



Mr. Donald T Richards

February 8, 1928 - October 13, 2019

Donald “Don” Richards passed away peacefully in the care of Hospice of the Comforter and his beloved wife, Leigh, on Sunday, October 13, 2019 in Altamonte Springs, Florida at the young age of 91.

He was preceded in death by his parents John and Minnie Richards and his sister Shirley Widing. Don is survived by his wife Leona “Leigh” Richards; and their children, Rene Richards of Houston, TX, Lance Richards of Mount Dora, FL, Mark Richards (Mystie) of Marianna, FL, Paul Richards of Eustis, FL, Laura Brown of Baltimore, MD, Shannon McClain of Maitland, FL, Robert Bachman (Tania) of Athens, GA; his nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Don was born on February 8, 1928 in Chicago, Illinois to John and Minnie Richards. He worked for Bell Telephone Systems / Western Electric for 39 years as a field engineer. Don had an incredible work ethic, which is reflected in the fact that in all of his time with the company, he missed a mere 4 days of work.

After retirement, Don met and married Leigh Reed, who would become his devoted wife for the next 30 years. During their marriage, Don and Leigh thoroughly enjoyed traveling, and did so extensively, to many places throughout the world.

Don exhibited tremendous talent in home design. He derived great pleasure in putting that talent to work over his lifetime, especially in the creatively designed octagon-shaped entrance and the light-infused, beautiful sunroom in his current home.

Don immensely enjoyed sharing his beautiful home to entertain others. He was known to all as the epitome of a gracious host, and a true gentleman. No guest ever spent ten minutes after crossing the threshold of his home without being offered his favorite combination of rich espresso enhanced by Sambuca.

An open house celebration of Don's life will be held on Saturday, November 16 from 2 pm to 6 pm, at the home of Don and Leigh Richards, (2236 Tuscarora Trail, Maitland, FL). All are welcome to join the family in celebrating and honoring Don's long life.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to send donations in Don's memory to AdventHealth Foundation Central Florida, 550 East Rollins St. Sixth Floor, Orlando FL 32803.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Don and his family became our family when we met 57 years ago in Mechanicsburg, PA. We shared many happy and eventful times. What incredible memories my daughters and I have. There never was a dull moment when the Richards were around. My daughters, Terry, Ann Marie, Georgette, and Inga along with me send our love and feelings of sorrow, to you, Leigh and Don's children Rene, Lance, Mark and Paul are in our prayers and thoughts.*



Blessings to you all, Ann Martin-McAllen October 21 2019

Ann Martin-McAllen - October 22, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ *There are no words to express the sadness Rick and I feel towards the passing of our dear friend Don.*

Oh, how we'll miss walking through the door where he always had a hug and handshake along with how about a glass of champagne to me and a beer to Rick. Such wonderful times we had and all the great memories.

From getting married in the back yard to Thanksgiving dinners, Christmas day meals, many birthdays and countless times we just enjoyed Sunday afternoons together. Always ending in espresso and Sambuca.

We will truly miss Don. Leigh, know we are always here for you.

*Always and forever,
Rick and Tammy*



Tammy Renie - October 21, 2019 at 04:33 PM

PT

“ *My sincere condolences to Leah and family. Remember all the good times, photos and ever lasting memories you have. Pat Torrasi*



Pat Torrasi - October 16, 2019 at 01:20 AM

JA

“ Janet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald T Richards



Janet - October 15, 2019 at 08:00 PM

JV

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Jo & Led Valerio

Jo Valerio - October 15, 2019 at 06:24 PM