



Mr. Donald P. Hollister

May 22, 1926 - January 31, 2019

Donald Paul Hollister died peacefully on Thursday, January 31, 2019 in Columbia, SC after living a full life as a dedicated Christian, a loving husband, and father of three. He was 92 years of age.

Don was born on May 22nd, 1926, in Chicago, IL, to Paul Livingstone and Mildred Ellingson Hollister. As the son of an educator, he moved frequently while growing up and eventually graduated from high school in Lebanon, TN. He began studies at Vanderbilt University before being drafted into the U.S. Army during the Second World War. While in the army he studied Civil Engineering at New York University under the Army Specialized Training Program. Afterwards he returned to Vanderbilt and completed a degree in Mechanical Engineering with Honors and later joined and served in the Air Force Reserves. He began his engineering career at the Lewis Flight Propulsion Laboratory in Cleveland, OH, where he also met and later married Gloria Rippey, his wife of 64 years. He later worked as an engineer at Goodyear Aircraft Corporation in Akron, where his two sons were born. In 1962 he settled with his wife and young family in Asheville, NC while working at Northrop Carolina in Swannanoa. During this time, he also welcomed the birth of a daughter. In the 1970's he helped start a small printing/publishing firm in Black Mountain, where he worked until retirement in 1991. During his retirement he was an active volunteer at SCORE Association and at Waste Reduction Partners at the Land of Sky Regional Council. He was a founding member of the Berean Gospel Church in Asheville, and later an active member of Temple Baptist Church for more than 20 years. After living and serving in the Asheville area for more than 50 years, he and his wife moved to Columbia, SC in 2010 to be closer to their daughter and two grandsons.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria of Columbia; two sons, David (Sherry) of Atlanta, and Daniel (Tam) of Washington, DC; a daughter, Donna (Jim) Lehman of Columbia; two grandsons, Alex and Bradley Lehman; and a sister, Mary Beth Sargent of Nashville, Tenn. He was preceded in death by a sister, Margery Hargrove of Cookeville, Tenn, and nephew, Tom Hargrove of Gallatin, Tenn.

Don will be greatly missed by his family and always remembered by many friends and associates for his dedication to church, his interests in politics and proper education, his organizational skills, and his leadership through a quiet yet determined manner.

A graveside service for Mr. Hollister will be held at 2 o'clock, Wednesday, February 6th at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia. Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts can be made to Northeast Presbyterian Church – Congregational Care Ministry in Columbia, SC or Temple Baptist School in Asheville, NC. The family would especially like to thank the many caregivers of Life Care Center of Columbia and Palmetto Health Hospice for the compassionate care offered to Don and the family during his final months.

Comments



“ Dear Gloria,

I am grateful for the many prayers you and Don made on my behalf once I returned to Christ in 1975 at Berean Gospel Church. I think you were able to make it to my wedding to Bonnie in 1980 at Berean. Arleigh Hegarty officiated. We just retired from serving overseas in Hong Kong this past June and are now living in Arden, NC. I look forward to the FEAST in heaven with you, Don, and our LORD.

Forever one in Christ,
James & Bonnie Buckner

PS Mother, (Gennie Buckner) went home to be with LORD in 2013.

James Buckner - February 06, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ The obituary is a beautiful tribute to Don's life. I'm sorry I never really got to know him, but know that his contributions to his family and his community will live on. Our deepest condolences to his wife, and family. Bill & Arlene Williams, Williamsburg, VA

Arlene Aitken - February 05, 2019 at 08:06 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Don at Land of Sky. He was so kind to me when I started there. It was a privilege to know and work with him.
-Danna Stansbury

Danna Stansbury - February 04, 2019 at 09:35 AM



“ Gloria, I am sorry for your loss, but we will see him again. You both have been a wonderful influence on me. Don & you were dedicated Christians and I think of you frequently. I will keep you in my prayers.
I love you.
Betty Huff

Betty Huff - February 04, 2019 at 12:24 AM