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Donald T. Burton, Never Met a Stranger

Don Burton, 91, a lifelong resident of Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 9, 2022, surrounded by his immediate family after a recent illness.

Don was born on Market Street in Lewes, graduated from Rehoboth High School, served in the United States Air Force, was a decorated Korean War Veteran, and a Master Bricklayer, owning Donald Burton Masonry for 40+ years. Don's bricklaying craftsmanship can be seen all over Sussex County, Delaware. He was a loyal Lewes Lions Club Member, named in 1998 with the Melvin Jones Fellow Award, the highest form of recognition for his many years of dedication and commitment in making the world a better place thru humanitarian service. He was also a faithful member of the Lewes Presbyterian Church. Don never met a stranger. Always smiling and approachable, sharing a story or an ear. He loved people, loved Rehoboth and Lewes, and loved this coastal community. It's hard to know just how many lives Don touched. He was an amazing husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, friend, and coach. As a devoted Lewes Little League coach for 15+ years in the 60s and 70s, Don thought of each of his players as his own. He loved the Lewes Dairy Queen and sitting on Lewes Beach eating his DQ ice cream, admiring the bay view. Don had a passion for sports, especially baseball, golf, and football - a huge Phillies and Eagles fan who enjoyed being a wingman on the drive to the games - and what a year it has been for Philadelphia! He was an avid golfer and enjoyed his golf Sundays. Don played the lottery daily and loved hanging with his coffee buddies at the Lewes Daily Market, where he was dubbed "Dollar Don". He always had a prolific green thumb and was an avid gardener who enjoyed sharing his harvest. Above all, Don Burton was kind, humble, and generous, especially with his time.

Don was predeceased by his parents, Robert C. and Ethel Burton; his eldest brother, Robert "Bob" Burton; and his granddaughter, Kristen Conlin. He is survived by his loving wife of 67 years, Jackie; his children: Donnie (Marye), Marilou Conlin (Brian), Steve (Tracey), and Tracy Zigman



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(Tony); his grandchildren: Katie Conlin (Jesse), Matt Conlin, CJ Burton (Tommy), Elise Conlin, Hannah Conrad (Zac), Isabella “Izzy” Zigman; and his siblings: Bill (Pat), Wayne (MaryAnn), and Carol Wilson; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Home & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

All who cannot attend in person are invited to join the services via live streaming by visiting the following link: <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/10791532/LTWebcast>.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Don’s memory to the Lewes Little League Youth Organization at www.leweslittleleague.com.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 8:30 AM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



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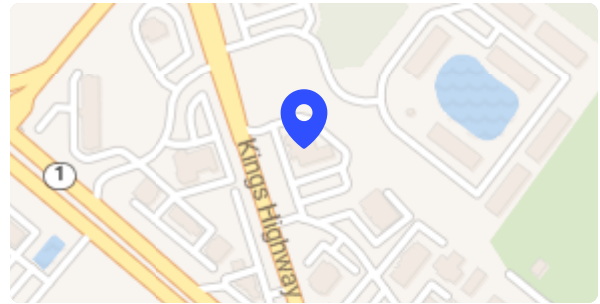
Visitation

 **Monday**, December 19, 2022

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-
Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



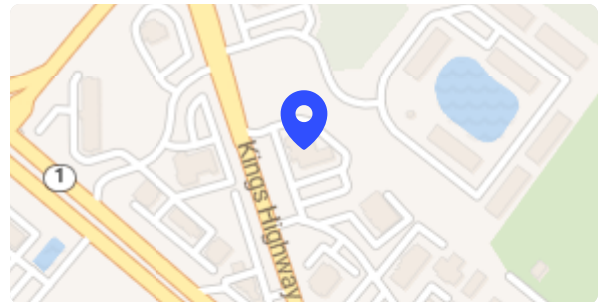
Memorial Service

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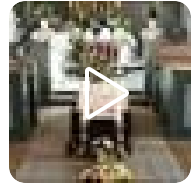


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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Webcast Video**.



December 12 at 12:46 PM



Kent Price posted:

Don, better known as Mr. Burton, Mr. Don, touched so many of us that played under him as a baseball coach in Lewes Little League. He was such an inspiration. He made you constantly want to work harder, do a better job for your teammates, trust, respect, play fair and hard against your opponent. Everyone and anyone I ever knew had nothing but the most admirable and kind things to say about Don. I know I was truly blessed to be able to play under Don. I learned so much about how to live my life through how Don led us. My heartfelt condolences to all of the Burton family.

December 19 at 8:41 PM



Donald L Messick posted:

So sorry to hear of Don's passing, I never ran into Don that he didn't ask about my older brothers. They also went to RHS with Don and his close friends. Perhaps they will meet and discuss ice cream or sodas at Snyders. Thinking of you Jackie, Bill, Wayne. Don and Sue Messick

December 17 at 11:12 AM



Mary Lou & Wayne Warren lit a candle in honor of Donald.

Mr. Burton was a true Lewes icon. He dedicated many years to the youth in Lewes. Wayne warmly remembers all the Little League coaches & the impact they had on kids all those years ago. He was a kind & caring man with an infectious smile. Sending our thoughts, prayers & hugs to all of you. Mary Lou & Wayne Warren



December 16 at 8:20 PM



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DZ

Dineen & George Zimmer posted:

Jackie and family, our sincere condolences. As your neighbors we only knew Don for a short time but always looked forward to his smiling face and wit when we saw him. I know that George will greatly miss his friendship and companionship that they shared during their walks or just sitting in the sunshine chatting about life. Keep your memories close to your heart and hope that it brings warmth and a smile to lessen your sadness. Dineen and George Zimmer

December 16 at 5:46 AM

RS

Reagan Soots posted:

As one of the many lucky ones to have been blessed with Don's grace, I am deeply sorry for his passing. I vividly remember him coaching me in little league. What a great motivator. I absolutely loved tagging along with him and my dad as they played golf with the likes of Phil Cunningham, Harry Faust and many other crazy characters. My generation had the best role models in which Don was at the top of the list. What a great man that I know will be sadly missed. Reggie Soots.

December 16 at 4:34 AM

JB

Jane Robin Burton Bruins posted:

Family, Faith, Community - your contributions have been great and duly noted Cousin... a job well done. Love Always Jane Robin

December 15 at 3:23 PM

TB

Troy Brittingham posted:

RIP- Mr Burton. I admired/ Respect you, SO MUCH..You have " impacted" many lives, You will Be dearly missed..Condolences to the Family

December 15 at 2:56 PM

JC

Joseph P Colantuono posted:

Prayers for Mr Burton and the family, may he rest assured his memory is eternal. Joseph and Hirdi Colantuono

December 15 at 2:02 PM



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James L. Ford posted:

We always enjoyed his company and talking with him, particularly about the Phillies. We all feel a piece of us gone with his passing, and can learn a lot when reflecting on his treatment of fellow mankind. Thanks Don. Jim and Teresa Ford

December 15 at 10:48 AM



Russell Small posted:

Mrs. Burton, Steve, Marylou, Donnie and Tracy: So sorry for your loss. Don left the world better than he found it. I, like many of us that grew up in Lewes benefited immensely being in his orbit. The battles on the Lewes Little League field, all stars, playing golf with him and my Dad even shooting the breeze at the Daily Market. He was a kind man. I am sorry that i wont be there Monday, but my heart will.I know he is in a better place now. Mr. Burton, say hi to Ginny and Frank for me.Russell

December 15 at 9:23 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Burton family.



December 15 at 5:32 AM



Love Barb & Jon Roese sent a Serene Retreat to the Burton family.



December 15 at 4:50 AM



Barry Walls posted:

Don Sr. was a hard working man and great Mason. I was proud to know him. Barry Walls

December 14 at 5:21 AM

DB **Donald Burton** December 31 at 7:53 AM
Thanks Barry



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AI **April & Donnie Irelan** December 19 at 4:42 PM
Jackie & family, So sorry for your loss, Don was always very personable and friendly. He always spoke when he saw me. Sorry we couldn't attend the service today but we have been sick and felt we should not attend. You were certainly in our thoughts and prayers. Love April & Donnie

NO **Natasha Ortega** December 19 at 10:31 AM
So sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace and forever in your hearts. Keeping you all in my prayers, Natasha Ortega

JJ **Jim Joseph** December 16 at 12:57 AM
A long time and valued friend. We all will miss him.

DR **Diana Riley** December 15 at 6:28 AM
Jackie & family, My sincerest & heartfelt thoughts are with you all on the passing of Don. Cherish your every memory & wonderful moment you shared & lived with him. I think of him often as I admire our beautiful fireplace & brick front on our home - he truly lives all around this area but never more than in your lives & always give thanks for those wonderful memories. God Bless you all & hold you tight. In Christian Love, Diana Riley



Memories only last if you share them

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



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