



Donald J Doehring

December 12, 1929 - January 19, 2023

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Don was born to Henry and Helen Doehring on December 12, 1929. He had two brothers, Herb and Bud and one sister, Geraldine.

Don married Betty Louise Longardner in 1949 and they had five children, Sharon Elizabeth, Deborah Jean, Kathleen Marie, Donald Andrew and Mary Louise. He is survived by his five children, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Don was a beloved father and grandfather. He left behind many broken-hearted loved ones.

Don worked as an aerospace engineer from 1959 until retirement in 1992. He also worked part time five nights a week and Saturdays in the exciting new world of military jet aircraft trainers/simulators to support his large family.

From 1961 to 1970 when his son Donny was young, he was a Little League Baseball Coach. He was loved by all his players for being a fair coach and for teaching them to be good teammates and to grow up to be good men.

His wife Betty passed away in January 2001. He met and fell in love with Jean Soper and they married in 2004. Jean passed away in 2016 and is survived by one son, Angel R. Soper.

Don was an avid bowler and was on a bowling team until he became ill in January. He loved his bowling friends and at the age of 92 he could still, on occasion, bowl a 200 game. Don was also renowned for his ability to repair anything. He repaired donated sewing machines for Gift & Thrift in Apopka, where his daughter Mary Lou volunteers.

Don loved his friends and family. He embroidered hankies for his friends and volunteered his talents sewing zebras and little stuffed ponies for Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses, a charity he loved and believed in. He was doing this at age 93! He had 16 zebras sewn, stuffed and ready for his neighbor Karen to do the tiny stitching and donate.

Memorials may be made to the charity, Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL on Tuesday February 14 at 10:00. Online condolences may be made at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

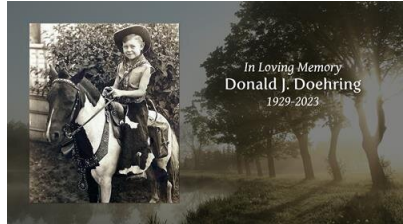
FEB 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake
134 N US Highway 441
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4444

Tribute Wall



“ *Beyers Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald J Doehring*



Beyers Funeral Home - February 06, 2023 at 04:29 PM

KF

What a wonderful review of some of Don's special moments. He has raised such a terrific family and has left lots of great memories for all of his friends and family to remember him by, now that he has completed his remarkable life. Thank you, Don!

Karen Friebel - February 07, 2023 at 02:08 AM

GK

*God speed, Dad. I love you.
Kathee*

Griffin Kathleen - February 07, 2023 at 02:04 PM

DJ

*A wonderful Dad; I will miss you and love you we are blessed to have you as long as we did.
Thank you for all of your good judgement, your love, and guidance. I know you are in a heavenly place safe & sound. Love you always.
DebbyJ*

Deborah Jackson - February 08, 2023 at 01:53 PM

JW

“ Don was a wonderful neighbor to me. I always loved talking with him. He made me an embroidered handkerchief that I will cherish for ever. He was such a kind gentle person. I will truly miss seeing him but I know he is happy in heaven with his little doggie that meant the world to him. God bless you Don and rest in peace.

Julie Widby - February 11, 2023 at 05:03 PM

RW

“ I could set my clock by Don arriving at the bowling alley! Just an enjoyable man. I will miss you.

Reid Ward - February 07, 2023 at 12:18 PM

MP

“ That's my dad! He was a great cook, (except he loved liver & onions!) He loved sewing, either repairing the machines, or altering shirts for his Bowling league, or making the ponies for giving to the Gentle Caoursel Miniature Horse Therapy. He then, started to make Zebra/horses to match Magic



MaryLou Davis, Dons early birthday pres - February 05, 2023 at 08:46 PM

KF

“ Don was such a wonderful person. Steve and I were so lucky and proud to have him as our neighbor and friend and as kind of an honorary dad who looked out for us. Don had a big heart, a heart of gold, and would always do such kind and thoughtful things for everyone. He was a bright light who brought sunshine into every day. He'd leave you laughing with his wit and self-deprecating humor. He was a true gentleman and a gentle man as well. He was generous with his time and energy and kind spirit. He had a reassuring manner about him and I always felt better knowing he was right next door...and now I feel like he will always have our backs. He was intelligent and talented and humble and fun and very caring. He loved sewing and donating the little stuffed keepsake horses and zebras for the Gentle Carousel Miniature Therapy Horses charity to be given out at therapy visits. He will be missed so much and remembered so fondly and always admired and treasured and loved. Thank you, Don, for touching our lives and bringing the happiness and brightening our lives. You have left the light on for us!

Karen Friebe - February 05, 2023 at 07:26 PM

DJ

*That is our Dad. He was a great father and a good man
What a role model for us. He was always fair, used good judgement
and we knew his discipline came from a position of love. How he made
us laugh but never underestimated life's impact on his family and
friends. Loved deeply by his family we will miss his guidance and
support.*

*He lost his mother at age 20 and said he would turn around to tell her
something & missed her dearly. It is comforting to know he lived life
well and will be with his family and our good Lord.. I will miss him
dearly and am grateful and blessed that we kept him as long as we did.*

We love and miss you Dad

Deborah D Jackson daughter #2

Deborah Jackson - February 06, 2023 at 02:58 PM