



## Donald E. Medbery

May 3, 1935 - December 8, 2023

Donald E. Medbery, age 88, of Dover, NH, formerly of Los Angeles, California, passed away at his home on December 8, 2023. His death came as a bit of a surprise, as he was quite healthy and active, walking his dog 'Ace' and doing chores around the house, up until the day of his death.

Donald was born in Everett Hospital, May 3, 1935 to the late Emma H. (McCumber) and Ralph B. Medbery Sr. He was raised by his widowed mother, who was very involved in the local Methodist Church. Donald attended Everett High until his enlistment into the US Air Force in June of 1952. He was a decorated veteran, who proudly served his country in the Korean War and enjoyed telling stories of his adventures and travels.

Donald's adventurous spirit brought him to California in the 1970's, where he worked for Freightliner Truck Custom Engineering Group, where he helped design many innovative systems, including a universal external air cleaner for Vortex Air Cleaner Co, which he was very proud of. Always looking for an opportunity to grow, he eventually took on a position in sales, where he excelled. He became a top salesman for Peterbilt for 13 years, and then for Kenworth Trucks for several more years, which he accomplished by building relationships with the trucking company owners and fleet managers. Once again, he saw an opportunity to grow, and took on a management role at Alta Dena Dairy in City of Industry, CA, and was able to help increase efficiency

and quality, which he was also very proud to have accomplished.

Donald moved to Florida in the early 1990's and met Suzanne Benoit. They married and moved back to Massachusetts for a few years before settling in Dover, NH. They built a beautiful log home on the river and enjoyed it so much, they started 'Lodge Log Homes of NH' selling the homes around New England. They thoroughly enjoyed working with their clients, to help make their dream of a log home a reality.

Donald is survived by his wife Suzanne Mebery and their dog Ace, his daughters Michelle Menes of Upland, CA & Tracie Cornelison of San Bernadino, CA, his 4 step-children: Christie and Miguel Quijano of Ashburn, VA, Gregory and Yong Benoit of Leominster, MA, Anthony and Renée Benoit of Fitchburg, MA and Jon Benoit of Fitchburg, MA, Thirteen grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren

He was predeceased by his brothers Robert Medbery and Ralph Medbery.

A graveside service will be held privately at Evergreen Cemetery in Leominster.

The Anderson Funeral Homes, Fitchburg, Townsend and Ayer are assisting the family with arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Main Street  
Leominster, MA

# Tribute Wall

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“ Don was a wonderful friend and confidant. I first met Don while I was working for Millers Outpost and he was the Salesman for Peterbilt Trucks. We worked closely on many projects and transformed the Millers Outpost fleet to one of the most recognizable in the So California area. Don was always there to lend his expertise and knowledge to help with life as well. Many great times and wonderful dinners together. RIP my friend. Tom Williams

Tom Williams - July 10, 2024 at 07:29 PM

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“ Just found out today my uncle Don passed away last December, 2023. He was my Dad's youngest brother. My Dad, Ralph would take my sister Donna and me to visit my grandmother on Sunday's. We called her Nana. Uncle Don would always come by to visit with us and he always had his camera with him. Through the years whenever we visited with uncle Don he was never without his camera. I would always say; here comes uncle Don with his camera. He took more pictures then anyone I have ever known. Years later, when it had been awhile between visits we would get together and remenis and uncle Don would bring out so many pictures of all the places and people we were talking about. No Matter when or where, there was uncle Don with his camera. We should have nicknamed him Mr. Kodak!  
Miss and love you uncle Don!  
Millie and Donna Medbery.  
(928) 733-9178



Millie Medbery - March 19, 2024 at 07:28 PM



“ Hi folks - my uncle Don was like a second dad to me. Always called to say hello and to auntie Sue.He was a gift and often spoke to him regarding advice on life’s situations where only a father could listen and advise.RIP UNCLE DON  
 Ralph and maria medbery  
 just found out

Ralph Medbery - March 18, 2024 at 04:46 PM

BA

“ 2 files added to the album Dons journey



Brian Anderson - January 05, 2024 at 04:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Dons journey



Harry Christie - January 03, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Many great memories of visiting with Sue and Don in Cabo San Lucas, New Orleans, and 3 Covered bridge lane, Dover, NH.

Harry Christie - January 03, 2024 at 12:18 PM

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“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



**20th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron**

Fifth Air Force determined a need for additional nighttime all-weather intercept area. In response, the 7th Air Force provided the F-104 equipped 20th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, in Taiwan. All in February and early 1965. Air Force continued the use of the 20th to local air defense in order of its airframe intercept radar equipment in a low over enemy of all the end of the month, the 20th used F-104s to maintain fighter in place. Helping to protect 8-2% from enemy interceptors.

area, March 18, 1962.



Harry Christie - January 03, 2024 at 11:43 AM