



Donald Phillip Dodgion

February 10, 1953 - June 16, 2020

Mr. Donald Phillip Dodgion, age 67 of Casselberry, Florida passed away on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 in Casselberry, Florida. Donald was born in Pulaski, Virginia to Elbert Howard Dodgion and Allie Mabry. He is survived by his wife Barbara Best Dodgion; stepchildren Kelly Davidson and Robin Callahan; grandchildren Quinn Faherty Davidson, Paul Callahan and Marianna Callahan; brother Ed Dodgion, sister-in-law Susan Dodgion and nephew Christopher Dodgion; and sister Winnie Dodgion.

In remembrance of Don from his wife Barbara:

Don gave his best in everything that he did, from his commitment to the military, service in the Vietnam War, to his over twenty years of loyalty to Rollins College managing the telecommunications systems.

It was our time at Rollins College that brought us together. Our mutual friend at Rollins, Candy, knew that we were a good match, and she set us up socially at the Winter Park Arts Festival. Don followed up with a call and lunch, and learning that I had something broken in my home, he immediately volunteered to fix it for me -- from there we just built a wonderful relationship navigating life together.

Don was so caring in every way. He always put my needs and wishes above his. There is nothing that he wouldn't do to express his love for me. He was very reserved, but reached out to people by offering practical help. Don showed his love by helping to meet the needs of others -- moving friends and family, painting your home, fixing anything that was broken; you always could count on Don for the tough jobs. Don took satisfaction in lightening the load of those for whom he cared.

Sharing the simple things of life brought us great joy. We had many adventures; bird watching, walking through the forest, playing with our wild cats, watching our garden grow, to fishing at the beach, enjoying the peaceful sound of the waves and the beautiful sky.

I will miss our shared laughter and our inside jokes. Don made my life a joy every day. He will be deeply missed by us all.

Inurnment will be held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, FL on July 7, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers please honor Don's memory with a donation to the Samaritan's Purse International Fund. <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/about-us/>

Events

JUL Inurnment 03:00PM
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Cape Canaveral National Cemetery
5525 US-1 North, Mims, FL, US, 32754

Comments



“ Barbara, Winnie, Ed and Family, I was so very sad to hear about sweet Don's passing. He was such a good man that I know meant so much to you all, as well as many others.

He was so kind & giving, and always had a smile on his face. I always was appreciative that he would ask Winnie to see if I wanted to join him and Barbara at Winnie's famous spaghetti dinners at her house that she would make for them and we always had such a fun time catching up on things. Great memories that I will always have! It was so apparent Barbara how much he loved you and was just smitten when he talked about you all and the things that you all were doing together. You two were definitely a perfect match!

I know how much his big sister meant to him as well and that he was very proud of you- Winnie and all your accomplishments! You were so dear to him!

I feel blessed to have gotten to know Don and spend time with him over the years. I hope that you all can find peace in all the great memories you shared with Don over the years and know that he is watching over you all! Much Love, Marisa (Reese)



Marisa Brunett - July 17, 2020 at 01:44 PM



“ Barbara, We were so blessed to know Don. From the day we moved in the neighborhood and we walked the dogs by your house.. Jasmine and Belle loved Don. They were always excited to see him. He always had a big smile on his face and I could tell he loved the dogs. He is in heaven now and looking down on us with that beautiful smile and cheerful attitude. Heaven is blessed to have received him home. I am sure he is reuniting with loved ones he has missed. I pray for God to bless you and your family during this time and know that God is watching over you and will be close during this time.

Melinda Simmons



Melinda Simmons - July 07, 2020 at 02:48 PM



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“ Barbara, I received your note today of the passing of your wonderful husband, Don Dodgion. I am sad that the love of your life has passed on but the so many wonderful and gleeful memories will always be a part of you and your family. Don was a wonderful person to have known. Don was a quiet man by nature but he was always present with a warm beautiful smile to greet you and let you know that he was happy to see you. He with Barbara made the perfect couple and I am blessed to have known them both. Barbara's smile lit up when she talked about him and I'm sure he felt it no matter where he was. Barbara, I send you my love and pray the days ahead will be filled with wonderful memories of your love for each other.

Candy Simkin - July 02, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ Barbara, so very sorry for your loss. Don was a good man and a very caring neighbor who was always ready to help in any way when he was asked. I know he will be surely missed, and I hope you find comfort in the loving memories you shared. May God give you strength and comfort you and your family.

With deepest sympathy,
Fran Relvini and family

Fran Relvini - June 28, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ We are so glad Don came into our family. We enjoyed our family get togethers and Don was a special part of our lives. Don was a loving, faithful husband to my sister Barbara and we are so happy for the years they shared together. We will miss him greatly.
Homer & Marilyn

Marilyn Royals - June 27, 2020 at 07:09 PM



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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 23, 2020 at 12:38 PM



“ Barbara and family, I know there is a void in your life without dear, sweet Don. Such a kind, soft spoken person and made you feel the love and kindness being with you. I will always remember our short visit in Florida with relatives a couple of years ago and how great to have you and Don meet us. My families deepest sympathy goes to you, Barbara, Ed and family and Winnie. Hold onto those memories of Don and his wonderful tributes in your life for comfort

Charlotte Mabry and family

Charlotte Mabry - June 23, 2020 at 09:05 AM



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DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 22, 2020 at 01:51 PM



“ From Winnie...

I'm so happy and thankful you found Barbara to be your loving soulmate and wife. The sparkle in your eyes was undeniable around her and we knew that she enriched your life in so many ways! She also blessed you with her daughters and grandchildren who gave y'all much joy and happiness.

Don, you were so much more to me than just my Beloved Brother. You were my best friend, my confidant, my trusted Advisor on all of my "life" or financial decisions, my ROCK thru difficult times (especially during the loss of our dear Mom), and you were my strongest cheerleader, always supporting my sports & professional goals and achievements.

You were so Handsome, Honest, Hardworking, Highly Respected, Super Intelligent, Courageous, Witty & Kind. Your work ethic was outstanding and always included impeccable attention to detail, precision & quality. Everyone knew if Don was doing the job it would be done with painstaking pride & would come out perfect!

You never declined my many requests for help. I think you were more excited than I was when I finally bought a house because you would not have to help me move anymore! You fixed things for me, always filed my taxes expertly, recommended dependable products, and walked me thru every step of my retirement process assuring me all the way thru that I'd be fine :-) I, in turn, cooked you lots and lots of Mom's favorite recipes to thank you from the bottom of my heart!

My only regret Don is that I didn't get to spend MORE time with YOU. Rest in Peace in the loving arms of our Angel Mom. I will always miss and LOVE you Baby Brother.

Winnie - June 22, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ From Ed Dodgion...

Little Brother, I always looked up to you. You were a confident, smart, honest, caring, helpful and humble man. When you found your true love, I've never seen you happier. You were always there to help when we needed it. I wish I had told you this more often.

I miss and love you, Ed.

Ed - June 22, 2020 at 11:37 AM