



Donald R. Daly

May 21, 1955 - January 27, 2023

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Donald R. Daly (67). He went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 27, 2023, after complications from a heart procedure at The Villages Hospital, Lady Lake, Florida. Donald leaves behind his beloved wife on 12 years, Rachel (Peloquin) Daly and his in-laws, Mrs. Elaine (Daniel) Gagnon of Summerfield, Florida, Richard Peloquin of Lincoln, RI, as well as several nieces and nephews. Donald is also survived by his maternal aunt, Mrs. Pricilla (Vincent) Bolduc, of Beverly, MA, and several maternal and paternal cousins from the NorthShore area and beyond.

Donald was born in Peabody, Massachusetts on May 21st, 1955. The only child of Ronald J. and Mary M. (Steedman) Daly, formerly of Contant Street, Salem, MA. Don spent his younger days fishing at the Willows, exploring Essex Institute Museum and reading anything he could. He was a paperboy, altar boy, and he achieved Eagle Scout with Silver Palm in 1971. Don spent the first 65 years of his life on Contant St. His first change of address came when he moved to Summerfield, Florida in January of 2020.

Donald graduated from St. John's Preparatory High School, Danvers, MA, in 1973. Donald pursued his love of history by receiving his Bachelors of Arts in History from Gordon College in 1977. Donald went on to get his teaching certificate and Master of Arts in History from Salem State College in 1989.

In addition to his museum career, Don pursued a second career in Culinary Arts working as a chef for The Salvation Army and in Corporate Dining at Pfizer Headquarters in Andover, MA, going out on disability in October 2010.

Donald was an active member at the Salem Masonic Lodge for over 40 years. Don was a post Master of Essex Lodge A.F & A.M. He also served his fellow brothers by preparing dinner at their monthly meetings.

A funeral service will be held at Grace Anglican Church, 4971 E. CR 462, Wildwood, Florida, at 11am on the 18th of March.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Donald with his Mason Brothers and relatives on the NorthShore at Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church, 188 Elliot Street, Danvers, MA, Saturday, April 29, 10:00AM with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery, in Salem MA

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chrise the Redeemer Anglican Church
188 Elliott St
Danvers, MA

Tribute Wall

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“ *As a member of the vintage dance community, I'm very sorry we have all lost Don from our small world of those who especially appreciate history and dance, as well as the wonderful food he prepared for us over the many years of balls and teas at Newport and other vintage dance events. He was a pleasure to work and a lovely contributor to our shared activities. - Gail*

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