



Donald D. Wood

July 12, 1941 - January 15, 2021

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Donald D. Wood, age 79 of Lilburn, GA, passed away on Friday, January 15, 2021. He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Wood; and his siblings, Arthur and Phyllis Wood. He is survived by his children, David Wood, Alyson Wood, and Matthew Wood; grandchildren, Kyra Wood, Elliot Wood, and James Wood; and sibling, Judy Easter.

Donald was born in Birmingham, Alabama. He attended Georgia Tech. Don worked as an engineer for Lucent Technologies. He was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints. Don enjoyed collecting cans, geology, genealogy, and served a mission with The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints.

The funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Tom M. Wages Snellville Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens, Snellville, GA. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund, <https://curealz.org/giving/donate/>.

You can view the service, which will be livestreamed, either by going to the Tom M. Wages Facebook page or by clicking the blue link, on the obituary page, on our website.

Due to the current COVID-19 regulations, our staff is committed to taking care of our guests and families that we serve. Please understand that we will be limiting the amount of people at our chapel for visitations and services. We also ask all guests and family members attending visitations and services to please bring and wear a mask.

Condolences may be sent or viewed at www.wagesfuneralhome.com. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service, a family company, 3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA 30039 (770-979-3200) has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - Snellville
3705 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US, 30039

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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JAN **Interment**

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Eternal Hills Memory Gardens
3700 Highway 78 West, Snellville, GA, US

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - January 20 at 03:30 PM



“ I grew up next to Don, Nancy, David, Allison and Matthew. We moved in next door to them in 1978 and I spent countless hours with David and as the years went on and I moved away I'd still enjoy conversations with Don through the fence and barking dogs! My deepest condolences for the kids as their parents are not together in their eternal kingdom. Rest In Peace Don. You roughed it out as long as you could.

Nick Lentini - January 25 at 09:12 PM



“ Alyson, Matthew and David....

Although I met your father later in his life, when the disease of Alzheimer's ravished his mind and body, and left him with very little communication, nonetheless he and I shared some very good times together. More for me, I imagine. Your father and I had our own way of communicating, and I am 100% certain that he knew much of what I was saying. His mind just didn't allow his body to respond properly.

Despite this, your father was able to teach me valuable lessons when we were together, which is why I visited him alone many times in Atlanta and several in Wilmington. I believe the most important lesson he taught me is that a person can still love, feel and care even if they cannot communicate it in traditional means. To see the way he would smile and his eyes light up when Alyson and Kyra would walk into the room for a visit. He knew. He NEVER forgot. If he could have rolled his eyes at me, I am sure he would have. Instead, he had a soul-piercing glare at me when he knew that I was full of bologna. I said once before, and it bears repeating, I believe when my temporal life is over, if your dad finds me, I will have a ton of things to account for with the secrets I shared with him, and the giggles at his expense.

When I would visit, I had to make sure there was a treat in my hands for him. A burger, Chic-Fil-A, Wendy's milkshake... but especially soda. When your dad would take a drink of it, you would think that he was instantly taken to belch paradise. I say this with affection. He took full advantage of the carbonated water for sure. And that was great. It is little things like that which I will remember most.

I know I didn't have much of what many would consider a "normal" relationship, and I am sure it wouldn't be considered meaningful by anyone's standards, except mine. I found our relationship to be meaningful and profound. I spoke "Donisms" and he knew.

I loved your father, my father-in-law more than you know, and I am so very sorry that circumstances precluded my ability to honor him in person, whether here in Wilmington or in Atlanta. I was there on the stream from start to finish, and I appreciated the words that were spoken in his honor and memory.

Kyra... Never forget your grandfather and the memories and good times you had with him. The goofy little things that you did (with my shameful encouragement). I have no cognitive memories of my grandparents. Two died before I was born, one right after, and my only grandmother had dementia and never really knew me at all. I wish now I had spent the time with her that you have spent with your grandfather. He loved you so much, and even I could see it whenever you entered the room. On walks. In the garden. During a meal. Watching him sleeping in a chair in the activity chair. Bask in the memories. Write them down.

Donald Wood was a man of honor and accomplishment. A man sworn to defend the country and certainly a man sworn and Covenanted to protect and provide for his family.

To repeat something I wrote a couple of days ago, your dad dancing with your mom (grandmother). He is shaking hands and hugging ancestors from generations upon generations ago. He is being greeted by Prophets and Apostles that we only can read about right now. He has been kissed by our Savior and Father in Heaven. Your father is finally home, happy and free.

I love you guys. I pray for you. I know firsthand that the next little while is doing to be very different. But you will be ok. This I promise.

Families CAN be together forever. It is not a guarantee, but rather a promise. It is up to us to make that happen. We here on earth must do those things that make it possible to have the privilege and opportunity to reunite with those have gone before us. To be worthy of His blessings.

May God the Father bless you all with his love and comfort today, tomorrow and always.

Paul

Paul Calvert Black - January 21 at 04:11 PM



“ Dear Allyson, David, Matthew, and Family,
Your dad was a kind, compassionate, gentle man.
It has been a privilege to know both he and your dear sweet mother, my good friend Nancy. My life has been greatly blessed by their friendship and love. May you find peace and comfort in knowing they are both now healthy and whole, enjoying one another's company once again.
May God Bless You, now and always,
Anna Marie Jones

Ana Marie Jones - January 20 at 08:53 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Tom M. Wages Funeral Service - January 20 at 03:23 PM



“ As we each (all) travel our different paths in this life, we have the special privilege to intersect with others' paths and establish friendships and relationships.

One of those relationships (true friendship) was Don Wood. Although a quiet and reflective man, Don's presence was always felt through his kindness, his love for his family, his love for his Heavenly Father and for Jesus Christ.

Don would always go out of his way to lend a helping hand and a kind word to anyone in whose path he crossed.

Don, whose stature was physically large, was a gentle, compassionate and humble man whose meekness shadowed that of the Savior.

His physical presence will be missed but his "impression" and impact will always reside in my heart and my spirit.

One of his eternal brothers,

B. George Saloom

BGeorge Saloom - January 20 at 04:21 PM



“ Joy Fife, Anita and Jerry Kougioulis purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Donald David Wood.



Joy Fife, Anita and Jerry Kougioulis - January 19 at 02:43 PM