



Donald Edward Jacobs

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Don was born in Mineola New York on March 7th, 1940 to Larry Jacobs (A reporter for the Washington Post) and Margaret M. Jacobs (A homemaker).

When Don was six his parents divorced, and his mother took him and his older brother Tom to California where she had grown up. The three of them lived in a little house in West Los Angeles. When Don was 12, they moved to Culver City where Don went to junior and senior high school. In the 11th grade Don, who was convinced he was a great artist, was told he should go to college and find a more dependable career. He applied to the US Naval Academy where his brother had just graduated from. Fortunately, he was accepted into the Class of 1963. Don struggled his way through his junior year before he finally learned how to effectively study. His senior year grades were very good.

After graduating, Don went into flying only to find out that he was very uncomfortable doing that and quit the program. He was assigned to an amphibious landing ship in San Diego. He later transferred to a destroyer there and river boats in So. Vietnam. In 1968 Don left active duty with the Navy. He later retired as a Commander in the USN reserves. In late 1968 he went to work at the Central Intelligence Agency in No. Virginia. Initially he was involved in special operations, a carryover from his Vietnam experiences. Fortunately for him a senior officer put him in contact with a new technical program office who hired him. The program was the building and operation of the ship "Glomar Explorer" that was designed to pick up a sunken Soviet submarine in the Pacific Ocean that the US Navy had located. The operation in 1974 was successful. During this time, he met Charlotte Still who also worked at the Agency. In 1973 they were married.

After the Glomar Explorer Program Don worked in the Agency's Directorate of Science and Technology first on the Director's staff then in three offices involved in signals intelligence (SIGINT) collection.

In 1995 he followed his dream and retired the day he turned 55. He and Charlotte had both advanced into the senior officer levels by this time. They moved to the La Jolla neighborhood of San Diego.



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For 7 years they took care of Don's mother and aunt who lived nearby in Pacific Beach. The ladies both died and after 18 years on the West Coast Don and Charlotte moved to Rehoboth Beach Delaware where they built a cozy one level house. Since then, Don has spent his time largely doing portraits as a hobby. Charlotte is a volunteer at their church and in a couple of community activities.

From his perspective Don believes he has had a wonderful life thanks to God and Charlotte. His spirit of service, artistic talent, and warm presence will be deeply missed but fondly remembered by all who knew him. May his legacy of love and dedication continue to inspire us.

Don is survived by his wife of 51 years, Charlotte Jacobs; a brother (Tom), and a sister (Anne) both living in Hawaii; a sister (Mary) in California; a brother-in-law (John Still) and sister-in-law (Sandra Jofre) in Naples, Italy; a sister-in-law (Sharon) in Dover, DE; and nieces and nephews from the Atlantic to the Pacific!

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, <https://www.usna.com/give> in Annapolis MD, or to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 301 King Charles Ave. Rehoboth Beach De. 19971.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 3:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends and family may visit beginning at 2:00 PM.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11531291/LTWebcast> .

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3:00 PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Events

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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, November 20, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET

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



October 7 at 12:06 PM



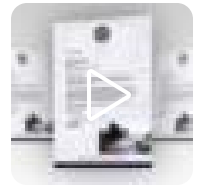
Lynne C Tobin posted:

So sorry that this week we are just learning of Don's passing. What a wonderful and talented man - and a great friend. We loved being part of his and Char's life and adventures. (Lynne and Toby)

December 3 at 6:00 AM



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared an album called **Memories Album**.



November 20 at 12:19 PM



David Lutes posted:

He was a great guy and a great roommate at USNA. We had good times together and I send my sympathy and congratulations to all of you.

November 20 at 10:47 AM



George H. planted a grove of 10 Memorial Trees in honor of Donald.



November 19 at 9:20 PM



Anne Harrison And Mary Simon sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Jacobs family.



November 16 at 8:12 AM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donald.



November 15 at 11:56 AM



Anonymous sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Jacobs family.



November 15 at 11:56 AM



Jim Ring sent a virtual gift in honor of Donald.

Met Don a week before we entered the Academy. He lived in another area from me during the time there, so I didn't see him much. Didn't connect after graduation, in approximately 2015, he moved to Rehoboth Beach, where we were living. We got together for lunch from time to time. He lived hid sports car. My condolences for the loss of Don. He was one of the good guys, who did a lot for this country. NON SIBI SED PATRIA!



October 17 at 11:55 AM



Thomas Taylor posted:

His 1963 classmates in the 22nd Company at the U.S.Naval Academy send our condolences to the family. Don will be remembered for his good nature, care and respect for others, and his positive attitude. Rest in peace, Classmate.Capt. Thomas Taylor, USN, Ret.

October 10 at 2:29 PM



Bonnie Spencer lit a candle in honor of Donald.



October 9 at 6:15 PM



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Anne Harrison lit a candle in honor of Donald.

October 7 at 9:00 PM





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SH

Sandra And Bill Hrin lit a candle in honor of Donald.



October 7 at 8:25 AM

JH

Judy Herr November 20 at 1:39 PM

Quiet and soft spoken, Don appreciated and loved his family and remembered all of us at Christmas with notes on his cards. We knew he cared about us in his manner and sense of playfulness and humor. Judy Herr (cousin)

MS

Mary Simon November 20 at 8:27 AM

So many memories....beginning with Don's time at the academy and my crush as a 4 year old on his friend Mike Rubel. His convertible and parties at our home in Arlington with classmates. Don and Charlotte taking me in as a wayward teen when my mom couldn't deal with me (and it worked, I turned out ok!), Don walking me down the aisle after our dad passed away. Love you Don, rest in peace.

DL

David Lutes November 19 at 8:22 AM

Don and I were roommates at USNA. He was a great guy and we studied together and celebrated life. I remember him well and will miss him.

AG

Alan Gross November 15 at 5:30 PM

Don and I met in 1965 while serving on a Navy destroyer ultimately home ported in San Diego. We formed a bond enduring the fun and hardships facing many Navy officers during the Vietnam War era. Our adventures ashore in San Diego usually included Coors beer and Mexican food. Periodically we would drive to Culver City to visit his mom and feast on her Tamale Pie dish, which was delicious. When our ship deployed to the Western Pacific and Vietnam one of our Japanese port visits allowed us time to travel to Tokyo. As we walked down a main street many natives turned and pointed at the blonde haired tall American and his shorter partner! When he left active duty, we met up again in Washington, DC and found the loves of our lives, and served as each Best Man during our weddings. The stories I could tell are many and although we drifted apart later in life as a result of our work and life journeys, I cherished our friendship with its many fond memories. Rest in peace my friend with fair winds and following seas. Alan Gross, CAPT, SC, USN (Ret.)

AH

Anne Harrison October 7 at 8:58 PM

My sweet big brother, Don. My sister Mary and I visited him often as little girls with our parents at the Naval Academy in the 1960's. Don was always so gentle and warm with us. In later years as an adult when I lived in Hawaii and he and Charlotte were still on the east coast, he would call often. If he needed to leave me a voicemail, he'd say "Hi Anne, this is your brother, Don" and he never failed to end our chats with "I love you, sweetheart." Such a wonderful man with an incredibly loving heart. I will miss him so much!



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John Bohnel October 7 at 6:30 PM

My 2nd cousin. My fondest memory of Don, and his brother Tom, was when they parked their brand new early 1960's Corvette Stingray in my parent's garage (Cleveland Ohio) when I was about 11 or 12 years old....about 1963. They were en route from Annapolis (the Naval Academy) to San Diego, California, and their deep water adventures in the Pacific. Unfortunately, it was over 40 years until we got together again. RIP Don.



Sandra And Bill Hrin October 7 at 8:39 AM

We often saw Don sitting in his car at the end of Philadelphia St. With the windows down enjoying the breeze, having a brew and watching the ocean. He was in relaxation mode. Don was a big man in many ways. He will be missed. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Charlotte and family.



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

October 7 at 12:06 PM



TM **Tabitha Masten** November 21 at 3:58 PM
Beautiful ceremony! Love you, Aunt Charlotte xo

AH **Anne Harrison** November 20 at 9:40 PM
Love you forever, my brother. ❤️

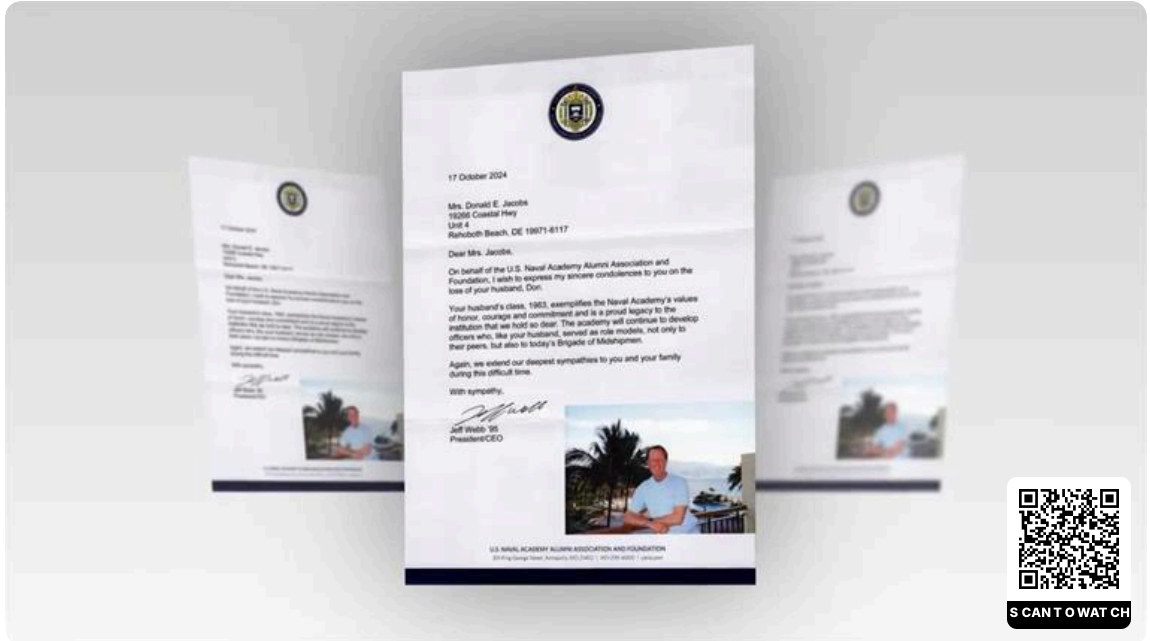
JS **John Still** November 20 at 5:47 PM
Beautiful

AG **Alan Gross** November 20 at 4:53 PM
Go in peace my friend, Alan & Susan Gross



Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a video to the Memories Album album.

November 20 at 12:19 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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