



Mr. Donald A. Graves

January 18, 1936 - March 31, 2024

Donald A. Graves, 88, of Adams, passed away on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

Don was born in Montague, MA on January 18, 1936. He was the son of the late Albert and Mary (Cuff) Graves. He attended Montague schools, and graduated from Turners Falls High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts.

Don worked as Public Relations Director at Berkshire Gas Co., in Pittsfield for over 20 years before retiring in 1995. Earlier, he worked for the Massachusetts Electric Co. for many years.

He was a communicant of St. John Paul II Parish at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. He was a longtime member of Rotary International, receiving recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow as well as Volunteer of the Year in 2006. He was active in many community affairs and event committees, as well as the former Adams Chamber of Commerce. Don proudly served as the Parade Director for the North Adams Fall Foliage Parade for several years and was later honored as the Grand Marshall.

Don is survived by his wife Carol (Kozik) of 62 years, whom he married on July 15, 1961. Their union was a source of strength and joy, marking the beginning of a beautiful journey together. Don and Carol were blessed with three beautiful children by which he is also survived - Sue Barrett and her husband, Dave, of Wakefield, RI; Nancy Koczela and her husband Chris, of Bridgewater, MA; and Michael Graves and his fiancée Mary Ellen Daigneault,

of Adams; nine grandchildren, including Connor, Jacob, Riley, Patrick, Lauren, Ryan, Mackenzie, Mitchell and Madison; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Richard Graves, and a sister, Rita O'Connor.

Don's children and grandchildren brought light and laughter into his life, and he treasured each precious moment spent in their company. When they were younger, Don would often delight them with magic tricks, adding an extra touch of wonder and joy to their time together. Don was also instrumental in teaching his grandkids how to water ski, kayak and fish at their camp on Winsor Pond. Time spent at "The Camp" was a highlight of everyone's summer.

Don's love for music was infectious. Whether he was strumming his guitar, playing the organ at the local church, jamming on the keyboard, or simply enjoying the melody of his favorite songs, his passion for music was immense. Don and Carol were best friends. They did everything together and shared many interests. They are both avid UMASS fans and regularly attended basketball and football games over the years. They spent many winters in Fort Meyers, FL, making memories with longtime friends that they met there. Happy hours, singing Karaoke, playing cards, golfing and attending Boston Red Sox pre-season games were always highlights of their annual trip. Although Donald may no longer walk among us, his spirit lives on in the memories we hold dear. His legacy of love, laughter, and music will continue to inspire and uplift us in the days ahead. He will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Saturday, April 6th at 9:00 am at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10:00 am in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams. Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams. Calling hours are Friday from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Friends of the Adams Council on Aging, 3 Hoosac St. Adams, MA 01220, or The Eagles Band, Inc., P.O. Box 1946, Pittsfield, MA

01202. www.eaglescommunityband.org.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

Celebration of Life

APR 6. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Liturgy of Christian Burial

APR 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church
21 Maple St.
Adams, MA 01220
<http://www.acparishes.org>

Tribute Wall

PW

“ I remember when Don and Carol volunteered for us at MASS MoCA ... always with smiles on their faces. Sorry for your loss, Carol.

Paulette Wein - May 28, 2024 at 05:14 PM

WM

“ Don was a loyal friend for upwards of 50 years. We worked together for approximately 25 +/- years. During the years we worked together there were many challenges as the company was growing at a rapid pace. Many good times and memories. My deepest sympathy to Carol and the whole family.

Walter(Marty) Martin - April 15, 2024 at 02:41 PM

GF

“ I am so sad to hear about Don's passing. Carol, you and Don were part of the Florida family. We have so many happy memories of the time we spent there. I know your family and friends will be a big comfort to you. With love, Gladys Fontes

Gladys Fontes - April 06, 2024 at 04:06 PM

GL

“ I am shocked and saddened to hear this news Carol. You and Don were the epitome of a happy, devoted couple. He was a wonderful man. I will so miss his years of being our emcee and impersonator at all of our class reunions. Not a member of our class, but a few years older we felt like we were all one. Grateful that you and he were able to attend our small reunion last August. My admiration for the both of you has always been unequalled. May your many wonderful memories sustain you and your children and grandchildren during this very sad time. So sad. Love, Glady

Glady Parsons Lyman - April 06, 2024 at 06:42 AM

GL

“ *Glady Parsons Lyman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald A. Graves*



Glady Parsons Lyman - April 06, 2024 at 06:34 AM

JE

“ *Mike and Family..My thoughts and Prayers are with You..🙏🙏*

Janet Eichorn - April 05, 2024 at 04:22 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.*



April 05, 2024 at 05:44 AM

RB

“ *Mike and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences with regard to your dad's passing. Thoughts are with you all. Ryan Boivin*

Ryan Boivin - April 04, 2024 at 11:22 PM

NP

“ A fellow class mate from high school who liked playing polka music .We attended many polka dances in the past from Kstreet to Hatfield ETC.. He chaired many class unions which were always a success .Never without a smile and a kind word .May he rest in peace.

Carol take care .

Nate and Carol Plaza

NATE & CAROL PLAZA - April 04, 2024 at 04:35 PM

RT

“ Remy Worley & Lina Takaoka purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.



Remy Worley & Lina Takaoka - April 04, 2024 at 02:57 PM

BB

“ Barbara Bessette lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald A. Graves



Barbara Bessette - April 04, 2024 at 01:07 PM

KK

“ I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He always had a kind word and smile for all. He was organist at St. John Paul II church for a time while I was in the choir. He was a fine musician and so pleasant to work with.

He will be greatly missed.

Karen Ketcham

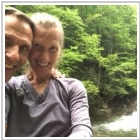
Karen Ketcham - April 04, 2024 at 01:07 PM

BB

“ Dear Carol & Family,
I was heart broken to learn of Don's passing. My many memories of him are a treasure, Don was one of the kindest loving people that I have had in my life.. God Bless you Carol and may God hold you close during this difficult time.

Barb Bessette

Barbara Bessette - April 04, 2024 at 01:07 PM



“ John, Lisa and Gary are so sorry for the loss of a man who truly was always smiling and who had a kind heart. I had forgotten about the magic tricks until someone mentioned that. I do remember many many events where Uncle Don played the organ, which made the event fun for a kid and provided fun through much dancing. Gary remembers going to the camp and having so much fun. Thanks for the memories, your light in this life will be missed.

Lisa Lysik - April 04, 2024 at 12:58 PM

VR

“ I am so very sorry, Carol. The two of you were the best team.
Sincere condolences.
Vicki Richardello

Victoria Richardello - April 04, 2024 at 09:05 AM

ET

“ Eric, Stacy & Andrew Thorson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Donald A. Graves.

Eric, Stacy & Andrew Thorson - April 03, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.



April 03, 2024 at 03:59 PM



“ Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.



April 03, 2024 at 02:02 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.*



April 03, 2024 at 01:29 PM



“ *Logan, Matt, Brendan, Noah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Donald A. Graves.*

Logan, Matt, Brendan, Noah - April 03, 2024 at 12:30 AM



“ *Logan, Matt, Brendan, Noah purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Donald A. Graves.*



Logan, Matt, Brendan, Noah - April 03, 2024 at 12:30 AM