



## Donald Pulte

May 8, 1937 - August 10, 2014

Donald Lee Pulte was born on May 8, 1937 in Omaha, Nebraska to Joseph and Cecelia (Lee) Pulte. He grew up in Omaha where he attended St. Phillip Neri Catholic School and graduated from Omaha Tech High School. As a young boy, Don played saxophone in the school band and began a lifelong interest in cars and motors.

Don married Barbara Baerwald in 1959 in Plattsmouth, Nebraska. They raised their family in their 69th Street home, in Omaha.

Don worked as a heavy equipment operator, helping to build the new Nebraska interstate system. Later he owned and operated a gas station, worked at ABC Mobile Brake and built custom trailers. Don retired in the early 90's and enjoyed tinkering around the garage. He was a man of many interests and talents. Don was a certified scuba diver and raced cars at Sunset Speedway. The family enjoyed camping, boating, fishing and canoeing. Don and Barb competed and finished 3rd in the Missouri Raft Regatta. He was a funny, friendly man with a stubborn streak and a touch of sarcasm. Don was unique, entertaining and enjoyed people. He was never at a loss for words and was a talented storyteller. Don restored cars and tractors and collected toy tractors. He loved his cats, playing bingo, going to threshing/tractor shows and a quick trip to the casino. Don and Barb wintered in Florida, Texas and Arizona before settling in Apache Junction, Arizona for the winters from 1990 through 2013.

Don passed away suddenly on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at the Methodist

Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 77 years, 3 months and 2 days. He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph and Cecelia, brother Bernie and sister Tiny. Don is survived by his wife Barbara; sons and daughters-in-law: Michael McKay and Chris Shaw, Patrick and Sandi Pulte and Bob and Michaela Pulte all of Omaha; daughter and son-in-law: Colleen and Jeff Starman of Valley; and grandsons Zachray and Colton Starman.

Pulte, Donald age 77 years of Omaha, NE

Survived by wife Barbara; sons and daughters-in-law Michael McKay and Chris Shaw, Patrick and Sandi Pulte and Bob and Michaela Pulte all of Omaha; daughter and son-in-law Colleen and Jeff Starman of Valley; grandsons Zachrey and Colton Starman; Visitation Tuesday from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM at St. Pius X Catholic Church (69th and Blondo) with a vigil service at 7:30 PM; Funeral Mass Wednesday 10:30 AM at St. Pius X. Intombment Calvary Cemetery; memorials to St. Pius X or St. Phillip Neri Catholic Church; condolences to [www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Pulte*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

**Frank Talacko** - August 13, 2014 at 09:11 AM



“ *Oh Colleen I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. You know I know how it feels. Just know he is in a better place now and time does heal. Heaven has gained two angels these last couple of months. I will be praying and thinking about you often.*

*Madonna*

**Madonna Scott** - August 12, 2014 at 01:57 PM



“ *Mary Barbara i am sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Claudia Black** - August 12, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ *Barb & family: We are deeply saddened by the news of Don's passing. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days. Please accept our condolences. The memories of the important role he played in our lives (especially Dan) will not be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Dan & Julie McCoy** - August 11, 2014 at 06:12 PM