



Donald Louis Behrmann

July 25, 1933 - September 11, 2015

DONALD LOUIS BEHRMANN, age 82, of Gainesville, Virginia died Friday, September 11, 2015.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Claire Holloway Behrmann; his children, Michael (Donna) of Fredericksburg, Virginia, John (Liz) of Spotsylvania, Virginia, Matthew of Albany, New York and Maura (Gary) of Albany, New York; his step-children, Patrick Tewell (Mary) of Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Elizabeth Ann Jensen (Carlos) of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina and Michelle Poole (Jay) of Chesterfield, Virginia; 27 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, several brothers-in-law including Rev. Jim Holloway of St. Simmons Island, Georgia and several sisters-in-law. Don was preceded in death by his parents, Emma and Louis Behrmann, his previous wife, Margaret (McGrath) Behrmann and one granddaughter, Sarah Behrmann.

Don was a devout Catholic whose faith supported him throughout his entire life. He taught CCD for many years. After his retirement, Don worked for Catholic Distance University.

Don was an Alumnus of Notre Dame University where he received an academic scholarship and graduated with an Architectural degree.

Don worked at the Pentagon for many years with the Department of Army and received many outstanding awards including the Order of the White Plume for

his dedicated service to the military.

He was an avid fisherman, and loved fly fishing. He also played handball twice a week at the Pentagon POAC with the marines.

Don was loved by many for his kind and gentle wisdom and will be greatly missed and loved by all his family and friends.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 from 5-8 PM where there will be a Rosary Service at 7:30 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at Columbia Gardens Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Respect Life Ministries at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA 20155 or Catholic Distance University, Hamilton, VA.

Cemetery Details

Columbia Gardens Cemetery

3411 Arlington Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **16**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Coming to this way too late, but Mr. Behrmann was much loved and respected by the Reynolds family. Deepest condolences and best wishes to you all. Kevin Reynolds*

Kevin P. Reynolds - March 24, 2020 at 09:19 AM

MM

“ *Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad its been a long wait to finally be reunited!!!! Love and miss you both so much. Maura*

Maura Miller - January 26, 2016 at 10:12 AM

CG

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Cathy Graves - September 16, 2015 at 09:42 PM

RH

“What a wonderful example Don has given us. I had the honor years back of burying Don's mom in New Jersey. and I so wish that I could be there with you, Claire, but I'm substituting as Pastor down here at the local church till next week, as the Pastor is in Ireland. Claire, your selfless dedication to Don both in season and out of season were generous gifts that came not merely from tired hands of an attentive nurse but more so, they came from a not-so-tired heart of a devoted wife.

I'll never forget that grin that Don had. Even when his body was not really cooperating with his spirit, to me he'd have humorous outlook on it all.

The two of us hit it off so well over the years, partly because both of us were such proud conservative citizens of a great country. (That's "country" we loved, not necessarily "government.")

His dedication to his Catholic faith is the one thing, I am sure, he would want us all to emulate and follow in his steps.

It will be easy for me to celebrate Masses and to offer prayers for Don. May our Lord who met him in life, now meet him in his new life, and take him home to the Kingdom of Joy and Peace. Don, may the angels lead you to Paradise.

Rev Jim Holloway, St Simons Island, GA

Rev Jim Holloway - September 16, 2015 at 03:19 PM



“A Full Life was purchased for the family of Donald Louis Behrmann.



September 15, 2015 at 10:23 PM

HF

“ *Helen Alscher and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald Louis Behrmann.*



Helen Alscher and family - September 15, 2015 at 09:39 PM

HA

“ *So many memories of Claire encouraging, helping, and loving Don through it all! Thank you Claire for that! By always being there for Don, you gave us good example. I hope to emulate that wonderful trait. Your younger sister, Helen*

helen alscher - September 15, 2015 at 09:09 PM

HA

“ *Best memory was while we were staying at the beach house for the celebration of Beth's wedding. I suck out of my bed, went out on the veranda, and into the room of Claire and Don where they were sleeping. After getting Claire out of the bed, I got in. I tapped Don on the shoulder to wake him. He turned over thinking Claire was there and gave him a big surprise. We all had a great laugh.*

helen alscher - September 15, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald Louis Behrmann.*



September 15, 2015 at 08:56 PM

JM

“ Jennifer, Margaret, & Elizabeth McGrath purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald Louis Behrmann.



Jennifer, Margaret, & Elizabeth McGrath - September 15, 2015 at 12:28 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Louis Behrmann.



September 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM

KW

“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Kerry Wilkie - September 14, 2015 at 06:57 PM

KW

A true Family man! We will miss you Uncle Don!

Kerry Wilkie - September 14, 2015 at 06:58 PM

LB

*Good Job Kerry...That was a Great party! ... Missing you so much Dad.
Loving you more!! John & Liz et all*

Liz Behrmann - September 15, 2015 at 05:52 AM

AM

Lots of wonderful memories to keep you in our thoughts always!

Ann McGrath

Ann McGrath - September 15, 2015 at 07:46 PM