



Donald "Donnie" L. Warner

April 21, 1946 - December 10, 2021

Donald "Donnie" L. Warner, age 75 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Friday, December 10, 2021, at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes, DE. He was born on April 21, 1946, in Summit, NJ, son of the late Lauren and Ruth (Gardinier) Warner.

Donnie honorably served his country in the U.S. Air Force for four years as an aircraft maintenance specialist. He embarked on a lifelong career at the Playtex Corp. in Dover, DE retiring after more than 30 years. Donnie was an avid and talented shooter and could often be found practicing his skills at Shooters Choice in Dover, DE. He was a member of Old Paths Church of Christ, in Georgetown, DE, where he was active in their men's group, bible studies, and enjoyed fellowship. Donnie loved taking road trips with his wife and going on church retreats around the Mid-Atlantic area. He also enjoyed watching drag racing, riding bikes, walking around Cape Henlopen State Park, and kayaking with his family. Donnie had a kind and gentle spirit and was always looking for opportunities to help his community. Most of all, Donnie was loving and devoted to his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Donnie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Doris Warner. He is survived by his son, Richard D. Wix, Jr. of Smyrna, DE; his daughter, Stephanie A. Pusey and her husband Dean of Ocean View, DE; his sister, Doris Innes and her husband Richard of Wall Township, NJ; his grandchildren: Alexis Swanson and her husband Jesse of Ocean View, DE, Chelsea Wix, David Wix, and Brooke Wix, all of Smyrna, DE, Kayte Plitko and her husband Rob of Frankford, DE, Shelby Goldstein and her husband Josh of Ocean View, DE, and Chris Pusey and his wife Dasha of Ocean View, DE; his nieces: Kimberly Carletta of River Vale, NJ and Kristin Garafalo and her husband Joseph of Jackson, NJ; and his great-niece, Gemma Garafalo.

Donnie & Doris were a team, and after 21 loving years together, it is fitting they will be laid to rest together following a joint service.

A viewing for Donnie and Doris will be held at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958, on Monday, December 20,

2021, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and again on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 11:00 AM, at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, Lewes.

Interment with Military Honors will follow the services at 1:00 PM at Delaware Veterans Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, masks are required, and social distancing must be observed by all persons attending or participating in any aspect of the services.

All whom cannot attend funeral services in person are invited view the livestream by visiting: <http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/10269460/LTWebcast>

Memorial contributions may be made in Donnie's memory to the Beebe Medical Foundation, 902 Savannah Rd, Lewes, DE 19958 or the Old Paths Church of Christ, 18295 Redden Rd, Georgetown, DE 19947.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Previous Events

Flowers

DEC 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

First Viewing

DEC 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
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Second Viewing

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Funeral Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel
16961 Kings Highway
Lewes, DE 19958

Interment with Military Honors

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Cemetery
26669 Patriots Way
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Doris & Donnie were such a wonderful addition to our church family...they brought so much joy with their caring & fun spirits...they LOVED people! I can still hear Doris' laugh...it was infectious....Doris loved children especially...and they loved her...so many many precious memories of spending time with them...we have kayaked together....been on mission trips together...serving the Lord together has been a wonderful experience. One mission trip in particular we were in Louisiana a year after Katrina had brought so much devastation...they both worked so hard for the kingdom of God...Doris helping in the kitchen and making us laugh and Donnie working so hard with the other men out in the field. While we were there we celebrated Donnie's 60th birthday at the church that hosted us...such a kind gentle soul. My husband spent time with Donnie on men's retreats...one in particular he speaks of all the time...where Donnie marveled at how my husband had a deer eating from his hand right outside the lodge... soon Donnie was able to feed the deer from his hand...he was like a child - so excited...he loved God's beauty of nature; hence his love for kayaking...both loved our Lord...the most precious memory of all...so blessed God put them in our lives.*

We will be keeping their family and friends and others they have touched in our prayers as they grieve the loss of this precious couple...

Cyndy White - December 21, 2021 at 10:41 AM

JW

“ I have known Doris and Donnie since the late 90's before they were married, and before they were even Christians. It is impossible to quantify the affect that their ministry has had on dozens of people including me. It has been an honor to know them and see them live their lives walking with Christ day by day, and I look forward to the time where we will be reunited together in that heavenly gathering.

What has been most impactful to me has been Doris' unceasing joy and positive nature about life. Her laughter is infectious and she had the unique ability to make people smile. What was most special about Donnie is how he recalls his relationship with Jesus. He was brought to tears each time he spoke, and he spoke often, about that amazing Grace that rescued him. He embodied the Jesus' teaching to approach the kingdom of God with a child-like faith, and inspired others to do so as well.

Another thing that I loved about Donnie and Doris was their ability to connect to people. They found friends wherever they went, and were a friend to many. They also had this ability to befriend children, teens and young adults. They have been a great encouragement to many generations.

While my heart breaks for the friends I will not longer see, I know this pain is a temporary one as we have a promise that has conquered the grave and has neutralized the sting of death. They have transitioned to immortality in the arms of their Creator.

The Williams' are praying for the family and large group of friends during this time.

In Christ,
John Williams

John Williams - December 21, 2021 at 09:09 AM

MA

“ Donnie was a very nice person and I enjoyed working with him at Playtex. I was glad when he met the women of his dreams and retired and moved down to the beach.

mary - December 18, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald "Donnie" L. Warner.



December 16, 2021 at 08:23 PM

BC

“ My husband and I met Don and Doris at Two Dips in Lewes. They were so happy together and both were always smiling and it was a pleasure to know them. We all could talk for hours and never ran out of a topic. They were both devoted to God and their church and it was a pleasure knowing them. They will be so missed but they will be together in heaven. Pat and Bruce Clark

Bruce and Pat Clark - December 15, 2021 at 09:15 PM

 Violet Bauer

“ We worked together at Playtex for many years A great friend always smiling. His Wife was his forever partner. We would see them at Rehoboth bandstand. Their dream was to move to Lewes and they made it happen. Violet Baurt



Violet Bauer - December 14, 2021 at 10:56 AM

LK

“ Donnie was such a kind,gentle soul! In all of my years of knowing him he always was smiling and fun loving! Loved the Lord and he served him well! He will be missed and he was loved by all that knew him. May be rest in peace with Doris.

Lisa Kline - December 13, 2021 at 03:46 PM

JW

“ A true gentleman and friend...will be greatly missed... Love, Judy and Norm

judy woods - December 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM