



Donald Graham Costello

May 31, 1942 - July 21, 2017

Donald Graham Costello, age 75 of Manassas, VA died on July 21, 2017 at Novant Health Haymarket Medical Center.

He was born on May 31, 1942 in Leesburg, VA, son of the late Herman and Katherine Newton Costello. He founded Century Stair Company in Haymarket, VA in 1976.

He is survived by his daughters Sara Costello of Woodbridge, VA and Cindy Ketron and husband Phillip of Manassas, VA ; his grandchildren Michael Rally of Woodstock, VA and Christy Warren and husband R. J. Warren of Richmond, VA and on great grandchild Richard Warren, III.

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA. On Thursday, July 27, 2017 from 5-8 PM where funeral services will be held on Friday, July 28, 2017 at 10:00 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers the family ask that contributions be made to the American Heart Association or SPCA of Northern Virginia.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **27.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
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Service

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Tribute Wall

SC

“ *(This is the full obituary that ran in the Washington Post)*
DONALD GRAHAM COSTELLO was born on May 31, 1942, in Leesburg, Virginia, the second son of W. Herman and Katherine (Newton) Costello. He died on July 21, 2017 in Haymarket, Virginia from injuries sustained in a fall. He was predeceased by his parents; brother, Ronald Costello and uncle, Dale Lee Newton. His marriages to Pat Kirby, Claudia Martin, Dolly Schaeffer and Carla Cook ended in divorce. He is survived by two daughters, Cindy Ketron (Phillip), Manassas, Virginia and Sara Costello, Woodbridge, Virginia; two grandchildren, Michael Rally, Woodstock Virginia and Christy Warren (RJ), Richmond, Virginia; a great-grandson, Richard Warren III, Richmond; an aunt, Phyllis Titus, Purcellville, Virginia; as well as nephews and nieces.

Don's first job was peeling potatoes for French fries at his parents' carry-out restaurant, the Mighty Midget Kitchen. He graduated from Loudoun County High School in 1960. After high school, he worked at Barber & Ross in Leesburg, starting as a warehouse worker and then selling windows, doors and millwork. He served in the United States Army and trained as a forward observer. He spent many years at Annandale Millwork, Haymarket, selling wood paneling, millwork, and wood stairs. In October of 1976, he and a partner founded Century Stair Co. In time, Don took over as sole owner and the company became the largest stair manufacturer on the east coast. Eventually, Don decided to focus on custom stairways for luxury homes.

Don was known to his friends as a generous, fun-loving man. He lived life to its fullest and kept to the principle "Work hard, play hard." He did them both, and he did them well.

Sara Costello - August 13, 2021 at 06:14 PM

CD

“ don i had more fun with you and claudia . you where such a joy in my life. you keep them working up there in heaven and keep them playing too. love you. carol , flach dwelle.

carolyn dwelle - July 14, 2019 at 06:20 PM

DP

“ Never a bigger asshole than this man.

Don Pyne - June 09, 2018 at 11:55 AM

AD

“ He was a man a person met and never forgot. Prayers to you Big Don may you always rest Happy and in peace .

Anne Dulisse - August 13, 2017 at 07:03 PM

AC

“ Been a year or so since we last talked! I will forever remember the kind, gentle, generous soul you were. There was never a dull moment around you! The squishy elbow for example. RIP and tell mom hi, maybe you can teach her how to play tennis! You will be missed. Prayers for your family! 🙏 Here's to you! Love, Angela Cook

Angela Cook - July 27, 2017 at 01:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Graham Costello.



July 26, 2017 at 07:55 PM

MT

“ To all in the extended family,
I'm sure this gentleman will be greatly missed. All of us at the
Comfort Inn Staunton who work with Morgan wish all God's
blessings and his help through this difficult time.

*Michael Turner
Host and General Manager
Comfort Inn Staunton*

Michael Turner - July 26, 2017 at 09:09 AM



“ I can recall us dancing at my wedding like it was yesterday. I'm sure
you and my dad (Bucky) are up in heaven partying. You will be
missed by all.

Vicki Tribby Watson - July 26, 2017 at 08:24 AM

GS

“ Rest in peace and may God provide peace beyond our
understanding for your family and friends who will miss you dearly.

Gina Hope - Loudoun Stairs - July 26, 2017 at 06:57 AM



“ He was at hospital the night I was born in 1961,gave me my first
paycheck in 1978,employed me through the 80s, I built the first
curved stair in the Haymarket shop. Then he financed me a shop in
Tom's Brook va in 1993. I could have asked him for a 100000
dollars and he would loan it to me. Thanks old man. Rest in peace
and may God be with all left behind . Larry wine

Lawrence Wine - July 25, 2017 at 09:27 PM

BT

“ Don was a true Friend, He was by my side thru the Best of times and the Worst of times. Thanks for the many talks and Friendship thru the years. You are missed and loved.

Bill Turner - July 25, 2017 at 12:05 PM

RB

“ To Don's family, Please accept my deepest sympathy for your loss. Don Old Friend, It is with great sadness that I send you this message. For almost 40 years I have relished your friendship. Recalling our visits to La Guinguette and other fine gathering places will forever be embedded in my memory. I humbly toast a gentleman of genuine compassion, a warm heart, and unbelievable business acumen. I can only imagine you & Alan are at a fine gathering place in heaven right now.
Respectfully, Roy,

Roy Beckner - July 25, 2017 at 07:49 AM

KF

“ Keith Stephens and the Guests, Inc. Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Donald Graham Costello.



Keith Stephens and the Guests, Inc. Family - July 24, 2017 at 12:54 PM

AC

“ I had a nice conversation just Wednesday with Don, and Thursday his last message to me was "miss you", so it was a shock Friday when I heard he was gone. I thoroughly enjoyed my times with Don, and those times with him are great memories. He put his trust in me and I will be forever grateful for that faith in me. I love you and will miss you. Andy Caviness

Andy Caviness - July 23, 2017 at 06:26 PM

JC

“ We will miss you Don. We will miss your kindness, sense of humor, great conversations and hearing about all your adventures. Rest In Peace dear Don. Condolences to your family and dear friends. Jan Conner

Jan Conner - July 23, 2017 at 09:00 AM

WI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Wilkie - July 22, 2017 at 03:14 PM

WI

We were with you the night before. How can you be gone? Rest In Peace, my dear friend.

Wilkie - July 22, 2017 at 03:16 PM

AW

Known Don and the family for many years shared many good times such fun loving people you will be truly missed hugs and prayers for the family 🙏

April Weaver - July 25, 2017 at 08:38 PM

PB

Donnie...We were high school friends and spent many happy hours together putting radio shows on WSB. You were brilliant and a dear friend. Peggy Jane Mitchell Brownrigg

Peggy Jane Mitchell Brownrigg - August 04, 2017 at 08:45 PM