



Donald R. Wallace

December 4, 1932 - February 4, 2023

AYER: Donald R. Wallace, 90, a longtime Ayer resident died unexpectedly Saturday, February 4, 2023, at his home.

Don was born in Ayer, on December 4, 1932, a son of Roger and Agnes (Latvis) Wallace and was a 1951 graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton.

Following his graduation from high school, Don enlisted and served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

For over thirty years he worked for New England Telephone as a lineman and later in the Private Branch Exchange Board Department before retiring in 1987. Following his retirement from New England Telephone, Don went on to work another twelve years at Lockheed Martin Corporation in Nashua, NH.

Don was a member of the IBEW Local. He attended Saint Mary's Church in Ayer and was a member and Past Grand Knight of its Knights of Columbus Council # 374. He was a member of the Ayer American Legion Post # 139 and in 2017 served as the Grand Marshall of the July 4th Parade. He was a former member of the Lodge of Elks and the Ayer Volunteer Fire Department. Many years ago he coached in the St. Mary's CYO Basketball Program. Donnie had many interests during his ninety years, he enjoyed reading, walking, using the computer and his candy and ice cream. Most importantly he loved spending

time with his family and friends. Whether it was at trip to the casino with his good friend Dave Dolan or watching the grandkids on the athletic fields, Donnie was always up for an adventure. Big D loved his family, friends and country with all his heart.

Don leaves his wife of 67 years, Josephine M. (McGuane) Wallace; two sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. and Terry Wallace, Marty D., and Kathleen Wallace all of Ayer; three daughters and sons-in-law, Mary C. and Rich Sperazzo of Laconia, NH, Agnes and John Shanahan, Monica J., and Brian Gill all of Ayer; his sister, Carol Castellano of Nashua, NH; eleven grandchildren, Anthony Sperazzo, Matthew Sperazzo, Meagan Monat, Michael Wallace, Mary B. Acuna, Julie Santiago, Stephen Wallace, Brian Wallace, Sarah Wallace, Matthew Gill, Ryan Gill; eight great-grandchildren, Aiden Monat, Emma Monat, Adeline Sperazzo, Nora Sperazzo, Adrianna Sperazzo, Sophie Sperazzo, Anthony Sperazzo and Jack Wallace.

He was predeceased by two infant children, Raymond Wallace in 1960, and Catherine Wallace in 1962, and two sisters, Priscilla Hottel of Ayer and Martha Wollen of Nashua, NH.

Don's funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Friday, February 10, 2023, at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Interment will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer.

Don's family will receive relatives and friends at calling hours 4-7 PM Thursday, February 9, 2023, at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Road (Rte. 2A) Ayer. For additional information or to leave an online condolence please visit their website at www.andersonfuneral.com.

Memorial contribution may be made to Clearpath for Veterans, 84 Antietam Street, Devens, MA 01434.

Don's Funeral Mass will be recorded, and will be available to view early evening on Friday at the following link: <https://my.gather.app/remember/donald-wallace-2023>

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.
Ayer, MA

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB **9**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A
Ayer, MA 01432
(978) 772-2355

Funeral Mass

FEB **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church
14 Phoenix Street
Shirley, MA

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Hello Agnes & John, Mary & Richie, Marty & Kathy, Monica & Brian. So tremendously sorry for your loss. Your dad reminded me so much of my dad. He was wonderful, kind and caring. Whenever he came in it was always a great pleasure to see him. My extreme condolences to all of you and the rest of the family many of whom I do not know. Lloyd

Lloyd Erickson - February 21, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ Mrs. Fields Crimson Nibbler Trunk was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.



February 09, 2023 at 08:42 PM

JG

“ Mrs. Wallace, Agnes, Marty, Joe, Mary and Monica I am sorry for the loss of your wonderful husband and father. Janice Melanson Graham



Janice Melanson Graham - February 09, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 08, 2023 at 08:25 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 08, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ *Chris, Heather, Paxton Herrstrom purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



Chris, Heather, Paxton Herrstrom - February 08, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ *We will miss you Uncle Donnie! You are a BEAUTIFUL/KIND soul/spirit! I ALWAYS thought you looked like you should be the President of the US! I love you Uncle Donnie! Ty for being there for my Mom 🤔💜*



Shannon Kay - February 08, 2023 at 07:55 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 08, 2023 at 07:33 AM



“ *Faith, Hope and Love and the greatest of these is Love. Your love will carry on in the hearts of so many Donnie. You had an amazing gift of making everyone you met feel as though they were the most important on the planet. I've been witnessing your family gather to put pictures together to display to share for all to see at Anderson Funeral Home. Your priorities were always in the right place God, Country, Family & Friends. I will never forget when we returned from a Syracuse Football game together. We crossed paths with your wife Phine as she was driving the school bus minivan. We stopped to say hello and as we drove off you said; "God I love that woman. " You gave adage to your wedding vows this past year as you attended to your wife Josephine You have earned your eternal rest my friend. I love you and I will miss our talks. May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face and rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again Big D, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Love, Mark

Mark McNulty - February 07, 2023 at 11:44 PM

DS

Mark, This is so beautiful & totally sums up the man Donnie Wallace was. He had become very special to me & will be so missed.

Denise Stepleton - February 13, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 07, 2023 at 04:47 PM

PK

“ *PAUL KOZLOWSKI lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Wallace*



PAUL KOZLOWSKI - February 07, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 07, 2023 at 02:21 PM

LF

“ *Our Condolences to the entire Wallace Family. The Carroll Family*

Lisa Carroll and Family - February 07, 2023 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 07, 2023 at 10:33 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He lived a very full life but it's still a huge loss. My prayers are with your family.*

Jackie Esielionis - February 07, 2023 at 10:03 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 07, 2023 at 09:19 AM



“ *Donny, you were a classic Ayer fellow, grew up in Ayer, off to the military, back home, raised wonderful children, a happy marriage, a wonderful man and a wonderful life.*

Bob Gardner - February 07, 2023 at 08:11 AM



The epitome of a Gentleman! To Phine and the entire family you were blessed, He left his mark, for you all to follow All those wonderful memories to share,,,Rest in peace 🙏

Maribeth Dynice Finnerty - February 07, 2023 at 09:45 AM



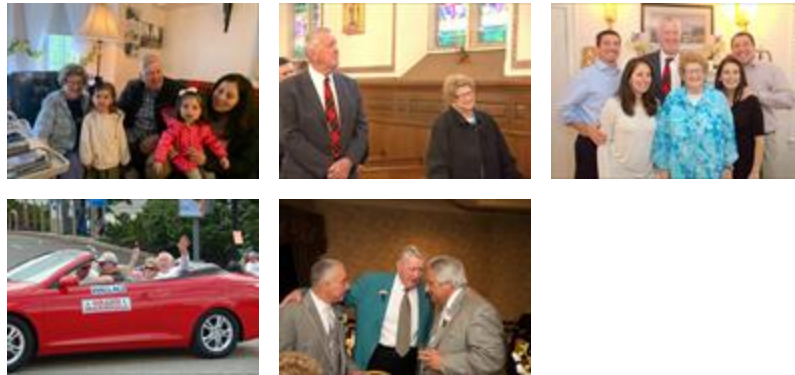
“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 07, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ *6 files added to the album Germani photos*



Dan and Pat Germani - February 06, 2023 at 07:03 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald R. Wallace.*



February 06, 2023 at 06:46 PM

DG

“ Although we were not lucky enough to spend much time in Donald's orbit, the little that we did confirmed that he was a kind and caring man that lived his life to its fullest. He was adored by his many Family and Friends and they are lucky to have all the memories that were left behind by this great man. We are glad that we were his Facebook buddies. RIP Donald. Dan and Pat Germani, Greenville, RI.

Dan and Pat Germani - February 06, 2023 at 06:34 PM

JC

“ Marty, I am so sorry for your loss.

Jm Connors - February 06, 2023 at 05:55 PM

PB

“ To the Wallace Family.
My sincere sympathies during this time. May your memories bring you joy. My father will be there to greet Mr. Wallace at the pearly gates. Paula Boisseau

Paula Boisseau - February 06, 2023 at 02:04 PM

BO

“ Don was a wonderful man, always with a kind and encouraging word, and will be missed by all. Condolences to his family for this huge loss to them and to the Town.

Bill Oelfke - February 06, 2023 at 01:38 PM

MN

“ To The Wallace Family: Mr. Wallace was a great guy and a true gentleman. My sincere condolences to you all.

mike noeth - February 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM

DH

Sue and I send our deepest sympathies to the Wallace clan. Donny and my brother Ed were a joy to be around. A proud and wholesome man was Don. Dave and Sue Hopkins

David Hopkins - February 06, 2023 at 04:01 PM

JL

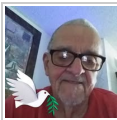
“ *My condolences to the family. Don was a lovely man and will be missed by all who knew him.*

Jannice Livingston - February 06, 2023 at 11:33 AM

TE

“ *Don was an icon in our hometown of Ayer who always showed genuine interest in everyone he encountered. This was evident though early St. Mary's "discussion group" meetings with my parents to my mowing his Aunt Eva Werner's lawn to recent conversations we had. He was always a pleasure to talk with. Please accept my condolences.*

Tim Elmer - February 06, 2023 at 11:26 AM



To the Wallace family so sorry for the passing of Don. I waited on Don many times at Aubuchon & Moores. Great guy with a fantastic outlook. RIP Don

Albert Wendling - February 06, 2023 at 07:47 PM

KS

Very sorry for the Wallace family.

Kathleen schick - February 08, 2023 at 08:33 AM

RA

Loss is not easy to accept, but memories are precious. May you rest in peace Donnie. Sorry for the loss of this fine man.

Rosanne (Tessier) Allen

Rosanne (Tessier) Allen - February 09, 2023 at 12:30 AM

KE

The world lost an absolutely wonderful person. He will be missed. Hugs to you all.

Kimberly Ernst

Kimberly Ernst - February 09, 2023 at 04:30 PM