



Donald E. Tascher

January 4, 1932 - March 3, 2026

Donald E. Tascher, age 94, of Kankakee passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2026 in Kankakee. He was born January 4, 1932 in Ashkum on his family farm, Town View Farm, the son of Donald & Albertha (Patnaude) Tascher. Donald married Lois Marcotte on October 13, 1956 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on February 23, 2012.

Donald graduated from Ash-Clif High School in 1950. He was in the last graduating class before becoming Clifton Central High School. Donald was one of the original members of the Hundred Club. He was a member of the Lions Club, the Kankakee Chamber of Commerce, and the Herscher School District Board. He was a bill collector and had his own business, Creditor's Collection Bureau. Donald was an avid fisherman and fished on every Canadian Province and North of the Arctic Circle. Most of all, he enjoyed watching his grandsons in everything they did.

Donald was a veteran of the United States Navy, having served from 1951-1955.

He was a parishioner of St. John Paul II Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Surviving are three daughters, Denise Tascher of Peoria, Beth (Don) Ferreri of

Naperville, and Barbara (David) Denault of Kankakee; four grandchildren, Todd (Mandi) Walther of TX, Mark (Rose) Walther of IN, Andrew (Chandler) Denault of FL, and Alex (Hannah) Denault of IL; and eight great-grandchildren, Quinn, Britt, Tierney, Caroline, Vivian, Emmett, Camryn, and Cade. In addition to his wife, Lois Tascher, Donald is preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Duane Tascher; two sisters, Judith Meyer & Janice Tascher; and one son-in-law, Gene Walther.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2026 at Schreffler Funeral Home in Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2026 at St. John Paul II-West Campus in Kankakee. Rev. Matt Pratscher will celebrate the Mass. Cremation rites will be accorded following the Mass. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Limestone Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Uplifted Care.

Cemetery Details

Limestone Cemetery

Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel
1900 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-2421
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAR 7. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Paul II West Catholic Church
907 S. 9th Ave
Kankakee, IL 60901

Tribute Wall

NG

“ We were neighbors of Don and Lois for many years. We always enjoyed his quick wit and ability to make us laugh. He enjoyed talking baseball, especially Limestone Little League. He was a proud grandpa and always beamed when talking about them . My heartfelt sympathy to his girls and family.

Nancy Girard - March 07 at 05:21 PM

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“ When I learned of Donny's passing this morning, my first thought was Ashkum had lost someone who had spent their childhood years as a member of the farming community. He was the eldest brother of my friend, Janice. Spending the night with her and the Tascher family is among my fondest memories. Though Donny left Ashkum, he always remained in touch with old friends and wanted to know the latest news in his home town.

Lois Jean Phelps - March 07 at 12:49 PM

DK

“ My deepest sympathies to Don's daughter Beth. May the good lord be with her at this most difficult time and may he rest in peace.

Dewey Kilbride - March 06 at 08:17 PM

JS

“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of Donald E. Tascher*



Janice Shenk - March 05 at 01:27 PM

JS

My first encounters with Don were at the City National Bank building where his office, Creditors Collection Bureau was located. I worked on another floor of the building and can remember hearing him scream on the phone trying to collect money from debtors. When I actually met him later in life, I was surprised by what a gentle, humorous man he really was. Will miss you Don. RIP!

Janice Shenk - March 05 at 01:31 PM

GM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire Tascher family for the passing of Donald. He was a fine man that was well liked in the community. And most of all he raised a great family. May Don rest in peace.*

Gary and Rose Mitchell - March 05 at 10:16 AM

CE

“ *Mr. Tascher went St. Mary's fitness. That's how I met him.*



Connie Patricia Eaker - March 04 at 03:23 PM