



## Donald E. Witherell

February 10, 1937 - December 22, 2022

SHIRLEY: Donald Edward Witherell of Shirley, MA passed away peacefully at home on December 22, 2022. A loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and uncle, he leaves his wife Laurie of thirty-two years; his three sons, Donald Jr. (Erin) of Londonderry, NH, David (Pamela) of Westwood, MA and Mark of Fitchburg, MA; his seven grandchildren, Patrick (Sarah), Brittany, Hannah, Lauren, Brandon, Maddie and Luke; his great grandchild Rayleigh; his brother Peter Witherell, his wife Mary and sister-in-law Maxine Goetschius.

Don was born and raised in West Concord, MA where he graduated from Concord High School and played on the hockey and basketball teams. He received his Associates Degree in Accounting from Bentley.

As a young man, Don served in the Massachusetts National Guard. For thirty-five years he worked at GenRad in Concord and later at Nova Biomedical. He co-founded the Concord Youth Hockey Association and coached at all levels; something he greatly enjoyed. Later in life, Don volunteered with the Massachusetts Special Olympics and was with them for over 25 years. A lifelong sportsman, Don was an avid golfer, skier and baseball player. He and Laurie made a loving home for a menagerie of animals including their beloved dogs, cats, goats and chickens.

A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday January 11 from 4-7 pm at the Bull Run Restaurant in Shirley. We look forward to sharing the many great

stories from Don's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Don's memory will be gratefully accepted at the Massachusetts Special Olympics, 512 Forest St., Marlborough MA 01752 <https://www.specialolympicsma.org/>

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bull Run Restaurant  
215 Great Road (Rte 2A)  
Shirley, MA 01464

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald E. Witherell.*



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January 04, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Laurie, our condolences to you and your family. Don was such a good person. Kind and fun to be around. We have so many memories of wonderful times together. Group trips to Ogunquit, GenRad outings, your Wedding, trips to Aruba, beautiful Holiday Parties, or just hanging out. Always great to be with. Our hearts go out to you for your loss. He will be missed.*  
*Bobbie and Paul*

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**Bobbie and Paul Denis** - December 30, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *David, our deepest condolences to you, the entire Witherell family and all of Dons friends. Love, thoughts and prayers are with you.*  
*- Your WWT family*



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**Brian Houlihan** - December 28, 2022 at 10:44 AM

SA

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with him. He was a kind giving cherished neighbor we will never forget.*

*The Farnsworths 59 Little Turnpike*

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**sarah** - December 27, 2022 at 05:53 PM

DW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**D Witherell** - December 27, 2022 at 10:45 AM

DW

*Donny David mark haircuts provided by Don Sr in his basement.*

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**D Witherell** - December 27, 2022 at 10:47 AM

JA

*Laurie, I can't make it today, but I've been thinking a lot about the GR women's softball team and the years Don coached and you played so very well! They were good years, and happy memories for me.*

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**Judy Anderson** - January 11, 2023 at 09:29 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald E. Witherell.*



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December 27, 2022 at 08:29 AM

BH

“ Laurie,

*So sad to hear of your loss, our condolences to you and your family. As I read the obituary, all the memories of the good times we shared at GenRad and the awesome gatherings Don and you hosted at your home at Christmas time. Don will be sorely missed and remain in our prayers.*

*Bob & Rita*

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**Bob & Rita Hamel** - December 26, 2022 at 12:49 PM

NB

“ I will forever hold you in my heart, my dear friend DW ❤️



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**Norma Brennan** - December 26, 2022 at 11:09 AM

SM

“ Laurie and family,

*All of us at Tiny's are so sad to hear of your husband/father's passing. It was always a pleasure to see you both and we will miss him dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this very difficult time. R.I.P. Don*

*Love,  
All your friends from Tiny's*

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**Sharon Mauro** - December 26, 2022 at 07:49 AM

BM

*It is especially sad to lose Donnie for a family so close knit as your own. But I cannot doubt that he has gifted you with so many special and unique memories that he will never ever be forgotten. He was as funny and warm and generous as a brother-in-law once removed (being my sister's brother-in-law and my nephews' uncle) as he was a classmate way back in high school. He would want you to remember with a smile.*

*With warm thoughts for you all,*

*Barbara Fultz Martinez*

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**Barbara Fultz Martinez** - December 26, 2022 at 11:03 AM

BP

*Laurie,  
I am so sorry to know of Don's passing.  
You both worked so very hard at keeping both of you healthy. You did so well all of this time.*

*My condolences and best wishes.*

*I hope to see you in May.*

*Bob Polsonetti*

*North Ft Myers, FL*

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**Bob Polsonetti** - December 26, 2022 at 03:48 PM

AP

*Laurie and all of you,*

*Saying goodbye to Donnie is especially sad and difficult for me. He was my brother-in-law but also a wonderful friend and always there when needed. Losing Bob - my husband and his brother - so many years ago he was there for us. We had so many laughs together. He was truly funny sometimes with sarcasm or a joke or a true happening but also would listen if you wanted or needed an answer or advice.*

*Being "Uncle Donnie" to mine was special to them. With you fun-loving cousins to my guys there is always a feeling of family, love and a good time when around you all. My heart goes out to you as you go through this time together.*

*Knowing you have family all around you, Laurie, is a blessing and my thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Love you all, Pep*

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**Aunt Pep** - December 26, 2022 at 05:46 PM

MW

*To my Uncle Don(or Donnie as most everyone called him),*

*I was shocked to hear that he had passed away so quickly, especially around this time. I know that he will be in a better place up there with my dad, Uncle Leo, Uncle Lionel, Grandma, and Aunt Ginger and looking down on us.*

*He shared some good advice and humor with me for a long time. We talked some good things together.*

*God bless*

*Laurie and all of his kids and their families.*

*From,*

*His nephew,  
Michael Witherell*

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**Michael Witherell** - December 26, 2022 at 10:27 PM

DW

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



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**D Witherell** - December 25, 2022 at 10:04 PM