



Donald A. "Frenchy" Maynard

March 8, 1930 - May 25, 2020

FITCHBURG: Donald A. "Frenchy" Maynard, 90, was born in Fitchburg, Massachusetts March 8, 1930, son of Archibald and Hazel Adel (Perry) Maynard.

Frenchy was a graduate of Fitchburg High School in 1948 and played on the varsity basketball team his junior and senior years. He was employed at the Harry Doehla Greeting Card Co. from 1948 to 1953 and then went on to work for the George S. Carrington Greeting Card Company from 1954 to 1960.

He was employed by the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Co., now Unitil Company, from 1962 to 1994, from which he retired as a Head Meter Reader.

Frenchy lived most of his life in Fitchburg, except from 1991 to 1995 when he lived in Lunenburg.

He was an original member of the former Flopenaufin Ski Club. He also was a member of the Montachusett Ski Club for many years, as well as the Wachusett Old Time Skiers Club. Frenchy belonged to the Fitchburg Historical Society, where he enjoyed doing research on the city of Fitchburg. He was also a member of the Lunenburg Historical Society, the Friends of the Fitchburg Library, and the Friends of Coggshall. Frenchy was on his Class Reunion Committee for 70 years. He was a longtime supporter and volunteer

of the Longsjo Classic and Boston Marathon. No matter where he was and who he met, young and old, he was seemingly always able to make an enthusiastic connection with that person and their family or their interests.

Frenchy leaves his devoted wife of 29 years, Lucille J. (Joyce) Sheahan Maynard, his two stepsons, Garrett Sheahan and his wife Beth of Lancaster, Matthew Sheahan of Woodland Park, CO, and many nephews and nieces.

He is predeceased by one sister Ruth Maynard, three brothers, Walter A. Maynard in 1994, Richard A. Maynard in 1997, and Kenneth B. Maynard in 2004.

His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30 at 11AM in St. Anthony di Padua Church, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg.

Cemetery Details

North Cemetery

Holman St.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY **30**. 11:00 AM.

St. Anthony's Church
84 Salem Street
Fitchburg, MA

Tribute Wall

DA

“ My condolences to Donny's family. I met Donny in the 70s when he would spend time running his brother Kenny's package store in Ashburnhan across from my childhood home. I remember on snowy nights he would let me start his car and move it in front of the store. That was a real deal for me, a 14 year old kid. Frenchy was a kind sole, and friend. I also got to know his dad, Archie. I didn't get to know Rich and Walter, but I enjoyed the company of his brother Ken and they both had a big influence on my life. I will miss you Donny, may you R.I.P. With your Mom and dad and your sister and brothers. I don't get the paper, and I just found out today, 10/20/2020 that you had passed. I remember attending Ken's funeral, how fitting a send off for a dedicated Police officer, I cried. Rest in peace my friends.

David Nolan of Ashburnham - October 20, 2020 at 09:01 AM

DH

“ *Donnie was my father figure for 6 years when he and my mom, Pat Witt (DeLeo) dated. He loved 'the twins' and we loved him. He disciplined us with love and we loved and respected him for it. Over the years, I'd always expressed my gratitude for his love and shaping my life as a child.*

He was so good to us: taught us how to ski and we would ski with his niece and nephews at Mt. Wachusett. He took us to the Flopenaufen ski house in Bethlehem NH.

Our holidays were spent on 9 Crown St. with his huge family. We were always made to feel 'a part of.' That was the Maynard family, loving, kind and generous, like Don.

He loved being outdoors and in the sun. We'd go to Willard Brook and Crow Hill and the ocean. So many memories that shaped my life as a child, thanks to him.

He will be missed by so many that he knew and loved and they loved him back.

My sincere, sad sympathy to his step children, family members and friends.

*Donnie, you were the best and I love you xo
Donna Witt Henderson*

Donna Witt Henderson - June 06, 2020 at 07:39 AM



“ *Don*

George Mirijanian - May 31, 2020 at 09:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Donald A. "Frenchy" Maynard.*



May 29, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Donald A. "Frenchy" Maynard.*



May 29, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ *Woodmeister Master Builders purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Donald A. "Frenchy" Maynard.*



Woodmeister Master Builders - May 28, 2020 at 11:05 AM

NC

“ R.I.P. dear man, Frenchy Maynard! Oh my Goodness. So sad news. What an amazing, kind, sweet, helpful soul he was! His whole self appointed purpose in life was to support others and bring joy to people. He sat for hours in all kinds of weather photographing people running races and he knew everyone’s name and age and time and spent his own money developing his film and buying stamps to send pictures to people with his perfect handwriting. Rest in Peace Saint Frenchie, you incredible role model. I aspire to be more like you starting right this second!

North Medford Club - May 28, 2020 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ I am so saddened to hear of the passing of my long time friend and mentor, "Frenchy" Maynard. I'll miss his frequent visits to the Gallery where he always had new information to share on the city's history. He was an extraordinary man and an asset to the community. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. Peter Capodagli

PETER CAPODAGLI - May 28, 2020 at 07:46 AM

TR

“ Sending you my deepest sympathy & prayers. Sincerely, Tracy Durkin

Tracy - May 27, 2020 at 04:42 PM