



Donald Fredrick Oliver

July 3, 1954 - May 19, 2018

Donald Fredrick Oliver passed away on May 18, 2018, surrounded by family.

Donald was born on July 3, 1954 to the late Aileen and Chester Oliver. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Floyd Phillips and Jimmy Phillips.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Helen, and children, Wyatt and Savannah, and grandchild, Lincoln. He is also survived by his sister, Barbara Autry, brother John (Joan) Phillips, and very special nephew James (Tori) Phillips, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donald graduated from Chattanooga Valley High School and UGA Law school. He served as a Georgia House of Representatives for two terms, city judge of Chickamauga, and attorney for Walker County Commissioner. He worked at Atlantic Coast Conservancy until his death.

He was a farmer and avid outdoorsman. He loved camping, canoeing, fishing, and hunting. He worked tirelessly to conserve and protect the trails and waterways of Walker County.

He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, always enjoying speaking the morning announcements and supporting church projects.

He was a superb cook and loved hosting family and friends for the all occasions.

Donald was a member of the UGA Rugby Football Club and the Chattanooga Rugby Football Club for many years. He also coached the inaugural team of UGA Women's Rugby Football Club. He lived life to the fullest.

Thanks to Dr. Davey Daniel, Dr. Taylor Whaley, Melissa Daley, RN, and all the staff of Tennessee Oncology. Special thanks to Hospice of Chattanooga.

The Family will have visitation at Wilson Funeral Home in Chickamauga on Monday, May 21st from 4 until 8pm and Tuesday, May 22 from 4 until 8pm. Wednesday, May 23rd, a celebration of life will be held at 4pm. Rev. Terry Burns, David Chapman, and David Daniel will conduct the service.

In leu of flowers the family would ask that donatarios be given to Lookout Cemetery Maintenance to

Pete Hisey

154 Carlock Circle

Chickamauga, GA 30707

Honorary pallbearers are Virgil Boshears, Gary Hammond, David Westin, Calvin Andrews, Jimmy Kelley, Steve Cotter, Tom Ramee, Raymond Kearns, Tim Miller, Eddie Rushton, Sam Miller, Doug Fortenberry, Joe Booth, Craig Fowler, Ed Wall, Dr. Mike Aiken, the Chattanooga Rugby Football Club, and UGA Rugby Football Club.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wilson Funeral Homes - Chickamauga Chapel
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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

GE

“ Dearest Helen, when Linda told me about Donald's passing it made me really sad. I send my heartfelt sympathy to you and your family. I will never forget that night in 1985 when Donald and some friends took me out to a bar in Chattanooga where they played live music. It may not sound spectacular now but to the young German small town girl then, who has only known the US from TV Shows, it was a special event which I will cherish for life. Lots of love to you on earth and to Donald in heaven,
Gerti

Gerti - May 26, 2018 at 07:03 AM

DI

“ I was fortunate enough to be on the inaugural team of the Georgia Womens Football Club and to know Fred-Pie as our rugby coach and as a friend. He started as our coach when Mike Crook started playing for the men's team again and if memory serves Fred-Pie was injured and he couldn't play. Well, we begged Fred-Pie to stay with us after he was healed and not go back to playing. I am not sure how much arm twisting it actually took but he stayed with us all the way through law school and he didn't play just so he could coach us. I can still hear him now explaining over and again how we should handle a particular team. We had some great road trips over the years. I never eat an avocado without thinking about him. He was a great coach. He was a great man. He will be missed.

Diane-Pie - May 25, 2018 at 12:07 AM

DP

“ *Helen, we are so sorry to hear about Don's passing. We have been out of town & were unable to attend the service. Please accept our sincere sympathy. We are praying for you & your family.*
Donny & Joye Peppers

Donny & Joye Peppers - May 24, 2018 at 10:39 AM

WG

“ *Don Oliver was a rare individual. We shared a love for playing blues harmonica. He made a special trip to High Cotton Music Hall here in Hartwell for our Randall Bramblett Show. And the various legal panels we have shared have been a good mix of sound legal analysis backed with a little gut bustin' humour.*

Walter Gordon - May 23, 2018 at 11:07 PM

CL

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. To our group of city and county attorneys, he will always be "The Professor" and sorely missed.*
Clifton Fay
Columbus, Georgia

Clifton - May 23, 2018 at 10:38 AM

GY

“ *Don was a part time employee in our business while attending UGA Law School here in Athens. He not only did a good job for us he became a good friend. I am deeply saddened to learn of his death. My deepest sympathy to his family.*
Gladys Young

Gladys Young - May 22, 2018 at 08:37 PM

MW

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Mike Ward - May 22, 2018 at 08:31 AM

YH

“ *Yvonna (Small) Hall lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver*




Yvonna (Small) Hall - May 21, 2018 at 11:12 PM

WD

“ *Don was an American original who possessed such a unique and wonderful set of qualities. My time on this earth is richer for having known and admired him. I extend wishes for peace and comfort to his family.*

*Wilson DuBose
Madison, Georgia*

Wilson DuBose - May 21, 2018 at 08:59 PM

 Cindy Young

“ *Cindy Young lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver*



Cindy Young - May 21, 2018 at 07:25 PM

TE

“ I was so sad to hear of Don’s passing. I knew him from his service on the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council. He was a strong voice for indigent defense who took his appointment seriously and was always well prepared at each meeting. This legacy remains and continues to shape the statewide PD system. I was honored to have known him. Terry Everett

Terry Everett - May 21, 2018 at 07:07 PM

EW

“ Don Oliver was as loyal and as fun a friend as anybody ever had the luck to have.

I am very sorry Savannah that we have lost Don. I can only process it that God has another pressing job for him to do.

He could track a deer. Clean a deer. Catch a trout. Cook a gourmet meal. Read a rapid as well as an opponent across the table. He could quote the Bible and Churchill and next quote Brother Dave Gardner.

I will miss him every day.

Savannah, he loved you. And was so proud of you.

I am glad I was blessed with his friendship.

Ed

Edmund Wall - May 21, 2018 at 05:19 PM

MN

“ I enjoyed working with Don on many projects for ACCG over the years. He was always willing to assist, provide advice, and impart wisdom in the way that only Don could do. I will miss his quirky sense of humor and the Hawaiian shirt-shorts-cowboy boots combo that he liked to wear to CLE sessions when he wasn't teaching. I am very grateful to have known him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. Don will definitely be remembered. He was a true original.

Michele NeSmith - May 21, 2018 at 03:27 PM

 Mark Hopkins

“ Fred taught me to love the game. He will be missed. I will be cracking a cold one and lighting up a Cohiba in his honor.

Mark Hopkins - May 21, 2018 at 12:08 PM

JS

“ Don and I go way back and have been colleagues, but more importantly, friends, for a long time. He was one year behind me in law school. After he was elected to General Assembly, I had the pleasure of doing legal research and bill drafting for him while I worked for the Office of Legislative Counsel. After retiring from there I went to work as a lawyer for ACCG and worked with him while he represented Walker County. The thing about Don, and something about which he was very proud, is that he was a 'dirt' lawyer in the best sense of the term. We worked together on more cases and legal issues than I will ever be able to recall. Don had a unique way of looking at the world and he didn't take himself seriously. These are two reasons he was so successful. He kept his head when things got tense and had a wonderful sense of humor that could defuse anything and get people talking so that things could be worked out in a practical manner. Don was very active in the county attorney legal community and shared of himself unceasingly. To all of us who worked with him in that world, we will miss his encyclopedic legal knowledge and his practical ability to 'get things done'. What we will miss most of all, is his friendship. We mourn your loss and look forward to the time we can once again share an adult beverage. Farewell old buddy, we miss ya!!

Joe Scheuer

Joe Scheuer - May 21, 2018 at 09:27 AM

SE

“ Sharon Crawford Eaves lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver



Sharon Crawford Eaves - May 21, 2018 at 08:14 AM

MM

“ Mike Moore lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver



mike moore - May 21, 2018 at 02:09 AM

MM

We had some great times growing up in High Point, hauling hay an attending the Boy Scouts, The football games out in that gravel parking lot, of the church.. Camping out on Sand Mtn. when the Tornado ruined the jamboree. and blew us all the way home...When we grew older. we would take your Brothers 36 ford an drive it around the yard. We couldn't wait to get our license.. Life flew by after High School.. I loved you and your family and still do.. God called you home. I can't wait to see you again Don....You are a special friendMike..aka Mugs-amus

mike moore - May 21, 2018 at 02:31 AM

SA

“ I (Steve) always enjoyed my conversations with Don. I'm not sure, but I believe that we were on the same page in politics. RIP buddy.



Steve and Debbie Atcheson - May 21, 2018 at 01:21 AM

JH

“ Jeri & Thomas Heiskell lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver



Jeri & Thomas Heiskell - May 20, 2018 at 06:58 PM

VW

“ Virginia (Ginger) Gamblin Walz lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver



Virginia (Ginger) Gamblin Walz - May 20, 2018 at 05:21 PM

HJ

“ For a short period of time I kept Wyatt and Savannah when they were babies. When Don would drop them off or pick them up I remember I was always touched by his very gentle and loving ways with them.



Holly Compton Jones - May 20, 2018 at 01:59 PM

DF

“ We've lost a great friend, best camp cook, last one off the river every time, and teller of great tales.



Doug Fortenberry - May 20, 2018 at 12:32 PM

DD

“ Debra Guffey Diffenderfer lit a candle in memory of Donald Fredrick Oliver



Debra Guffey Diffenderfer - May 20, 2018 at 10:22 AM

LI

“ Fred "Donald" coached the UGA Women's Rugby team in our inaugural year, starting in 1976. I don't really know how that came to be; he was there when I showed up to practice. I followed Fred and several other rugby players to law school at UGA in 1978; Fred was a year ahead of me. He was a terrible influence on me as a first year, but boy was it fun. We had hundreds of good times together Fred I know you are playing in a rugby tournament in heaven today and going fishing tomorrow. Love, Liz-Pie Wallace

Liz-Pie - May 20, 2018 at 01:18 AM

LI

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Liz-Pie - May 20, 2018 at 01:13 AM

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Liz-Pie - May 20, 2018 at 01:12 AM

PF

“ Donald’s dad and my grandfather were brothers. One of my Donald stories was I dared him to climb up on the roof of his house. He did. He fell off and broke his arm. I got into trouble. Donald was always there when I’d call him to ask him something whether stupid or not he’d give me a good answer on what to not do v/s what I should do. May you Rest In Peace! You’ll be missed and everyone has I’m sure a funny Donald story!

Pamela Jackson Folger - May 19, 2018 at 09:02 PM



LolitaMurp
Crowder

“ I loved how when we were growing as a family at church and Don cooked, to never ask what kind of meat we were eating..just to enjoy it , cause it was always good..He will truly be missed..

LolitaMurphy Crowder - May 19, 2018 at 07:53 PM