



Don V. Hahnfeldt

April 29, 1944 - December 24, 2017

Don V. Hahnfeldt, 73, of The Villages, Florida passed away Sunday, December 24, 2017 at The Villages Regional Hospital after a valiant fight with cancer. Don was born in Pittsburgh, PA, raised in Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania. He was educated in Pennsylvania and had degrees from Roosevelt University, Chicago, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Naval Reactors and Valdosta State, Georgia. His education prepared him for his 32 years served in the United States Naval Submarine Service and later in his business life and public service. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward F. and Dolores Hahnfeldt and his brother, Jon Hahnfeldt. He is survived by his wife, Cheryle Hahnfeldt; daughters, Christiana (Paul) Damm, Katherine (Scott) Devitt, Jennifer (David) Humphreys; brothers, Edward Hahnfeldt III and Alfred Hahnfeldt; sister, Suzan Hahnfeldt; grandchildren, John Damm, Annaliese Damm, Madalyn Devitt, Thomas Devitt, Drew Devitt, Henry Humphreys, E. Cullen Humphreys; sisters-in-law, Yvonne Cadwallader, Jean (Jan) Kobeski; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews. Services A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, Summerfield, FL on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 11:00 am. Inurnment Inurnment will take place at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial Donations In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the dolphinscholarship.org or donate to The Villages Regional Hospital Foundation at thevillagesregionalhospital.org

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *RIP Captain Handfeldt. I have many good memories and photo's of our time on the USS Tennessee, with you as our outstanding Commanding Officer. So sorry you have passed, I was hoping to look you up in Florida this year, now that we are retired also. Most sympathy to your family.*
FTCM (SS) Ret Jeff Anderson.

FTCM (SS) Jeff Anderson - January 10, 2019 at 06:08 AM

JP

“ *Cheryle,*

Kathy and I were deeply saddened to hear of Don's passing. I just happened to see his name in the Woodrow Wilson Newsletter that prompted me to find this web site. Our prayers are with you and the girls and their families. We both have such fond memories of our times together. Can't imagine how difficult a time this is for you. I wish we were closer to help. You will be in our prayers.

Jim & Kathy Paddock

Jim & Kathy Paddock - February 02, 2018 at 07:11 PM

JE

“ *Hi Cherie,*

Jerry and I were saddened to hear of your recent loss of Don. We have fond memories of our time together in Kings Bay. You both were so wonderful and a joy to have as friends. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Jerry and Rosemary Ellis - January 05, 2018 at 09:10 PM

RR

“ Cheryl,

I know that we had lost touch somewhere along the way, but I was deeply saddened to learn of Don's passing. He was a good friend and a SUPER Submariner. I always recall fondly our tough time getting through Prototype together in Idaho. And the final tour that we had together in Kings Bay where we each had a Trident to play with.

Joyce and I have our hearts broken, and our prayers with you and your family.

Robert

Robert D. Rish - January 05, 2018 at 09:14 AM

FS

“ Dear Cheryle and family,

I am deeply saddened to learn the outcome of Don's last fight. A submariner through and through I know he and all of his family gave their all. He was a true champion of the sailor. Sailor rest your oar. My sincerest condolences.

Frank Stewart

Submarine sailor

Frank Stewart - January 04, 2018 at 07:36 PM

DJ

“ Mom Hahnfeldt, Christi, Katie, Jenny and family, y'all have been in my life for 40 years. My heart fell at the news of Dad Don passing away. John F. Kennedy once said, "Many people walk the earth, but very few leave footprints." Dad Don left footprints on countless hearts and lives worldwide, including mine. He made the world a better place. You each are carrying on his legacy well. I know our Lord is saying to Him, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:21. Love y'all so much, Danya

Danya M. Jordan - January 02, 2018 at 05:40 PM

BC

“ Cheryle, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Don was truly a loving husband, father and grandfather. He served his country well, and made an impact where ever he went. Served in The Villages, Sumter County and the State. He was respected, admired and loved by all who know him. He truly was an "Officer and a Gentleman." I am sure the greatest physician of all, God, will greet him saying "Well done my good and faithful servant." Rest in peace, knowing all is well.

Betty Cunningham - January 02, 2018 at 06:59 AM

JM

“ It is always sad to read about someone passing. But it is even sadder when it is someone that helped to make the Villages a special place to live in. I only knew Don through his work in the VHA, but I continued to follow his endeavors thereafter. He will be remembered as a man who gave of himself for the good of others. Jim and Estelle Murphy

Jim Murphy - December 29, 2017 at 03:58 PM

TP

“ *The Gateway family, and especially the Gateway Sports Hall of Fame, wishes to express our deepest sympathy to the entire Hahnfeldt family. Don was inducted into our hall back in 2005. He was a champion diver and even better a champion person. Don continued to support our hall to this day. I'm sure Don will be greatly missed by his family. Be strong for each other. God Bless.*

Tony Petrocelli - December 28, 2017 at 02:34 PM

PB

“ *My sympathy and prayers for the family of Captain Hahnfeldt. In the mid 1970's LT Hahnfeldt was the USS Woodrow Wilson SSBN-624 (Gold) A-Gang DIVO. His military bearing earned the respect of his men and the nickname 'Doc Savage: The Man of Bronze'. Sailor, rest your oar. Patrick S. Banks, ISCS, USN, Ret.*

Patrick Banks - December 28, 2017 at 01:08 PM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Don's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Don's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, "Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country.

"Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way" 2 Thess 3:16

*Don V. Hahnfeldt CAPT(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.
Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.*

*Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans,
USSVI.*

Bill Dixon - December 28, 2017 at 11:14 AM

RD

“ *Katie, Scott and Family,
Our deepest and sincere sympathy to you, Katie, in the loss of your Dad, a Father-in-Law to you Scott, and a Grandpa to Maddie, Tom and Drew. Please know that you and your entire family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Blessings to you all.
Rich & Cathy
Neighbors from Bristow, VA*

Richard and Catherine Dunne - December 27, 2017 at 11:52 PM

LV

“ *We are sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was such a personable and honorable man. May your wonderful memories of him give you peace. We were privileged to have known him.*

Linda & Michael Vaughan - December 27, 2017 at 04:13 PM

SS

“ Dear Cheryle, Christi, Katie, Jenny and family,
It is such a great loss to so very many, personal and professionally,
in Don's passing. Please know that we are grieving with you,
praying for God to comfort and strengthen you all.
He impacted so many lives, and left a tremendous legacy. It was an
honor to know him, and he will always be remembered for the
amazing man he was.
We love you all,
Susie and Tommy Spicer

Susie and Tommy Spicer - December 27, 2017 at 02:06 PM

DC

“ RIP Captain! To the Hahnfeldt family, Don was my XO on Woodrow
Wilson when I was a junior officer. He had a profound and positive
impact on my growth as a man, Naval Officer and Submariner. He
will be missed by all who knew him.

Dan Capron - December 27, 2017 at 12:46 PM

BM

“ One of the best Captains I served with on the USS Tennessee
SSBN 734. He will always be a great memory. My condolences to
the family he left behind. Rest your oars we have the watch. MT1
(SS) Robert Morisseau (retired)

Bob Morisseau - December 27, 2017 at 10:21 AM

PH

“ Our sincere sympathy to the extended Hahnfeldt family. Our memories are real, our sorrow heartfelt. Remember to cry, hug and laugh...God meant for us to have memories...on behalf of all the Halverson families, in memory of our parents and other family members who have passed, our deepest condolences

Paul Pookie Halverson - December 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM

BJ

“ We met Don and Cheryle at a Christmas party when we moved to The Villages in 2010. We enjoyed their enthusiasm as they described the community and noted that there is a lot of talent here. We recognized Don's talent as we became involved in the bicycle community of The Villages. He gave us practical guidance for our application to be recognized as a Bike Friendly Community. He was a true leader. He always exuded an energy that said "How can I help?" Through his service and enthusiasm, he made us better as a community, as a nation, and as people.

*Bob Jordan Rose Jordan
BG(retired) SES (retired)
US Army US Government*

Bob & Rose Jordan - December 27, 2017 at 10:10 AM

BA

“ My sincere thoughts are with your

barb - December 27, 2017 at 09:44 AM

SC

“ *My love and prayers go out to the family. You were blessed with a wonderful husband, father, brother and friend. I am grateful to have known Don and the family. I will always have a special place in my heart for all of you.*



Susanne Chaffin - December 27, 2017 at 09:31 AM