



Donald James Komurke

June 13, 1948 - August 2, 2016

Donald James Komurke, 68 of Longwood, Florida passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Mr. Komurke was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado to Joseph and Ruth "Barnes" Komurke.

The Komurke family of Donald Komurke created this Life Tributes page to make it easy to share your memories! Don fought a good fight and battled all the way to the end with a great attitude!

Tribute Wall

LH

“ I am a lifeguard at the RDV Sportsplex. Don would often come to the gym to use our therapy pool and I had the pleasure of speaking with him several times. I will never forget him. Because of his health issues, he was honest about the time he had left, and we had several very deep, philosophical conversations. He urged me to follow my career goals, no matter how much they scared me (a quote of his is even written on the whiteboard in our aquatics office) While I am so sad to hear of his passing, I am grateful for the chance to meet this wonderful man and to have spoken to him about such intense and encouraging things. I will never forget him, and I am so thankful for our brief friendship. He was a truly great man, and he will be missed, but he had such an incredible impact on the people around him. I will miss his gentle nature and his sweet smile. Rest well, Don. And I promise you, I will do what scares me in order to go after my heart's desire. Thank you, Sir.

Liz H. - October 13, 2016 at 01:21 PM

JK

Thank you Liz for your kind words about my husband. He loved going to RDV and tried so hard to improve his health. He live life and as he always said to everyone "" never had a bad day".
Leslie komurke

Judith leslie komurke - December 03, 2016 at 02:09 AM

CB

“ I have been away from FB for about a month and was so saddened to find that Don had passed away. A true warrior. He loved his girls, loved sunshine, the beach and enjoyed his family. I knew Don when we were teenagers and am sorry to lose this friend. God bless him - - and God Bless you all at this sad, sad time.

carmen smith barkett - August 25, 2016 at 07:58 PM

DJ

“ We both thought the world of Don and will miss him greatly. Leslie, we are here for you if you need us. We continue to pray for you and the family. God bless and keep you. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus. He will never leave you nor forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

Your friends in Jesus,

Dick and Pam Jeffries

Dick and Pam Jeffries - August 08, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.



August 07, 2016 at 03:57 PM

RR

“ REGINA, BOB, BOBBY, & REID purchased the Garden of Memories for the family of Donald James Komurke.



REGINA, BOB, BOBBY, & REID - August 07, 2016 at 09:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.*



August 06, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *Jeanne, Phil, and Steve Sterner--your neighbors purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Donald James Komurke.*



Jeanne, Phil, and Steve Sterner--your neighbors - August 06, 2016 at 01:39 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.*



August 06, 2016 at 10:33 AM

DL

“ Yes, Don always had a smile in our High School years. He was either relating a fun experience or thinking about what was coming next. When I think back about some of things we got away with, it is hard to believe that we were that stupid! We went different directions after High School and our paths only crossed every 15 years, or so. When we did meet, Don always had a number of adventures to talk about. Whether he was talking about golf, sailing, shark fishing at the beach, dressing up for Halloween with his girls, or one of them wanting a Juicy Couture for Christmas, there was always an expression of how much he cherished his family. Don was a life-long friend and I miss him.

Doug & Ellen Lott

Doug Lott - August 06, 2016 at 09:24 AM



Doug this made me laugh so much!!! I remember his Juicy Couture story!!! Such a funny one!! Thanks for sharing that my dad has a positive impact on your life!

Julie Komurke - August 06, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.*



August 06, 2016 at 08:29 AM

MK

“ I remember Don fondly as a former SHS and USF buddy. We were both in the Alpha Dorm at USF, which I think was lampooned in the movie "Animal House". So sorry to hear of his passing.

Mike (50/50) Knapp - August 06, 2016 at 07:10 AM

LS

“ Laura Joule & Bridget Shannon purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald James Komurke.



Laura Joule & Bridget Shannon - August 05, 2016 at 08:29 PM

“ Julie - I was happy to hear your voice this afternoon. As I've journeyed with your family over the last year or so as your Father's health became a focus, I witnessed through the pages of Facebook a love stronger than death, a fight greater than any storm and a family's joy for each new sunrise.

How blessed you are to be the daughter of such awesome parents.... through your words, I learned those facts. Thank you for sharing your parents with so many. I've often said to those who are granted the Godly gift of parents who love their children without boundaries that there is no greater love and yet, no greater loss than to bid a parent farewell.

The gifts from your Father do not cease because he is not here in the physical sense. In fact, they will multiply through the faces of your children, the continued expressions of love from your Mother and siblings - and through so many other spaces and time.

To be blessed by such a gift as this means you will also always find your way. I believe that parents such as yours' and much like mine spend an enormous amount of time sitting by the window at night while their children sleep - reaching their hands out to collect the stardust from God's twinkling lights. Through the years, they collect enough stardust to sprinkle along life's path - for you to follow.

You'll always know your way - in darkness, storms, or just a cloudy moment when you would have turned to ask your Father for advice.... simply close your eyes and imagine the stardust he so graciously sprinkled for you. In those most providential of moments - know this - he will always be with you - in the heart that beats in you, the smile that radiates out to your boys, the determination to find the rainbow....

Celebrate his living and collect a little stardust of your own.....

God bless you and your family!

Melissa Phillips - August 05, 2016 at 08:01 PM



Melissa, what a sweet post! Thank you for your kind words and wonderful advice! As I mentioned last night you have a way with words making others feel special. Thank you again for thinking about our family during this difficult time. Xo

Julie Komurke - August 06, 2016 at 08:12 PM



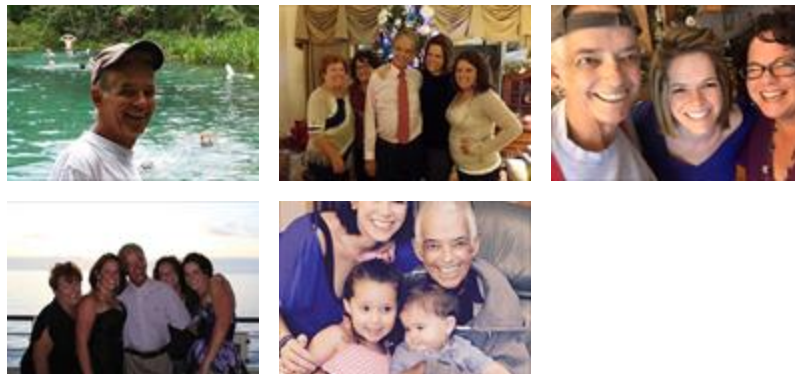
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Julie Komurke - August 05, 2016 at 06:59 PM



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Julie Komurke - August 05, 2016 at 06:54 PM

RM

“ Great memories with Don. He always had a funny adventure to tell about. Kept you laughing all the time. I remember Don always offered a hand to those who could use a little help. Long years teaching in the county jail trying to inspire a new way of life for those who had lost their way. The world will miss Don; we need more like him, especially today.

Rye Merriam - August 05, 2016 at 04:37 PM



Rye what sweet words! My dad is and was an amazing man! He brightened the lives of so many! He is missed more than I could ever begin to describe.

Julie Komurke - August 05, 2016 at 06:41 PM

MH

“ Liked Don a lot ever since High School. He and I would always tie up at reunions, especially on our last cruise reunion. We spent a lot of time together and I will always remember our sharing a catamaran cruise at the private island. He was a good man, well liked by his friends, loved by his family..Adios my Friend..Mike Hall.

Mike Hall - August 05, 2016 at 03:56 PM

JT

“ Leslie & family, my thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I hope your memories keep you strong. With heartfelt sympathy, Jamie Tipton

Jamie Tipton - August 05, 2016 at 03:14 PM

SM

“ I knew Don well in high school. He was always friendly, kind, and a good friend.
Although we did not stay in touch over the years we did reconnect at the SHS 45th reunion cruise. He "took me out" playing Texas Holdem but we had a great time. I was hoping to see him again at the 50th reunion but that was not to be.
Rest well my friend, I will miss you. Until we meet again.....Sue Eaton Manning

Sue Eaton Manning - August 05, 2016 at 02:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.



August 05, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald James Komurke.



August 05, 2016 at 11:51 AM



“ From our days back at Satellite to now I never had seen Don without a smile. Even with his posts on facebook about accidents and having to get medical help, I'm sure Don had the smile on his face as he let us know. Don you will be missed by everyone that knew you and crossed your path. You put up a fight for life but then as I had mentioned in a facebook post you are a Scorpion and you are a winner in my book. Rest in peace my fellow classmate and Scorpion.

Charles Miller - August 05, 2016 at 11:43 AM

MA

“ Estimada familia Komurke lamento mucho la pérdida de su ser querido pero quisiera compartir con ustedes unas palabras de consuelo que se encuentra en (isaías25:8) allí jehová Dios nos promete que va a acabar con todo lo que nos haga sufrir. Espero que estas palabras les sirvan de aliento.

*Acompañados en su dolor
Madelyn.*

madelyn - August 05, 2016 at 10:01 AM

JS

“ DK you are my BFAM. It was always hilarious Good Times when we were together I will miss you and see you again someday.

Jeff stiles - August 04, 2016 at 06:58 PM

RG

“ Julie I loved hearing the stories about your father. When you shared those memories you always had the biggest smile on your face. Cherish those memories now and forever. You and your family are in all of our thoughts and prayers.

Renee Goergen - August 04, 2016 at 06:46 PM

JK

Love, thank you for all your continued support during this time.

julie komurke - August 05, 2016 at 11:22 AM

MI

“ *So sorry for your loss! It was an honor and privilege to take care of Don in his final days. I will never forget him. I could tell in the short time I was with him he had such a big heart, great personality and loved his family very much. He became my buddy overnight and I will be forever grateful I had the opportunity to be there for him. Praying for you and the family during this difficult time!*

Mike - August 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM

PM

Dear Komurke ladies--How blessed you are to be part of a beautiful, caring family so that you can help each other through the loss of your husband and father. I love the photo that Julie posted. Your dad was lucky to have three adoring daughters. I hope that, in time, you will have only happy memories--no sad thoughts about your loss--because you will be together again.

Patty Masciantoni - August 05, 2016 at 03:59 PM

JK

“Dad you were the first love for each of your three girls and you will forever remain in each of our hearts. You have the most contagious smile that will forever remain engrained in our minds. Today we mourn the loss of an amazing man, a wonderful husband, a compassionate dad, and a true friend to all you touched. We promise to always take care of mom just like you would have always wanted! We will see you in heaven! Xoxo 🥰.



julie komurke - August 04, 2016 at 03:53 PM