



Donald Vargo

August 5, 2014

Obituary of Donald Vargo

Donald Joseph Vargo, 84 of The Villages, Florida, passed away on August 5, 2014. Beloved husband for 57 years to Loretta (nee Smith). Cherished father of Terrence (Charlene McDonald), Jacqueline, Michelle (Tom Gregory), Timothy (Rebecca), Daniel (Pamela), and Carolyn (John Majowka). Son of the late Joseph and Josephine. Brother to Jack, Lenny, Jim, Evelyn, Rita and Marie. Loving grandfather of Caitlin, Rachel, Sarah, Nicholas, Josie, Simon, and Alexandra. Don earned a Masters degree in physics from John Carroll University, and was a physicist at NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, NASA Headquarters in Washington D.C., and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. The majority of his career was devoted to transferring NASA technology to industry for the advancement of scientific and medical products and services. He played a key role in the development of the maceration probe at NASA Lewis Research Center, which contributed to the eventual design of laser surgical instruments used in cataract surgery. An active member of the Catholic church, Don participated in the choir, served as a Eucharistic minister, headed the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and led several bible study groups. He enjoyed golf and provided free tax preparation services while living in The Villages. Don donated his body to medical research.

A visitation will be held Thursday, August 7th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL. A funeral mass will be held on Friday August 8, 2014 at 8:00 AM at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in his name to Cornerstone Hospice in The Villages, Florida; www.cshospice.org or to the charity, Covenant House; www.covenanthouse.org

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL

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Tribute Wall

RH

“ *Loretta, our sincere condolences to you and your family. Don was a wonderful, caring person as evidenced by his donation to the medical field. We know he will be missed by all. Ruth & Ed (Vermilion neighbors)* ”

Ruth and Ed Hopper - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ *I was saddened to read about Don's death in the Washington Post. When I mentioned him and Loretta after Mass, the first thing someone said was, "Remember those beautiful cookies Loretta made?" We haven't forgotten you at St. Mary's. You've been missed. Our hearts go out to all of you.* ”

Pat Seiler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our deepest sympathies to Loretta and family. Jan and Bob Blakeley* ”

Jan and Bob Blakeley - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ *Hi Terry My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care Patrick and Loree* ”

Patrick Voigt - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ I am deeply saddened to read of Don's passing! Working with him many many years ago at LeRC was a great experience. He was a true gentleman and a fun guy! My sincere and deepest condolences to his family. Rest in God's care, Don!

Sandy Kocsis - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Although we only had the pleasure of knowing Don a short time it took me only a few mintues to realize he was an outstanding person. His love of life coupled with his love of his wife and family was immediatly evident. He was a man of great qualities and values and he will be missed by many yet I know he is at peace with the Lord and watching out for us from heaven. Our sincere condolences to his family and his lovely wife Loretta. Rest in Peace my friend. I like many who knew you can say "it was a pleasure to have known you." Jack and Judy

Jack and Judy Callahan - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM