



Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend

January 23, 1941 - March 30, 2025

TOWNSEND: Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend, died Sunday evening, March 30, 2025 at Ayer Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Ayer.

Don was born in Lynn, January 23, 1941, a son of Manson E. and Helene (Libbey) Cowan and grew up in Nahant and Groton. He attended Maine Central Institute in Pittsfield, Maine. Don has resided in Townsend for over 55 years.

For 43 years Don worked as a plate maker at the former Courier Printing Company in Westford, retiring in 2003.

He attended St. John's Church in Townsend and was a member of Northern Spy Golf Club in Townsend where he also worked as a player assistant. .

He leaves two sons, David R. Cowan, Jason L. Cowan and his wife, Julie all of Townsend; his sister, Judith Agnew of Leominster; two grandchildren, Shannon P. Cowan and Erin M. Cowan.

His wife of 56 years, Kathleen R. (Minehan) Cowan, passed away in January 2020 and his brother, William M. Cowan of Houston, TX.

Don's Funeral Mass will be celebrated 9:30AM Friday, April 4, 2025 at St.

John's Church, 1 School Street, Townsend. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Townsend.

Don's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours from 4-7 PM Thursday, April 3, 2025 at the Anderson Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte 119) Townsend Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the NMRS Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 715, Townsend, MA 01469

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

31 Highland St
Townsend, MA 01469

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

APR 4. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church
3 School St
Townsend, MA 01469
(978) 597-2291

Tribute Wall

AH

“ 1 file added to the album Donald Cowan



Anderson funeral home - May 20, 2025 at 11:29 AM



“ Shannon I am very sorry for your loss of your Grandfather. Dax's grandfather, my Dad, was also named Donald ... my sincere condolences, to you and my Son, I miss you both terribly ... hang in there, again, I am sorry ... I hope to speak with Dax again soon... I love you both ... David

David Poboisk - April 27, 2025 at 04:29 PM

LB

“ Wishing you all our condolences, Donnie was a great guy.
Mike and Lisa Beard

lisa beard - April 12, 2025 at 07:55 PM

BP

“ Bill and I were so sorry to hear of Donny's passing. He and Kathy were quite a pair! You are together again. We will miss your amazing laugh, ever present smile on your face, and kindness in your heart. Rest in peace, Donny.
Bill and Jan Pothier

Bill & Jan Pothier - April 05, 2025 at 08:14 AM

S(

“ So sorry for your loss. We just found out about this today. Sending love from the Thonis girls. Don was a big part of our childhood when we visited our grandparents next door!

Sarah Gale (Thonis) - April 04, 2025 at 05:30 PM

JG

“ Fondly remember attending daily mass' with Don - always a joy to know - he will be sadly missed by many. May God hold you in the palm of his hand...John Gaizick

John Gaizick - April 04, 2025 at 01:35 PM

CS

“ I hear Donny calling C..A.,R..O..L in his booming voice across the room! Best night at Cowans Bistro following the Ice Storm that felled trees and cut power for towns everywhere for days...the Yankee Swap must go on! Generators for oven and fridge, the candle lit cafe charmed the intrepid warriors who traveled dodging tree branches and road blocks to make our annual event! Enchanted evening, great stories to tell even now! Thanks for the memories, my friend.

carol stewart-grinkis - April 03, 2025 at 10:55 AM

BC

“ Rest in peace good friend. Your journey home has been challenging. You are in good company. Fran Considine

Bill Considine - April 03, 2025 at 05:28 AM

DS

“ Over almost 40 years, I never saw Don without a smile. May he rest in the sweetest peace.

Deb Tenore Shannon - April 02, 2025 at 08:27 PM



“ Donny was a great fun guy and will be missed by all who have ever met him. *The McNabb Family*

John McNabb Sr. - April 02, 2025 at 06:01 PM



Donny was a fun, great guy and will be dearly missed by all who have ever met him. *John and Kathy*

John McNabb Sr. - April 02, 2025 at 06:05 PM

MW

“ Mark and Laura Walsh purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.



Mark and Laura Walsh - April 02, 2025 at 05:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.



April 02, 2025 at 06:24 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.

April 02, 2025 at 06:24 AM

EL

“ We will miss our dear friend Donnie. His positive attitude, kind smile, and infectious laugh were truly one of a kind. Our kids adored him. I'll never forget one fun evening in a big group at Christmas we danced to Greek music at his house, arm in arm, with rosy cheeks and Donnie wearing his headband. He was a wonderful friend to both John and I over the years. Our condolences and love to the whole family.

Elaine D'Angelillo

Elaine - April 01, 2025 at 06:59 PM

MM

“ Our deepest sympathy to David, Jason and their familys. We all loved Uncle Donnie and he will truly be missed.He was one of a kind.

Michael Minehan - April 01, 2025 at 04:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.



April 01, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.

April 01, 2025 at 03:36 PM

YF

“ *Your P.A.T. Hockey Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.*



Your P.A.T. Hockey Family - April 01, 2025 at 09:30 AM

DR

“ *Fond memories from childhood of Uncle Donnie. He had the best sense of humor and laugh and will be greatly missed. Condolences to my cousins and related family members.*
Damian Ryan

Damian Ryan - April 01, 2025 at 08:02 AM

CR

“ *Love and condolences to our cousins and families at their loss of a wonderful father and grandfather. Uncle Donnie was a good man and we have many fond memories of time spent with Aunt Kathleen and Uncle Donnie in West Groton and Townsend going back to the 1960s. God rest the souls of both of them. Rest in peace. Chris and Kitty Ryan*

Christopher Ryan - April 01, 2025 at 06:07 AM

JR

“ *Our deepest condolences to my cousins and their families. Uncle Donnie was one of a kind. May he rest in peace. Jonnie, Mara and family.*

Jonathan Ryan - April 01, 2025 at 01:09 AM

CK

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chuck Kelley - March 31, 2025 at 11:16 PM

CK

“ Prayers for Donnie and his family... Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
Donnie had the best (and most contagious laugh) - he will be truly missed.

Chuck Kelley - March 31, 2025 at 11:12 PM

SW

“ I knew Donnie & Kathy from years ago, and then they volunteered for St. John's cleaning crew. We would have Christmas gatherings at the Kielty's and St. Patrick's dinner at the Cowan's. Such great times. Going to miss Don's jovial ways. R.I.P. You are now with Kathy,. My sympathy to the family.
Sue Ann Woolfrey

Sue Ann Woolfrey - March 31, 2025 at 10:02 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Donald L. Cowan, 84, of Townsend.



March 31, 2025 at 08:30 PM



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