



Donald Peter Quinn

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Donald Peter Quinn, Jr., 76, of Lewes, Delaware, formerly of Norwalk and Redding, CT, passed from this life after a brief illness into the comforting arms of his Creator on December 12, 2014.

Born in Bronx, NY, son of the late Donald P. Quinn, Sr. and Ann (Mangan) Quinn, Don graduated from Mt. St. Mary's University in 1961. He taught English in Norwalk, CT for 35 years. Don lived a life of service. His humble dedication to his students, the athletes he coached, the campers and priests of Camp Notre Dame, the Mount Alumni, St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, his family and God defined his purposeful life.

Don is survived by his wife Kay, and their seven children and their spouses, Gary and Caroline Quinn-Alger, Peter Quinn, Thomas and Sarah Quinn, Patricia and Paul Becotte, Roderick and Theresa Quinn, Tracey and Jeremiah Lee, and Donald and Mollie Quinn, III. His 25 grandchildren shared in the laughter of his humor. He was deeply loved by his sisters Ann Kathryn Burns and Maryelizabeth Horton.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 11:00 AM, at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be held on Friday, December 19, 2014, at 12:30 PM, at Don's beloved Mount Saint Mary's, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD.

Memorial contributions may be made in Don's memory to St. Vincent dePaul Society, St. Jude The Apostle, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign Don's guestbook located on this site.

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MM

Michael Monroe posted:

RIP Mr. Quinn. A fine man to look up too. Glad to have known him and have him as a role model in my youth.

March 9 at 8:00 PM

DW

Don Wilson posted:

To my buddy, DQ. I was one of Don's very good friends & was surprised today to learn of his passing. Much sympathy to Kay and his children. Don was a very kind and considerate person and will be sorely missed. God bless you, Don. May you rest in peace. I was fortunate to have known you and been a part of your life. DW

January 10 at 8:00 PM

PM

Patrick Mccarthy posted:

Rest in peace thanks for being such a great teacher.

December 25 at 8:00 PM

KA

Kathy posted:

Dear Kay & Family My Thoughts and Prayers are with you With Love Kathy

December 20 at 8:00 PM

PM

Pete Mastroianni posted:

So sorry to hear of Mr Quinn's passing. I have fond memories of Mr. Quinn at Norwalk High School. Also working at Camp Notre Dame in New Hampshire. Thank you Mr. Quinn for for the life lessons you taught me and to the Quinn family for making me feel as part of your family.

December 20 at 8:00 PM

BM

Ben Mierzejewski posted:

Sorry to hear of Don's passing I remember him as as inspiring English teacher, caring mentor, someone who positively impacted the lives of thousands of people of all ages. Don will be missed. Your family remains in our prayers.

December 18 at 8:00 PM



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JF

John Fiore posted:

What I remember about Don is that he always took the high road. I was proud to be his friend.

December 18 at 8:00 PM

KM

Karen Mitchell posted:

So sorry to hear about the loss of a wonderful teacher and wonderful man. he always had that beautiful smile on his face even if he was having a bad day. I am sure his buddy Don Foust will miss him dearly. they were partners in crime. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. May he rest in peace. Until we meet again.

December 18 at 8:00 PM

SA

Skip And Linda Adams posted:

Dear Kay and family, We send you our heartfelt condolences. We have such loving and special memories of Don from Norwalk High School and Camp Notre Dame. A true friend who started me coaching track at NHS. I will continue to honor his commitment to MS research as he did for me and others. I will think of him often and miss him dearly. God bless him. Love Skip and Linda

December 17 at 8:00 PM

M1

Maureen Sonntag, Nhs Class Of 1982 posted:

I was fortunate to have had Mr.Quinn for 2 periods my senior year at NHS. (English IV and Comedies of Shakespeare). I learned more and worked harder in those classes than any others! While studying Hardy's Return of the Native, I remember Mr. Quinn saying to those who weren't paying close attention he would test us on the footnotes. The footnotes at times were a half page long! He's the only teacher I ever had to test only on the footnotes. He also took the unusual step of writing congratulatory letters to the parents of student doing well in his classes. When asked about it, he said he was tired of writing only in the negative. I still have my brief note (2 sentences). It meant more than any other award received. -- "The rest is silence." (Hamlet)

December 17 at 8:00 PM

JU

Julie posted:

A teacher with a special gift. He taught me how to think, how to see beyond the obvious. He helped me to love learning. Thank you. I send my condolences to his family.

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DB

Deb Bidwell posted:

Sending loving thoughts and sincere condolences to the Quinn family. I have fond memories of Mr. Quinn in Redding and know he was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. Best, Deb Bidwell

December 17 at 8:00 PM

EC

Ellen Mangan Corcoran posted:

Even though we were cousins, I unfortunately, didn't have the opportunity to spend very much time with Donald Peter but I always admired his warm and welcoming spirit. The word that comes to mind when I think of Don is earnest. He was a good and honorable man. He was a kind and honorable man. Spirit

December 17 at 8:00 PM

LO

Lorraine posted:

Great Teacher among other things

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DB

Dale E Bigelow posted:

I am sorry to hear that Uncle Don has died. Hope u are all remembering the good times.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

HW

Heidi Waite posted:

Mr Quinn was one of my toughest but most loved teachers from NHS class of 84, as the mother of a 19 & 22 year old I wish they would of had him as a teacher. RIP and thank you. Heidi

December 16 at 8:00 PM

LN

Lisa Nuzzo posted:

Dr Quinn was probably one of the most loved and revered of teachers during my years at NHS. I feel blessed that I had the chance to study with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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ME

Melissa posted:

I am sorry for your loss. Mr. Quinn was one of my favorite teachers. I became a teacher because of inspirational teachers like him.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

SH

Susan Hannigan posted:

When he shall die
Take him and cut him out in little stars
And he will make the face of Heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun...
Shakespeare..R&J

December 16 at 8:00 PM

SH

Susan Hannigan posted:

Mr. Quinn was my favorite teacher at NHS.."74". I took his Shakespeare classes, ... He inspired me to learn. Mr. Quinn inspired me think way beyond what I thought I was capable of. He made me realize that I could be more than I thought was possible. And that, in itself is greatness.. Isn't that exactly what a teacher is supposed to glean from their students? He will always be remembered.... I am so fortunate to have had his inspiration in my life at a time I needed it most. ??
RIP..

December 16 at 8:00 PM

JR

Jim Romanello posted:

So glad we got to catch up last summer in Ocean city you were a great teammate hope we are on the same team in heaven rest in peace my friend

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PV

Paul Vieser posted:

May he rest in eternal piece with his maker..may God rest over all the Quinn during this difficult time.

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TP

Tara Perkins posted:

Thinking of your entire family and sending love, prayer and good thoughts. I am deeply sorry for your loss and sending sincere condolences. May you all find comfort in beautiful memories.
Peace, Tara Perkins

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MC

Mark Cotton posted:

Rest in peace and a life well lived. Your memory lives on eternal.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

HR

Heather Reed posted:

Our deepest condolences, Don. May memories of happier moments bring you and your family comfort at this difficult time.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

EM

Edmund W Mangan posted:

A fine man. He will be missed.ED

December 16 at 8:00 PM

KA

Karey posted:

May He rest in peace. I remember Mr Quinn when I cameo we to NHS from CCHS. He knew me before I even walked I the door!! He was a tough teacher and he always was fair! He asked me first thing how my volleyball or basketball game went and now I am coaching there! I remember his classroom! He taught me so much, in class and on the court! Thank you Mr. Quinn, I will always remember you!!!

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SC

Susan Byxbee Callahan posted:

Mr Quinn came into my life many years ago at Norwalk High School.....I was a senior in high school and my father had suddenly died one week before my senior year started. Mr. Quinn taught the Shakespeare course and I had signed up for . I am not sure he realized what I had been going through before that school year started for me due to the death of my father. Mr. Quinn was a bit younger than my Dad but he provided me with nurturing and love and guidance in his classroom that reminded me of my Dad. His teaching helped me realize that my father's love continued through others in this world . Mr. Quinn was a great teacher...God bless him and his family .

December 16 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tim Santolini posted:

Mr Quinn, my all time favorite teacher at Norwalk High School (Class of 1973)...A disciplined man, tough but fair, who absolutely knew his Shakespeare!! I appreciated the life lessons I learned from him. Rest in peace Mr Quinn...your job here on Earth is complete.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

JL

Joe Lee posted:

Mrs Quinn, Tracey, Rod, et-al;My deepest condolences...You all are in my thoughts & prayers.Joe

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CV

Charles & Sheila Vasil posted:

Our Condolences to all the Quinn Family.You are in our prayers.

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DS

Derek Sellers posted:

My condolences to the Quinn family. I am a former student from Norwalk High school. He was was a tough and caring teacher. He was even tougher on me because I was an athlete. I appreciate and remember all that he tried and has done for me in my life.

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LM

Larry Magerko posted:

I am HEARTBROKEN !! will miss you DEARLY !!May you rest in PEACE !!!

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BC

Bob Chuzas posted:

I just want to say rest in peace to an old boyhood friend. Although I haven't seen him in years, I'll never forget his red Plymouth conv. I still have the pictures that I took back in 1956. God Bless old buddy. I know you'll be missed.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

LA

Larry Arseniadis posted:

My sincere condolences to the entire Quinn family on the occasion of Don's passing. Don and Charlie Vadas were instrumental in getting me to go to Mt. St. Mary's in 1973. For this I will be eternally grateful. Please know that all of you and Don are in my prayers.

December 16 at 8:00 PM

LS

Leslie Smith posted:

My sincere sympathy to the family. I graduated from Norwalk High School in 1972. I remember Mr. Quinn as one of my all-time favorite teachers, and I always will. Wishing his loved ones peace at this sad time.

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MO

Moylan posted:

Rest in peace, my friend.

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KP

Katie Price posted:

My condolences, Mr. Quinn was such a good and generous person. We have so many memories of him growing up going to the Bay and spending time with the whole family. He will definitely be missed but we were lucky to know him!

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RS

Randolph Smirh posted:

Please don't cry for our departed friend,,for he is now resting in the arms of God, and the voices of the celestial choir of heaven . Yes we will miss him; yes I will miss seating next to him at daily mass , but mybprivilege of knowing Don will always be in my memory.My prayers and my sympathy goes out to you Kay and to all the members of your family in your loss .Randolph C. Smith

December 15 at 8:00 PM

RR

Rita Romano posted:

Kay and the Quinn Family, I am so sorry to here about the passing of Don. How Joe used to talk about their great times at St Basil's. He always stayed in touched with me after Joe's passing. They are now together remembering the days at St. Basil's. My prayers are with you at this difficult time. Love Rita Romano

December 15 at 8:00 PM

BL

Betty Lichtenberger posted:

Dear Kay,My love and sympathy to you and your family. I will pray for your comfort and peace.

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MJ

Mary Jarvis posted:

Don was bigger than life. He was proud of and adored his family.Don loved to be involved and was always ready to be of service. He spent his time on earth loving and serving and will be greatly missed by many.Eternal rest to Don and may God bless and comfort all those he loved.Love,Mary

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BO

Bonnie posted:

Dear Kay, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. love, Bonnie

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LD

Lynn Davis posted:

To The Quinn Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. We are so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Quinn was a wonderful man who did so much for so many. We hope you find comfort in the many memories that you hold. With love, Andrew, Lynn, Lauren & Spencer Davis

December 15 at 8:00 PM

AN

Annette posted:

I want to express my deepest sympathy to your family as well as friends at this difficult period in your life. The Bible hold out such a wonderful hope for our love ones we have lost in death. The scripture that has help me is 2 Corinthians 1:3 "Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort. 4 who comforts us in all our trials so that we may be able to comfort others in any sort of trial with the comfort that we receive from God." Please be assured that the Supreme One of the Universe wants to comfort and fortify you so you can endure this difficult time. Please visit our jw.org (Go to Bible teaching- Bible question Answered

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RF

Rick And Louise Follman posted:

Warmest sympathy to the entire family. Don will always be remembered as the life of the party, a gifted educator and a true friend. Our hearts are saddened by his loss. bbb

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VH

Veronica (Lee) Hershberger posted:

Dear Tracey and all the Quinns, Our deepest condolences on the passing of your Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Doug, Veronica, Emily and Rachel

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JM

Jim Mcquillan posted:

I was deeply saddened upon hearing of Don's passing. I will always remember all the good times we had together in Connecticut. My condolence and love go out to you Kay and your entire family. Love & prayers, Jim & Carole McQuillan

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OR

Orvin E. Reidel li posted:

Kay I am so sorry to hear the loss of your husband.Don will be sadly missed at Grotto's. Sincerely, Orvie

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DS

Dana L Seymour posted:

Mr Quinn will always be my favorite teacher I have ever had. He was tough and trust me made me very nervous but I learned from him to explain what u want and need that way there is no confusion. I am glad his family shared him with us during my years 1980 to 1984

December 14 at 8:00 PM

JH

Judi Housman posted:

I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

December 14 at 8:00 PM

LV

Leslie Voorhees posted:

Dear Aunt Kay and Cousins,I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Don. I'll always cherish the times we were together at the Camp and Thanksgiving, Ocean City and Lewes. Hugs and blessings to you all. Les

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RF

Ralph S. Hisle lii Family posted:

A good man! WeHave many fond memories of uncle Don and will miss him very much. His sharp wit, love of life and faithful heart lives on in his children and grandchildren.

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CM

Cindy Miller posted:

Trish, Paul and Family: You and your family are in our thoughts and prcayers during this difficult time. Love, Cindy & Bob Miller

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Gary Alger posted:

God be near to all in these difficult, yet still warm and love-filled, days. Gary

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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