



Donald J. DeBoer

February 2, 1939 - January 17, 2026

Donald J. DeBoer, affectionately known as Wapi, age 86, of Peotone, formerly of Richton Park, passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Lightways Hospice in Joliet. He was born on February 2, 1939 in Harvey, the son of Simon “Steve” and Margaret (Schlaudraff) DeBoer.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy DeBoer; five daughters, Tami David and family, Michelle (Peter) Hoover, Kristi and family, Cari (Iggy) Czakó, and Traci DeBoer (Joe Berlongieri); several grandchildren, including Jakob Berlongieri and Lexi Czakó; his mother-in-law, Carol Busch; his best friend, Tony (Glory) Dryjanski; and a vast number of other family members and friends he loved dearly.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Dean; and many other family members, friends, and animals who greeted him in heaven.

Per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. He did not want a traditional memorial service. He wanted a gathering where his family and friends could smile, laugh, and share memories of him. A celebration of life will be held from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Saturday, February 7, 2026 at Brian’s Place (25665 South Governors Highway; Monee, IL 60449).

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Brian's Place
25665 South Governors Highway
Monee, IL 60449

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Don DeBoer was luminous. He radiated light and love and silliness and joy. Cari and I became friends in college, and one of the first times I was at her home, Don cleaned the lights on my car. It seems like it may be a small act, but it was his way of making sure I was safe. I felt so loved and cared for by this man who I barely knew, and that continued through the years. I’m so grateful.

Jessica Clements - February 04 at 07:23 PM

RH

“ Regina Dickerson Harrison purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Donald J. DeBoer.



Regina Dickerson Harrison - January 30 at 12:13 AM

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“ Regina Dickerson Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald J. DeBoer.

Regina Dickerson Harrison - January 30 at 12:13 AM

RD

“ My condolences to the DeBoer family.. Mr DeBoer was a great person i l’m glad I had a chance to meet him

Regina Dickerson - January 29 at 09:55 AM

MP

“ Prayers to all you guys Donald was a great guy good cousin I enjoyed sitting and having some good hard VF sessions with him. God bless him.

Michael Polizzi - January 27 at 05:50 PM