made jewelry and wine. He also enjoyed gardening, bowling, horseshoes, roller skating, and biking, pedaling over one thousand miles each summer up until the age of 92. He greatly enjoyed walking along the Niagara River most weekends throughout the year and attending outdoor summer concerts in the area.

Donald is survived by two daughters: Cheryl (James) Ortolfo and Patricia (William) Maier,

five grandchildren including Jennifer Pappas, Jessica (Tom) Ortolf-Pringle, and Orion Ortolf, and two great grandchildren.

No public visitation or service will be held. A graveside service will be held at the convenience of the family in the spring at Friedens Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Friedens Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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