



Donald R. Carlson

July 6, 1950 - May 24, 2025

Donald R. Carlson, 74, of Ashby, passed away on Saturday, May 24, 2025 at The Highlands, Fitchburg.

Donald was born in Fitchburg, July 6, 1950, the son of Edwin W. and Ellen V. (Tiilikkala) Carlson. He graduated from Ashby High School and went on to earn his Associates Degree from Mt. Wachusett Community College and his Bachelor and Master's degrees from Fitchburg State College.

Donald had worked as a press operator at New England Business Corporation in Townsend for over 35 years prior to his retirement.

He was recently honored as a 50 year member of the Aurora Lodge of Masons. He and his family were longtime and founding members of the Elm Street Congregational Church in Fitchburg.

He leaves his sister, Virginia Pereira and brother-in-law Anthony Pereira of Bennington, NH and several cousins in Massachusetts, Florida, Idaho and Finland.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, June 6, at 11AM in the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street, (Rte 119) Townsend Center. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery, Ashby. A calling hour will be held prior to the

service in the funeral home from 9:30 to 11AM.

In Lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Aurora Lodge A.F. & A.M., 16 Thorndike St, Fitchburg, MA 01420 or the Elm St. Community Church, 264 Elm St, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

763 Main Street
Ashby, MA 01431

Previous Events

Calling Hour

JUN 6. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Townsend
250 Main Street ~ Route 119
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2692

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *A true Friend and neighbor. Always so kind and a team with his Dad. I enjoyed all the wonderful times when he came to visit and educated me on many things about our town. RIP Don.*

Elizabeth Paradis - May 31, 2025 at 07:24 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald R. Carlson.*

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