



## Donald Francis Geisler

June 12, 1931 - June 17, 2018

Donald Francis Geisler, age 87 passed away on Sunday, June 17, 2018 at NOVANT Health Prince William Medical Center, Manassas, VA.

He was born on June 12, 1931 in McKees Rocks, PA to the late Joseph John and Florine Mary (Marsula) Geisler. Don attended the Divine Word Seminary in Girard, PA in high school and moved on to Canisius College in Buffalo, NY then Divine Word Missionaries in Techny, IL, but after several years decided he could better fulfill his spiritual obligations as a member of the lay community.

Unable to find work in Pennsylvania, Don moved to the Washington DC area and began work as a civilian supporting the Department of the Army, first for the Army Security Agency at Arlington Hall Station then INSCOM at Fort Belvoir until his retirement in 1995. Shortly after moving to Virginia, Don met his future wife, Betty Nedrich, also a Pennsylvania native. Don and Betty married on August 22, 1959 and lived in Arlington, but a few years after the birth of their fifth child moved to a larger home in Manassas in 1968.

Don became very active in All Saints Catholic Church shortly thereafter, serving as an usher, delivering food baskets to both families and the local food pantries, and serving on the offertory collections counting team. Don was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for over two dozen years, serving

as treasurer for most of that time. He became a member of the Knights of Columbus in 1969 and actively participated in their various charitable and social events. Don was selected as an Honorary Life Member of the Bishop J. Louis Flaherty Assembly, Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree joining in 1977, and serving as their Comptroller and as a Bingo Captain for nearly four decades.

When his children were young, Don served in various positions; coaching sports teams and serving as treasurer of scouts, among others. When his children were older and had children of their own, Grandpa became a go-to babysitter. In addition to his religious callings, Don was fond of working in the yard, especially in the years following his retirement.

Don would drop whatever he was doing at any time to provide help to others; never putting himself first. That legacy of selfless support is the example that he leaves all of us.

Predeceased by his parents, 14 siblings and a granddaughter, Kimberley Geisler.

Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Betty Geisler; nine children: Anna Hogan and husband Bryan, Anthony Geisler and wife Mary, Jerome Geisler and wife Charlotte, Timothy Geisler and former wife Sue, Stephanie Church and former husband Larry, Christopher Geisler and wife Karen, Patrick Geisler and wife Claudia, Jonathan Geisler, and Jeffrey Geisler; three siblings: Andrew Geisler, Raymond Geisler and Dolores Marion; 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

The family will be receiving friends on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM with a prayer service being said at 3:30 PM, and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM with a Chalice Service at 8:15 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on

Thursday, June 21, 2018 at All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA at 10:00 AM with Rev. Lee Roos officiating. Entombment will follow at Stonewall Memory Gardens, Manassas, VA.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to: St. Vincent de Paul Society, c/o All Saints Catholic Church, 9300 Stonewall Road, Manassas, VA 20110 in loving memory of Donald F. Geisler.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Stonewall Memory Gardens

12004 Lee Highway  
Manassas, VA 20109  
<http://www.stonewallmemorygardens.com>

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

JUN 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Prayer service

JUN 20. 3:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
[pfh@piercefh.com](mailto:pfh@piercefh.com)  
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## Family to receive friends

JUN 20. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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

## Chalice Service

JUN 20. 8:15 PM - 8:30 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
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## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 21. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

All Saints Catholic Church  
9300 Stonewall Rd  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 368-4500

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Hi, I'm Maya Geisler, a grandniece in California. I just saw this page and wanted to send my condolences. I'm the granddaughter of John and Helen Geisler.

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**Maya Geisler** - December 30, 2025 at 12:08 AM

PW

“ Dear Mrs. Geisler & Family. I just read about Don's passing. I knew Don for a few years at Techny Seminary and another years four years before then. He was such a kind person to all of us. In the last dozen years he was one who brought us together for reunions and on the internet so that we could know each other once again. I learned today how many good things he has accomplished in his life. I never have and never will forget him.

*Pat Wheatley*

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**Pat Wheatley** - May 08, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



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June 20, 2018 at 08:44 PM

AA

“ So thankful for these moments together! 💕💕



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**april agnew** - June 20, 2018 at 07:59 PM

PC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Betty and all of the Geisler family. I've known the family for such a long time but then it just seems like yesterday I was in your home babysitting the kids. Don was so friendly, thoughtful, gentle and compassionate when our parents passed away which was such a comfort during a very sad time. I am so sorry I cannot make his services, but please know that all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time.

Love,

*Terry & Patty (Callahan) Casey*

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**Patricia Casey** - June 20, 2018 at 04:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



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June 20, 2018 at 03:03 PM

BR

“ *Binky, Andy III, Rae, Christi & Rob purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.*



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**Binky, Andy III, Rae, Christi & Rob** - June 20, 2018 at 01:43 PM

BW

“ *Becky & David Weatherford purchased the Full O f Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.*



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**Becky & David Weatherford** - June 19, 2018 at 09:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.*



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June 19, 2018 at 08:13 PM

JC

“ *I'll never forget how Uncle Don helped with the bedroom addition at the home I grew up in. First it was my brother Den's bedroom then later mine. Thanks Uncle Don!*

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**James Cronin** - June 19, 2018 at 07:31 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



June 19, 2018 at 07:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



June 19, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



June 19, 2018 at 04:35 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



June 19, 2018 at 01:52 PM

MF

“ *Our Sincerest Sympathies to Betty and all of the Geisler family. Growing up down the street from all of you for a lifetime and experiencing life at church and through Knights of Columbus activities had our families interacting so often through the years. Don was always one of the sweetest, kindest, gentlest people around. Whenever our paths crossed in my youth or in adulthood, he never failed to take the time to stop, talk, listen, and help anyone anytime. I am honored to have known him and I know he is at peace now with the angels reaping his Great Reward. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. May he remain forever an inspiration in all of our lives. God Bless You All.*



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**Maria (Gareis) & Rob Weaver and family** - June 19, 2018 at 01:01 PM

BD

“ *Betsy and Bob Davis purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.*



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**Betsy and Bob Davis** - June 19, 2018 at 01:00 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.*



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June 19, 2018 at 12:48 PM

JC

“ It is with sadness that we offer our sincere condolences to Betty and the Geisler Family. I have many fond memories of working with Don in the Knights of Columbus and at All Saints Church. He was a true gentleman and an example of Mother Teresa's words ..... Be Kind, Be Kind.

*Jim Cannon*

Jim & Betty Cannon - June 19, 2018 at 12:16 PM

DB

“ Diane Beauchesne purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Donald Francis Geisler.



Diane Beauchesne - June 19, 2018 at 09:50 AM

MG

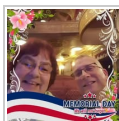
“ Our deepest sympathy to the Geisler family.  
Maury & Vera Gerson

Maury & Vera Gerson - June 19, 2018 at 06:54 AM

DJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of your father's passing. He was such a sweet man, and I will miss seeing him at church. I am keeping all of you close to my heart during this sad and difficult time.

Dale (Potts) Jepson - June 19, 2018 at 05:42 AM



So very sorry for your loss. Prayers for all the family

Laura Larison - June 19, 2018 at 05:47 AM



*Our heartfelt condolences to all of you! Jo Ann and Frank Provo*

**Jo Provo** - June 19, 2018 at 09:38 AM



*Mary and Family, I'm keeping all of you in my prayers at this time of sorrow that you and your family are going through. May God Bless all of you and hold you close to him.*

*Carole Ramsey*

**Carole Ramsey** - June 19, 2018 at 11:56 AM



*Tony and Mary, we offer our sincere condolences on the loss of your dear dad. Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. Holding you both, and all who knew and loved your dad, in prayer during this difficult time.*

*John and Betty Ann Maher*

**Betty Ann Maher** - June 19, 2018 at 02:59 PM



*Our condolences to the entire Geisler Family. Between the Clarkes and the Geislars we saw Don a lot growing up as neighbors. May you rest in peace. The Clarke Family.*

**Mary** - June 19, 2018 at 06:07 PM

JP

*So many memories over a span of 57 years. That is when we first moved into our house on Barnett Street. A year later, the Geislars moved into their new house on Fort Drive just behind us and down the hill. We all became involved with Cub Pack 670, I was den Mother and Tony and Jerome were in my den. Don was treasurer for the Committee and Vince was Committee Chairman. Busy and fun times. There were fourth of July fireworks with all the kids gathered on our hill shooting off bottle rockets and other fireworks. Later on I worked with Don in St. Vincent de Paul. He was treasurer. We also worked together helping with Kimmie, Tony and Mary's daughter, and had many backyard conversations over the fence. I sure will miss him.*

*Our sincere condolences to Betty and all the family.*

*The Petruskies, Judy, Brian, Lauren and Garrett.*

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**Judy Petruskie** - June 19, 2018 at 10:50 PM

BG

*Aunt Betty and family, please know that you are in my prayers everyday. I so enjoyed our last visit with you and Uncle Don at Grandpa Andys birthday party. I'm so sorry I couldn't come out. Please remember I'm always with you. Love you, Binky*

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**Binky Geisker** - June 20, 2018 at 12:48 PM

GC

*We wish to express our sincere condolences the the Geisler family.*

*Gene and Amy Couvillion*

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**Gene Couvillion** - June 21, 2018 at 06:08 AM

VG

*Betty, I was so sorry to hear this. My condolences and a big hug. I will remember Don and you in my prayers.*

**vicky Gibson** - June 24, 2018 at 08:24 AM



*I went to college with Anna. Anna was such a decent, kind, and intelligent individual. I could tell that she had wonderful parents. Peace and comfort to all of the Geislars.*

**K** - August 26, 2019 at 01:43 AM