



Donald Victor Palmer

November 20, 1937 - September 19, 2015

Donald Victor Palmer

Of Gainesville, Virginia passed away suddenly on September 19, 2015. He was the cherished husband for 55 years of; Joanne Palmer; loving father of; Jean Watling, Joan Lee, Douglas Palmer, Diane Brown, and Julie Kipers; doting grandfather of; Michael, Daniel, Courtney, James, Chelsea, Jessica, Brittany, Kyle, Rebecca, Catherine, Eric, Nathaniel, Andrew, and Troy; and devoted brother of: Eileen Shorthill, Nancy Warren, Ann Nussbaum, and Rita Palmer. He was born in Canton, Ohio on November 20, 1937. He graduated from John Carroll University in 1959 and upon graduation was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army Transportation Corps. He retired as a Colonel in the US Army Reserves with 30 years of distinguished service.

Don worked at the RAND Corporation as a Senior Representative in Defense Research for 30+ years. In this role, he interacted with senior DoD staff and management personnel on various topics including national security strategy development, force employment analyses, technology application and resource management.

Don was an active member in the Park West Lion's Club, the Heritage Hunt HOA, and served as an usher at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was an avid golfer and sports fan. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Don was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be greatly missed but forever remembered in our hearts.

The family will receive friends from 2-4pm and 6-8 pm on Thursday,

September 24th at Pierce Funeral Home located at 9609 Center Street in Manassas, VA 20110.

A mass of remembrance will be offered at Holy Trinity Catholic Church located at 8213 Linton Hall Road Gainesville, VA 20155 on Friday, September 25th at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Holy Trinity Catholic Church or the Park West Lion's Club at 8620 Sunnygate Drive, Manassas, VA 20109.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **25.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *Joanne,
So sorry to hear of Don's passing. As a cousin living in Ohio I did not get to see Don often, he will be missed by me, my family, and my siblings. Our prayers go out to you and your family.
Elmer Kuhn, III*

Elmer Kuhn - September 25, 2015 at 02:28 PM

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“ *Joanne and Family - I am so very sad to hear this news about Don. He always brought such good humor and stories when he came to visit me at RAND. He was always a participant at our Friday socials back on H Street. Your hearts must be broken. I will remember you all and him in my prayers. Sending a hug on behalf of me and my husband Doug, Gail Kouril*

Gail Kouril - September 22, 2015 at 03:29 PM