



Donald Joseph Griesbaum

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Donald Joseph Griesbaum of Lewes, DE, passed away on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the age of 93. After several months of declining health, Donald passed away peacefully under hospice care with his beloved wife, Shirley and their three children by his side.

Don was born in Pittsburgh, PA on December 29, 1929, to parents Joseph and Eleanor. The seventh of nine children, he did not have the opportunity for a formal education. Don helped provide for his family at a very early age, working odd jobs to pass along his wages to his mother. His work ethic, giving heart, and patriotic spirit led him to serving in the United States Army in 1951 and 1952. He was stationed in Fort Meade prior to deployment to Korea and served as a combat soldier on the front lines.

After his return from Korea, Don had a new year's date that would be the beginning of a nearly 70 year-long relationship with Shirley Fisher, who became his wife in 1956. They spent their early years of marriage in Levittown, PA and eventually moved to Newtown, PA to raise their family. Don spent most of his working years as a United States Steelworker. He loved keeping up the family's four-story Victorian home in Newtown and supporting his children in their love of sports and childhood passions. Don and Shirley moved to Lewes, DE in 1997. He continued to enjoy golf and the beach community with his family. Don was a loyal baseball fan watching the Phillies up to his final days. He was generous to a fault, with all but his favorite peanut candies.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by 5 brothers and 3 sisters. He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley Joanne Griesbaum; his children: Tara Norton, Todd Griesbaum (Tina) and Tracey Griesbaum (Jane Meyer); his grandchildren: Ashlea Anderson (David), Lynsey Kayal (Neil), Liam Norton, and Addison Griesbaum (Cory Kennedy); his great-grandchildren: Aspen and Ace Anderson, Kai Meadows, and Zayne Kayal; his sister-in-law, Laurine Kornetti and her family; and A. Joseph Norton.



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A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 10:00 AM. A chapel committal with military honors will follow the service at 1:00 PM, at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE.

People wishing to honor Donald's lifelong commitment to family, friends and country can make donations to Delaware Commission of Veteran's Affairs, 802 Silver Lake Boulevard, Robbins Building Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904, or Compassionate Care Hospice, 405 East Marsh Lane, Newport, DE 19804.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2023, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.




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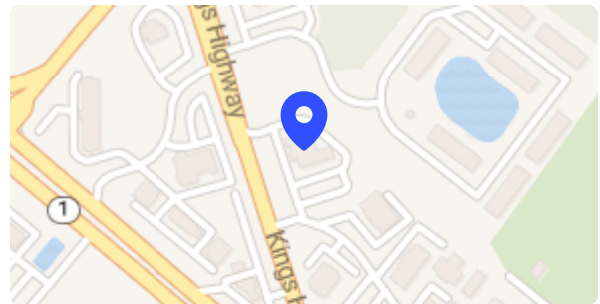
Visitation

 **Friday**, June 23, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET


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


16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



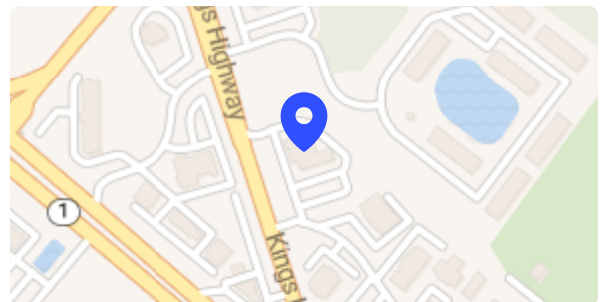
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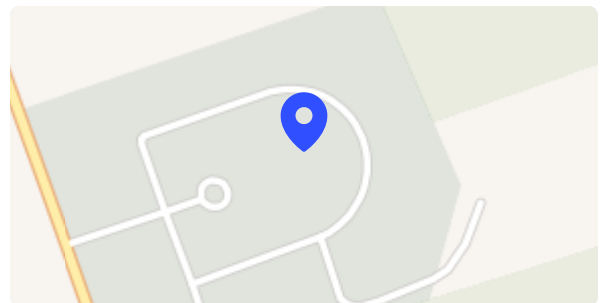
Chapel Committal with Military Honors

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 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**

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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Griesbaum family.



June 22 at 11:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Griesbaum family.



June 21 at 5:30 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donald.



June 21 at 5:30 AM



Faye Thompson posted:

Don was a uniquely wonderful friend to me. I cherished his warmth, his wisdom, his welcomes, his sense of humor, his generosity, his quiet, comforting presence. It was my privilege to share time with him on many occasions through the years, especially in his home at 5 Inlet, where he was famous for listening attentively, then chiming in to a conversation with just a few words that hit the nail on the head. I understood that Don weathered significant hardships during his life. He did so quietly, in understated manner, without complaint. He was a gentle soul, for whom I had enormous respect. Already, I miss him dearly. My heart goes out to Shirley. Any who wish to witness a model of loyal, loving, real, rock solid partnership need look no further than the one shared by Donald and Shirley Griesbaum. It's hard to picture her, without him. My sincere condolences to all of Don's family, and my sincere appreciation for sharing him with me.

June 16 at 7:14 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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