



## Donald Richard Wightman

August 22, 1936 - February 24, 2018

Donald Richard "Don" Wightman, 81, of Grand Island FL went home to be with Our Lord on Saturday February 24, 2018 from Opis Bayview Center in Eustis FL.

Don was born August 22, 1936 in Massena NY to Ida & Ross Wightman. He was a United States Submarine Veteran, enlisting in the United States Navy right out of high school, and proudly served on board sub from 1954-1957. Don was a retired carpenter with the Northeast Carpenters Union working for Werner Spitz Construction Co. in Rochester NY as foreman on commercial construction. After moving to San Antonio TX in 1981 and then to Umatilla FL in 1985, he did various aspects of carpentry including work on the San Antonio River Walk, church building in various states including Florida, home building with his son, Brad, and later working at the Lake County Boys Ranch in their shop. He was a past member of the VFW Post 8087 Mt Dora, a member of American Legion Post 0347 Lady Lake and a life member of Am Vets Post 1992 Mt. Dora.

Don is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Christine Wightman whom he dearly loved with no doubt, of Grand Island FL and by his three sons, whom he loved and was so proud of: Clay (Mona) Wightman of San Antonio TX, Bradley (fiancé, Tamera Glaser) Wightman of Sorrento FL and Adam (Shellee) Wightman of New Braunfels TX and nine grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Ida Jean (Wayne) Milliman of Little Genesee NY along with many nieces, nephews, his mother-in-law, Catherine Conrad and many

sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law on his wife's side.

Don was preceded in death by his parents, Ross Henry Wightman and Ida Mae (Carter) Wightman, his infant sister, Norma Ellen and his brother Ross William (Elaine) Wightman of Weedsport NY.

A Celebration of Life for Don will be held Friday March 2, 2018 1:00 at Sunlake Estates Grand Island FL, in their community's main clubhouse. There will be internment at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell FL with full Military Honors on Monday March 5, 2018 at 11:00.

Those wishing to make a donation can do so at Compassionate Care Hospice of Lake and Sumter Counties or to the Lake County Humane Society of Leesburg FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Until we meet again, my dear...*



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**Your wife, Chris <3** - March 15, 2018 at 07:35 PM

SB

“ *Words, however kind, can't mend your heartache: but those who care and share your loss wish you comfort and peace of mind. May you find strength in the love of family and in the warm embrace of friends.*

*Deepest Sympathy*

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**Stan & Linda Bethe** - March 01, 2018 at 08:02 PM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on Donald's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for Donald's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother 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*

*Donald Wrightman, US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.  
Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate.*

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

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**Bill Dixon** - March 01, 2018 at 07:35 PM

GC

“ Don will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.



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**Gene and Micca Calhoun** - March 01, 2018 at 11:48 AM

DL

“ I love you.



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**Danielle Lovell** - February 28, 2018 at 09:00 PM

DA

“ *There is so many great memories I have of Uncle Don. I love him and I will miss him and I am so blessed for the time that we had him here.*

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**Danielle** - February 28, 2018 at 08:59 PM

SF

“ *I'm having a hard time finding the right words to express my condolences. I'm sorry doesn't seem adequate. You two were the real deal. You stood by your husband during the hardest times. Don, I believe, is at peace in the arms of our Heavenly Father.....which I hope gives you some peace. If you need a shoulder to cry on or an ear to listen I'm here. God bless you and comfort you. Love, Sue*

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**Sue Foote** - February 28, 2018 at 04:59 PM

CR

“ *Chris and family, we are so sorry for your loss and hope you find comfort knowing that Don is at peace..*  
*Love,*  
*Buddy & Cathy Rooney*

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**Cathy Rooney** - February 28, 2018 at 01:29 PM