



## Donald J. Kalavik

January 21, 1944 - March 31, 2024

Donald J. Kalavik, age 80, husband of Joan L. (Rhoads) Kalavik, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Sunday, March 31, 2024 at home. Born on January 21, 1944 in Phoenixville, PA, he was a son of the late Eleanor (Somers) and John M. Kalavik.

Don was a proud graduate of St. Pius X High School, class of 1961. He worked at Firestone for 18 years until its closure, beginning in 1963, and he still actively attended breakfast reunions until just recently. He then went on to work as a mail carrier for the Harleysville Post Office until his retirement in 2006.

Family was of the utmost importance to Don, and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were his pride and joy. He was affectionally known as Ddadzi to his grandchildren. He was a founding member and coach for the Pottsgrove Softball League, and he coached his children's teams at Peco fields in Phoenixville. He was an avid sports fan, especially of Notre Dame football, the Phillies, and the Eagles. Over the years, he has methodically grown his baseball card and memorabilia collection.

He was a fan of oldies music, and especially fond of reminiscing of the days gone by of Phoenixville. He enjoyed gardening and took exceptional pride in his yard and ponds.

In addition to his wife of 46 years, Don is survived by five children, Marie (Kalavik) Abderholden, wife of Bruce, Angela (Kalavik) Klick, wife of Chris, Dawn (Kalavik) Metheny, wife of Jesse, James R., husband of Jen (Pierce) Kalavik, and Donald J. II, husband of Marla (Pachler) Kalavik; twelve grandchildren, Ian Marcheskie, Kristin (Sutton), wife of Nick Riker, Kaitlyn Sutton, Draven Klick, Valori Klick, Brandt Myers, Brayden Myers, Ava Myers, Jordan Metheny, Marek J. Kalavik, Johana Kalavik, and Griffin Kalavik; two great-grandchildren, Aria B. Marcheskie and Ezra D. Riker; and one brother, Michael Kalavik. He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Alicia R. Sutton; two siblings, John Kalavik and Janice (Kalavik) Sharkey; and a son-in-law, Todd Detwiler.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service at Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., 610 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Burial will be held privately at the convenience of the family. Friends will be received from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM at the funeral home on Wednesday morning. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Phoenixville Cancer Center, 824 Main Street, Phoenixville, PA 19460 or to the ALS Association by visiting [www.als.org/donate](http://www.als.org/donate). Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA. Condolences may be offered online at [www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com](http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com).

In recognition of his Polish heritage, Don: "Sto Lat".

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

APR 10. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.  
610 Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

### Memorial Service

APR 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc.  
610 Main Street  
Phoenixville, PA 19460

# Tribute Wall



“ Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald J. Kalavik



---

**Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home** - April 07, 2024 at 10:02 PM

MY

“ I wish I could have been there to celebrate his life and listen to all the memories. Pops was always very nice to me.

---

**Michele Yost** - April 12, 2024 at 08:15 AM

DJ

“ Sending our condolences to the Kalavik family. We are so sorry for your loss.  
David, Dawn Johnson

---

**David , Dawn Johnson** - April 10, 2024 at 09:45 PM

GE

“ Our condolences to the Kalavik family,  
Colleen & Glenn Eckman.

---

**Glenn Eckman** - April 09, 2024 at 11:55 PM

CS

“ Don was a wonderful neighbor and good friend to everyone in the neighborhood. We are sad for his family's loss but rejoice that he's been released from his suffering.

Chris Slawecki - April 09, 2024 at 02:37 PM

SP

“ Scott, Mary & Emily Palmer purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Donald J. Kalavik.



Scott, Mary & Emily Palmer - April 08, 2024 at 12:59 PM

SP

“ Scott, Mary & Emily Palmer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald J. Kalavik.

Scott, Mary & Emily Palmer - April 08, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LM

“ Joan, my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I have many memories of Don who I grew up with and played sports together. He was a great guy and will be missed big time !

Lou Mancini - April 08, 2024 at 09:19 AM

LF

“ *Linda Kalavik and The Laskowsky Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald J. Kalavik.*



---

**Linda Kalavik and The Laskowsky Family** - April 08, 2024 at 08:54 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald J. Kalavik.*



---

April 07, 2024 at 01:57 PM

CT

“ *Joan, my sincere condolences to you and your family . Don was a good guy. We worked together at Harleysville Post Office. May he rest in peace.*

---

**Christian Thumm** - April 06, 2024 at 09:39 AM

PA

“ *My condolences to Joan and Don's children. RIP Don.*



---

**Pam** - April 05, 2024 at 02:46 PM

EK

“ Don was one of the “Good Guys” and will be missed by everyone who knew him & loved him.

R.I.P. 🙏

Ed.Kelly

---

ed kelly - April 04, 2024 at 06:38 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Donald J. Kalavik.



---

April 04, 2024 at 01:54 PM

FC

“ Joan and Family. So Sorry For Your Loss. Don Was A Helluva Man And Will Be Sorely Missed By All Who Knew And Loved Him. RIP My Friend 🙏

---

Frank Cook - April 03, 2024 at 03:04 PM

NC

“ My heartfelt condolences to Joan and the rest of Don's family. I've always envied his large, loving family. Don and I shared St. Pius X high school and football. More recently, frequent breakfast get-togethers with fellow schoolmates and old timers including many Firestone breakfasts.

Rest in peace Don, you will be missed. Nick Cimino.

---

Nick Cimino - April 02, 2024 at 08:44 PM

TK

“ *Eternal rest grant unto him,  
O Lord.*

---

**Ted Kabatt** - April 02, 2024 at 07:59 PM

DP

“ *My sincerest condolences to his family. May he rest in peace.* 🙏🙏  
🙏

---

**Dennis Psota** - April 02, 2024 at 07:14 PM

MC

“ *My condolences to Don's family. We were dog walking compadres.  
RIP my friend!*

---

**Matk Ceschan** - April 02, 2024 at 06:41 PM

MB

“ *Deepest sympathies for the Kalavik family. Rest in peace Don.*

---

**Marlene Brignola** - April 02, 2024 at 03:07 PM