



Donald G. Kenney

August 13, 2014

Donald G. Kenney, 79, of Gulfport, Fla. (formerly of Marlborough, Mass.), died on August 13, 2014, surrounded by his family. Don was the beloved husband of Louise (nee Rokes); loving father of Valerie Kenney, Mark (Rita) Kenney, and Jonathan (Nancy) Kenney and step-father of John O'Day, Teri O'Day, and Kathy (Bob) Geer; and adoring grandfather of eight. Don is also survived by his sister, Marti (Ray) Kosh. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas Kenney.

Don was a professional bass player and jazz aficionado for more than sixty years; music was his career and his life. Over the years he toured with Lester Lanin, Charlie Barnett, and Ruby Braff. He played with the New Black Eagle Jazz Band for more than thirty years. Among other venues, Don played the Newport Jazz Festival and the Sun Coast Jazz Festival. After retiring to Gulfport, Don played with the Rhythm Kings and other bands. Like many musicians, Don held day jobs that were secondary to his music career. He once told an interviewer "I'm also a property manager, a Realtor, a salesman, but first, last, and always, I make music." Don described making music as an act of spirituality and said that "when my time on this earth is ended I'll leave with no regrets, only gratitude."

Memorial service 10:00 a.m. Sunday August 17, at Williams and Son Funeral Home, 3530 49th Street North, Saint Petersburg. Interment private at Bay

Pines National Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Donald G. Kenney uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Kathy Plunkett - former condo owner posted a condolence Dear Lou, Thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Fond memories of the monthly condo meetings with you and Don from many years ago.*

Kathy Plunkett - former condo owner - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *The Platt's -- Alice, Robert, and Maryann - Marlboro Neighbors posted a condolence We are deeply sorry to hear about Don. What an amazing person and what a remarkable life! There is a quote that comes to or minds when we think of how Don touched our lives --- "Some people come into our lives, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same".—Unknown. Please know -- that we share in your sadness as you remember Don. There never was anyone quite like him and there never will be again. He was a true original! Our memories of Don are happy ones, funny ones, kind ones—snapshots of generosity, wit and especially humor. Besides his cowboy hat, he wore a lot of hats—husband, father, grandfather, musician, neighbor, and friend to name a few. We knew him as a strong man who loved his family and proudly talked about his grandchildren. He was truly loved and admired by the people he touched with his music throughout his life, and we are so lucky that he was a part of lives. You are in our thoughts and hearts-- always. Please drop us line, when you can.*

The Platt's -- Alice, Robert, and Maryann - Marlboro Neighbors - August 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Desi McCarthy - co worker/friend posted a condolence So sorry to hear of Don's passing, Lou. I have fond memories of Don's "closing" garb - especially the hat. He loved dressing to the nines for those occasions. We had many laughs, often about the stories he shared of his musical life. He loved you & bragged frequently about your cooking - even though even you couldn't fatten him up! We'll all miss him at work..... Desi & Vaughn*

Desi McCarthy - co worker/friend - August 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Jan and Bruce - Friends posted a condolence Don had a wry sense of humor and an astonishing collection of funny stories about his gigs with well-known musicians touring with the bands "back in the day". In one, he related how the other band members complained bitterly that his stand-up bass took up the long and best back seat on the bus and incidentally reserved a place for Don to take a nice nap. Our world has been knocked out of kilter without our dear friend, Don Kenney.*

Jan and Bruce - Friends - August 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ *Gina Forgetta - Business Associate posted a condolence My sincere condolences for the loss of this very nice man. He will be remembered fondly.*

Gina Forgetta - Business Associate - August 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM