



# Donald J. Boyle

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**F**LORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED BY 3 PM, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 TO PARSELL, LEWES.

Donald (Don) J. Boyle, age 79, of Millsboro, DE passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE.

Don was born in Philadelphia, PA, on April 26, 1940. He was proud to have served in the US Army for three years; two of which were in Germany. In addition, he was in the Army Reserves for two years following his tour. He retired from Delmarva Power & Light as a fleet mechanic. After retirement, Don drove for Dutton School Bus Service Inc. in Sussex County, as well as the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Transit (DRBA).

Don had a fantastic sense of humor and was often found laughing around the table with family and friends. He enjoyed traveling domestically and internationally with his wife, Rae. Don took delight in boating, owning many vessels through his life. He made wonderful memories volunteering on the USS Mohawk for many years. Don was an avid lover of live theatre, and an enthusiastic music fan. He often sat up late listening to Broadway hits and Irish music. Don was an active member at the AmVets Post 2, American Legion Post 28, Elks Lodge, and the Indian River Yacht Club. He enjoyed spending time with family and looked forward to the annual Boyle Open family reunions.

Don is survived by his wife Reidun (Rae) Nilsen-Boyle; his sister, Lillian Gardner; his children: Marie O'Donnell (John), Dorothy Boyle (Sally), Donald Jr. Boyle (Aggie), Kimberly Boyle (Donna), Laura Hodgson (John), Greg Painter, and Erik Painter; his daughter-in-law, Cheri Boyle; his grandchildren: Valerie Jefferson (Kevin), Danielle Johnson (Sean), Lauren O'Donnell, Victoria Boyle, Amanda Boyle, Alana Boyle, Ryan Boyle, Justin Hodgson, Sarah Hodgson, Hunter



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Hodgson and John Hodgson; and his great grandchildren: Kevin, Aiden, Riley, Michael, Thomas, and Liliana.

Don is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Lillian Boyle; his brother, Howard; his sisters, Joan and Karolyn; and his son, James.

A Celebration of Mr. Boyle's Life will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 11:00 AM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Entombment with Military honors will be held following services at the Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Millsboro, DE at 1:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, Don's family suggest a donation to either of the following in his memory:

AI DuPont Hospital for Children  
1600 Rockland Road  
Wilmington, DE 19803

Brandywine Valley SPCA, Georgetown  
22918 DuPont Boulevard  
Georgetown, DE 19947

American Legion Unit 28 (women's auxiliary)  
31768 Legion Road  
Millsboro, DE 19966

Please sign Don's online guest book located on this site.



# Events

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## Visitation

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 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



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GN

**Glenn D Naevestad** posted:

We were so sad to hear of Don's passing. He was a great husband, a funny guy and a second dad to Laura, Greg and Erik. We went out in the harbor on one of his boats and his grin and smile is what guided the boat. He was in his true element. We will miss him Reidun. All our love Glenn and Jinny.

September 24 at 5:55 PM

VG

**Vic Guempel** posted:

Rae and family, So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I truly enjoyed working with Don at the DRBA for 10 years. I'm sure he'll be missed by all whose lives he touched. Rest in Peace my friend...

September 17 at 12:17 PM

JF

**Jeff And Nancy Flanagan** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Boyle family.



September 7 at 11:23 AM

RS

**Ray Smith** posted:

Sorry to read the loss of a friend I worked as a bus driver at Cape May Lewes Ferry. Will miss your smile and laughter.,

August 21 at 5:34 PM

MN

**Michael Norce** posted:

My deepest sympathy to the your family on Don's passing. Michael Norce

August 12 at 1:29 PM

PM

**Patricia Meade** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a wonderful man! Trisha Meade

August 6 at 12:43 PM



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**Jack Marsett** posted:

So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a true lover of life and fun.

August 3 at 8:29 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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