



Donald Frank "Don" Stevens

February 16, 1943 - January 27, 2021

Donald Frank "Don" Stevens, age 77 of Canton, passed away on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at Northside Hospital Cherokee. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 30th at Macedonia Memorial Park at 2pm with Dr. C.R. Hill officiating. He is survived by:

Wife - Lila Stevens of Canton

Son - Keith (Carolyn) Stevens of Canton

Daughter - Janet (Kurt) Wheeler of Canton

Daughter - Kelly (Larry) Berryhill of Ball Ground

Grandchildren - Kody Ingram, Ryan Stevens, Maddie Wheeler, Alex Stevens, Eli Wheeler, Luke Berryhill

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to the Wounded Warriors or MUST Ministries in his memory.

The caring staff of Darby Funeral Home is honored to serve the Stevens family.

Cemetery

Macedonia Memorial Park
10685 E. Cherokee Dr.
Canton, GA, 30115

Events

JAN	Graveside Service	02:00PM
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Comments



“ Don loved life and often seemed to be larger than life. He was the life of the party, the light in the tunnel and the calm in the storm. His warm hands were used not only to greet or welcome others, but more so to often help by holding a person up or to hold one steady. He was passionate about the less fortunate and spent numerous hours volunteering. He was humble and giving of his time, endless energy and support. His profound love of this country and his patriotism were strong. He was an optimist and also a realist. His abiding Christian faith, spirituality and innate wisdom radiated through his so beautifully and naturally. His jokes, sense of humor and infectious laugh made others feel happier when he was present. He was a great leader and visionary who made good things become a reality. His deep love for his dear wife Lila along with his fierce determination, faith, courage and strength was instrumental in her amazing healing from such a serious diagnosis years ago.

Don was truly a father figure to me as he always made time to listen, no matter what he was doing. His clear thinking, astute advice and guidance along with an occasional hug made one feel that everything would be all right. Don was a true friend, an inspiration and a blessing to all with his big heart and kind sweet soul. The world has indeed lost a bright light and will be dimmer due to his unexpected passing. He was a living legend and will be sorely missed by all that knew him!

Margaret-Ann Brown

Margaret-Ann Brown - January 31 at 12:02 PM



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Don was truly a father figure to me as he always made time to listen, no matter what he was doing. His clear thinking, astute advice and guidance along with an occasional hug made one feel that everything would indeed be all right. Living right across the street from the Ambassador of the neighborhood, as we fondly referred to Don, was the best possible place to call home. He was a true friend, an inspiration and a blessing to all with his big heart and kind sweet soul. The world has indeed lost a bright light and will be dimmer due to his unexpected and sudden passing. He was a living legend and will be sorely missed by all that knew him!!

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Margaret-Ann Brown - January 30 at 02:31 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



January 29 at 08:28 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



January 29 at 07:53 PM



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January 29 at 06:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Fred and Michelle - January 29 at 04:23 PM



“ Don and I graduated in the same class of 61 at Sylvan High School. We were not close friends but knew each other. It saddens me greatly as I learn of the passing of the members of my high school class. I send my deepest sympathy to his wife and family. I know first hand the deep hurting of the loss of one's spouse. Hope you will find comfort in your memories. Sounds like he was well loved by all.

Linda (Andrews) Barbry

Linda A Barbry - January 29 at 03:12 PM



“ Try not to remember his death but his birth and don't avoid mentioning him at family events as those are where you each can share your memories, perhaps many unknown to all of you. I did not know him well, but do remember him. Jerry Hassler '61.

Jerry Hassler - January 29 at 03:07 PM



“ I believe Don, our sixteen year neighbor, was a God loving man of innumerable talents he used for the benefit of family, friend and stranger alike.

He was a lover of mankind and showered us all with his endless stories that brightened our days. He could do most anything and would kidingly seem peeved if we needed to fix something in the house requiring a repair man and we did not ask him instead.

To say he was a community leader grossly understates his contributions to Cherokee County and Canton. He used his many gifts for the benefit, in one way or another, of everyone living here.

How in the world do Michelle and I ever justify being loved and blessed by the extraordinary friendship of this beautiful man and his miracle bride, Lila?

Our sincere condolences to Lila and family.

Fred & Michelle Gabourie - January 29 at 01:56 PM



“ SiteOne Landscape Supply purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



SiteOne Landscape Supply - January 29 at 11:27 AM



“ Steven M. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



Steven M. - January 29 at 09:18 AM



“ Dearest Lila and family, may you find comfort in the fond memories of your life with Don and may you feel God's loving arms around you at this time. It is indeed a blessing to have called Don our friend and, oh, how we will miss him. He was pure joy! Love and condolences to you and your family. Brenda Tustian and Ron Henry

Brenda Tustian - January 29 at 12:24 AM



“ Don was such a sweet man. I first met him through his daughter Shari who was my best friend in high school. I almost didn't survive losing her. He & Lila were so kind to give me some things of hers & as the years passed & I moved away, when he saw my mom out he'd always ask about me & want to see pictures of the kids. We even talked on the phone a couple of times over the years. I have thought about the Stevens family so much over the last couple of days & my heart hurts for all of you!! There are just no words. Much love to all of you & prayers for comfort over the next weeks, months & years to come.
Love Stephanie Grimes Thomas

Stephanie - January 29 at 12:08 AM



“ Love, Cheryl Humber and Craig Thompson purchased the A Full Life for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



Love, Cheryl Humber and Craig Thompson - January 28 at 08:24 PM



“ Lila and family, We were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Stephanie heard about it and called me. She has always loved you and Don. She spent many wonderful times in your home with Sherry. They were such good friends!
We will never forget how sweet you and Don were to us when Nolan passed.

Don will truly be missed in the community and by all.
You and the family will be in our thoughts and prayers.
Our love, Edsel and Brenda Grimes Manous

Brenda Manous - January 28 at 07:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Frank "Don" Stevens.



January 28 at 06:36 PM



“ So sorry to hear of your family's loss.

David and Mandy Berryhill

Mandy Berryhill - January 28 at 06:28 PM



“ I'm so sad to hear of Don's passing. Lila and family I will keep you in my prayers. I delivered your mail several years and have fond memories.
Kathi

Kathi McDonald - January 28 at 06:16 PM



“ Dear Lila and Family,

We are so sad to hear about the passing of sweet Don. It is a huge loss for all of you as well as the community he generously supported with his wit, wisdom, time and talent. One thing for sure, Heaven not only got sweeter, but happier. Don always had a way to make all of us smile and laugh. We love you -- we will keep you in our thoughts as prayers.

Much Love, Rhonda & Mark Jacobson

Rhonda Jacobson - January 28 at 04:48 PM



“ It was always my pleasure and honor to talk with Don whether it was regarding the volunteer fire service or later on when we talked about the airport. Even though I haven't seen Don since I retired, his face always comes to mind when I think of the good ole days. Always smiling. My sincere condolences to his entire family.
Ossie DeLay

Albert DeLay, Jr. - January 28 at 01:14 PM



“ I first met Don, at age 5, while our parents were enrolling us in kindergarten at the Methodist Church on Avon Avenue in the Oakland City section of southwest Atlanta. Neither of our parents owned a car, so they took turns walking us to and from the church school each day. Our houses were a block apart and the church was located about a mile away. We instantly became best friends, attended the same schools, served as best man at each other's wedding, flew for the same airline, and treasured our friendship for almost 73 years. I was fortunate to have known Don and to have had him as a life-long friend. His family will continue to be a special part of my life.
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Ron Stowe - January 28 at 10:49 AM



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“ Don was a wonderful man and a great supporter of the community. Was supporter of Cherokee chapter of American Cancer society Cherokee Thanksgiving and so much more always had a friendly smile

Gayle Johnson - January 28 at 04:58 AM