



Donald E. Benoit

March 16, 2017

He was born in Fitchburg, MA on July 12, 1940. The son of the late Ernest J. Benoit and Bernadette (Desrosiers) Benoit. Don, Donnie B or Ben as he was known by family and friends graduated from Notre Dame High School in 1958. He was a gifted athlete whose skills on the basketball court are still referenced today.

After high school Donald attended Wentworth Institute of Technology and spent his entire career in the Wire and Cable Industry. He was the General Manager and Vice President of Sales at Mohawk Wire and Cable for many years before his entrepreneurial spirit led him to start his own venture. He was the founding president of Data Guide Cable, Inc. in 1983. In 1992 Data Guide was recognized by the state of Massachusetts as the Small Business of the Year. Donald enjoyed 23 years as a successful business owner. Semi-retiring at 55, he and his wife had the pleasure of traveling throughout Europe and the United States; visiting our National Parks and taking in the wonder of the Alaskan coastline.

He remained very active throughout his life, playing men's hockey and basketball and volunteering as a youth coach for basketball and baseball. His favorite sport was golf and he spent most of his free time on the course adding to his list of nicknames, Oakhill Donnie. After moving to Florida in 2003 he played an impressive 286 rounds of golf in one year!

Donald leaves his adoring wife, Phyllis (Imprescia) Benoit of Plantation, Fl., his five children; Donald Benoit Jr. and wife Lisa of Westminster, Sharon (Benoit) Skinner and husband Leslie of Leominster, Julie (Benoit) DeBono and husband Greg of Lancaster, Lynne Benoit-Grzyb of Fitchburg and Stephen Benoit of Fitchburg, step-daughter, Laura (Miller) Duke and husband Alan of Suffolk, Va., 9 grandchildren, his siblings; Paulette (Benoit) Collette of Fitchburg, Paul Benoit of Ashby, Susan (Benoit) Cheries of Ashburnham, and Donna (Benoit) LeBlanc of Fitchburg, many nieces, nephews and his first wife Evelyn (Guenette) Benoit of Leominster.

Blessed with a large, loving family, Don was happiest spending time with them playing bon homme or cards and laughing. His quick wit will be remembered always as well as his baritone voice, singing "happy birthday" and leading the singing at celebrations with family and friends.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Pepe I miss you. I remember the one time there was a Tornado warning and Grammy Phyllis wanted us to go in the basement but you We're watching golf so you didn't want to go down we were all scared for you but Grammy Phyllis assured us how you were going to be fine it was funny though because you're watching Golf and you never wanted to be interrupted even though there was a tornado warning*

I love you your granddaughter soleil

soleil - March 17, 2020 at 02:20 PM

PI

“ *To my sister Phyllis & Benoit Family sorry for your loss. Love you and may Donald Rest in Peace.*

Philip Imprescia - March 26, 2017 at 09:11 AM

JS

“ *Lynne and Phyllis sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed the golf and bar discussions with Don at Oak Hill Country Club.*

Joe Sylvia - March 24, 2017 at 03:20 PM

LG

“ Dad,
You will be admired and cherished all the days of my life. There will not be one day I will not carry you with me. I will soar higher with you. I have taken so many risks in life as per your example and the best biggest ones are to come. I vow to keep on growing and enjoying each day as they are each gifts like you are to me. You may even find me swinging some clubs one of these days....That last movie together, holding your hand and ride to the beach (thank you for appeasing me) and eating fried clams was the best day ever !!! Thanks for taking such good care of us all...ALWAYS YOUR BABY GIRL... Lynne

Lynne Benoit Grzyb - March 21, 2017 at 08:13 PM

SG

“ *rest in peace and know you have changed my life for the better.*

Stephen Gay - March 20, 2017 at 02:18 PM