



## Donald Eugene Kirkendall

May 20, 1939 - September 13, 2018

Donald "Don" Eugene Kirkendall, 79, of Lake Mary, Florida, went home to be with his Lord, Jesus Christ on Thursday, September 13, 2018 under the care of Hospice of the Comforter at Florida Hospital-Altamonte, in Altamonte Springs, Florida. He battled the pancreatic cancer that wretched the quality of his life for eight and one-half months after diagnosis.

Don was born on May 20, 1939 in Monroe Township, Ohio to Ray William and Wilma Jean (Gerarde) Kirkendall.

Don is survived by "The Love of His Life" of 35 years, Lillian "Ann" Minnick Kirkendall; his daughter Nicki (Mark) Ziska, Dunkirk, MD; two grandchildren, Alexandra Ziska (Jason Younes), New Windsor, NY; and Kirk Ziska, Dunkirk, MD. Don is also survived by his siblings Dick (JoAnne) Kirkendall, Van Wert, OH; Larry (Ginny) Kirkendall, Ottawa, OH; Kay (Gordon) Roberts, Reading, MI; Steve (Camille) Kirkendall, Liberty Township, OH and numerous nieces and nephews in MD and OH.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Lynn (2016); his half-sister, Kathleen Giesey and Ann and Don's faithful Westie, "Taffy" in 2002.

Don graduated from Continental High School in Continental, OH. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business from Wright State University in Dayton,

OH and his Masters in Public Administration from American University in Washington, D.C. He attained Lifetime Membership in the Association of Government Accountants where he was elected as a National President. He was also a Lifetime Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) with The Institute of Internal Auditors headquartered in Lake Mary.

Don honorably served his country in the United States Air Force for seven years. Following two enlistments, he continued his upward mobility in the federal government as a civilian accumulating 37 years before retiring in 1993. His final position being a U.S. Presidential Appointee as the Inspector General for the U. S. Treasury Department appointed by President George H.W. Bush. Don stated numerous times that he loved going to work every day of his life.

Don loved playing golf for over 40 years and watched all types of sports on TV. He was an avid Washington, D.C. Redskins (football) fan and followed the Detroit Tigers (baseball) and Ohio State University Buckeyes (football and basketball). He spent many weekends cheering on his favorite teams and PGA golfers.

A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary of Ann and Don's church of 10 years, Sanlando United Methodist Church (SUMC), 1890 W. State Road 434, Longwood, FL 32750 followed by a luncheon in Fellowship Hall by Ann's United Methodist Women sisters. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Don's honor may be made to the SUMC Building Renovation Fund (address above) or to Florida Hospital Foundation Hospice of the Comforter, 6th Floor 550 East Rollins St., Orlando, FL 32803-9912 or give online at [www.HospiceOfTheComforter/GratefulHearts](http://www.HospiceOfTheComforter/GratefulHearts)

Please express your messages of comfort to Don's family and friends at [www](http://www).

[degusipefuneralhome.com](http://degusipefuneralhome.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

SEP **22**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sanlando United Methodist Church  
1890 W. SR 434  
Longwood, FL 32750

# Tribute Wall

CB

“ I grew up with Don’s daughter, Nicolette. He was always happy and kind during the many hours I spent at my friend’s house. Their home was like a refuge for me.

*Nicolette and I worked together at a Pizza Hut in high school...a good 20-25 minutes from our home. There was a big snow storm, and we were both scheduled to work. I knew my car would not be able to handle this snow. Most employees had cancelled their shift...snow storm was schedule to be bad. Mr. Kirkendall, Don, said, “They’re depending on you two girls...I will drive you and pick you up.” Being from Ohio, he knew how to handle himself in snow (plus, I believe he had snow tires). It was a great example of his kindness, dedication, and tremendous work ethic. His daughter, Nicolette, is the same. I learned a lot that day.*

Cheryl Sistrunk Bradley - May 13, 2020 at 12:46 AM

LH

“ Charles and I am so sorry for your loss. Many prayers for your family.

*Love to all of you,  
Lenore Hammack*

Lenore Hammack - September 21, 2018 at 06:08 PM

DF

“ Don & Jackie Garner and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald Eugene Kirkendall.



Don & Jackie Garner and Family - September 21, 2018 at 10:39 AM

DM

“ Don was an honorable person, an outstanding audit professional, and a trusted advisor and counselor to executive and operating management. It was a pleasure to work for and with Don on several quality assurance reviews of internal audit activities.

*Don will be missed by many internal audit professionals who he guided and influenced over many years. He has justly earned his eternal reward. Goodbye, my friend.*

*David MacCabe  
Austin, Texas*

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**David MacCabe** - September 20, 2018 at 05:53 PM

RG

“ Ray & Carroll Gazelle purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Donald Eugene Kirkendall.



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**Ray & Carroll Gazelle** - September 20, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Kirkendall.



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September 20, 2018 at 05:10 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald Eugene Kirkendall.*



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September 19, 2018 at 07:12 PM



“ *Ann lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Kirkendall*



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**Ann** - September 18, 2018 at 04:13 PM



“ *Our friend and colleague Don was a life long associate going back to the England of the mid 1960s. Don was for me a trusted colleague and a wise friend who always seemed to be there when he was needed - way back then and later in Air Force Audit and ultimately in The Institute of Internal Auditors. My deepest condolences to Ann and his family members. We will miss him but know he is at home with peace.*  
*Basil and Dodie Pflumm*

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**Basil and Dodie Pflumm** - September 18, 2018 at 02:07 PM



“ *Don, It was a pleasure working with you. you were a true professional as well as a pleasant fiend.*  
*Ron Ridel*

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**ron ridel** - September 17, 2018 at 03:10 PM

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“ *The IIA Quality Services group sends our deepest condolences at the passing of our respected colleague Don. He was an accomplished audit professional and an honored member of our team. Don will be sorely missed.*

*With Sympathy,*

*Tracy Darakjian*

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**Tracy** - September 17, 2018 at 11:29 AM