



Donald R. Houghton

July 7, 1937 - January 14, 2022

Donald R. Houghton of Mayfield, NY passed away in his sleep on Friday January 14, 2022, after a long battle with Dementia.

Donald was born on July 7, 1937 in Amsterdam, NY to Earl B. Houghton and Hazel C. Houghton. Donald moved to Gloversville in 1943, and lived there throughout his childhood and school years. Donald grew up very poor and worked hard to help his family make ends meet. He had various paper routes as a young boy until he was hired by Skiff's Dairy to peddle milk. Anyone close to Don, knew how proud he was of that job and how much the Skiff family did for him when he was a young boy.

Donald graduated from Gloversville High School in 1955. He played both basketball and football at the varsity level and still talked about how he played offense and defense and the various feats of many of his teammates. Shortly after graduation, Don was hired by City National Bank, where he worked for the next 45 years. He began his banking career as an auditor, then a cashier, and worked his way up to Vice President and Mortgage Loan Officer for 18 years. In 1990, he became the Vice President and Manager of the Northville branch of City National Bank until his retirement in June 2001. He took great pride in helping people and treating people with respect. During the last few months of Don's life, he loved to go for rides in the car, and would frequently point out a house and tell how he helped the family get the mortgage for their home. Don left behind many friends and loyal customers when he retired. Don also served in the New York Army National Guard for 3 years and was on active duty in the United States Air Force during 1961 and 1962. He was a part time deputy with Fulton County Sheriff's Department for several years, working at the bank during the day and the Sheriff's Department nights and weekends.

On November 26, 1960, Donald married Elaine Sutton of Johnstown, and together they raised four children. Don was a dedicated father and spent many hours supporting his children's hobbies and interests. Don was involved with the Gloversville Little League Baseball Program for several years, both as a coach and an officer. Don also served as a

coach and an officer for the Gloversville Pop Warner Football League. In 1983 and 1984 he was President of the Gloversville High School Football Alumni Club, and was part of the “chain gang” on the field. He served on the Board of Directors and was the Treasurer for the Gloversville YMCA as well. All four children spent many hours at the YMCA with Don, learning how to swim and playing in the gym. Don was a hardworking provider for his family and gave his children a beautiful home and wonderful memories.

On August 23, 1996, Donald married Margaret (King) Hallenbeck of Mayfield, NY. Don and Margaret spent many years traveling between New York and Florida before buying a home there and becoming “snowbirds.” They enjoyed many years in the sun, developing friendships with people from all over the United States and Canada, before moving home permanently in 2020 when Don’s health declined. Don was able to remain at home with Margaret’s loving care until January 2, 2022.

Donald is survived by his wife Margaret, son James Houghton of Webster, NY, daughters: Jacqueline (Daryl) Jones of Florida, Amy Houghton (Mark Mereness) of Guilderland, NY, Julie Houghton (Tom Gable) of Broadalbin, NY, stepsons: Keith Hallenbeck of Broadalbin, NY and Jason Hallenbeck of Mayfield, NY, six grandchildren: Zachary and Spencer Jones, Dustin Houghton and Brittany Laclair, Mallory Houghton and Ryan Houghton, and brother-in-law Rand Warner of Fairport, NY.

Don was predeceased by his parents, brothers Arthur and David, and sister, Marjorie Warner.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Northville Funeral Home.

Condolences may be made to the family online at www.northvillefuneralservice.com. If you wish to make a donation, please consider Parkhurst Field Foundation, P.O. Box 706, Gloversville, NY 12078. Calling hours will 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Wednesday January 19, 2022, with internment in the Spring.

Events

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Visitation

04:00PM - 06:00PM

Northville Funeral Service, Inc.

401 Bridge Street, Northville, NY, US, 12134

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Graveside

11:00AM

Prospect Hill Cemetery

Prospect Street, Northville, NY, US

Comments



“ I was fortunate enough to call Don friend. We shared our lunch breaks at the Village Cafe in Northville a lot of days. Every day was met with a smile and stimulating conversation. Don was not only knowledgeable on so many subjects but interested in all things around him. A gentleman, in every aspect!



art taylor - February 02 at 12:16 PM



“ Margaret and Family , Sending heartfelt prayers and condolences in your loss of Don. He was a longtime good friend . He will be remembered fondly.
Sincerely, Sherrill Gallup Sr. & Family

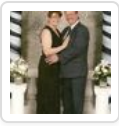
Sherrill Gallup Sr - January 27 at 10:36 PM



“ I am sorry to learn of Don's dementia and passing. I worked for Don at City National in Northville for a couple years when my daughter was young. I can picture him reading The Leader Herald daily and speaking with the customers who came in the bank. He was so proud of his wife Margaret, and he was enjoying life with her. (This was late 1990s). I a glad they enjoyed these years together. God bless.



Vicki Arceri - January 21 at 08:34 PM



“ To Don's Family, first we are very sorry with hearing of his passing, great man , great person!! Hules we wanted to come today but we both have the flu and did not want to risk sharing it with any of you or your other half. So glad Don passed thru my life both at City National Bank and at TT, as he made me a better person!! Luv you all and you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time!

Perry Paul - January 19 at 06:58 PM



“ Margaret and Julie, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at your time of loss....



Jodi Burton - January 19 at 06:26 PM



“ My sympathies to the family. I am a cousin. My grandfather is Floyd B. Houghton, brother of Earl. I am Ronald F. Houghton and I moved from Amsterdam in 1959 for the Air Force. I have been living in Homestead, Florida since 1979. My sister, Pat Houghton Mason, who lives in Amsterdam, sent me the obituary. If possible, would love to reconnect with your family. This is my wife's Facebook account.

Eileen Yealy Houghton - January 18 at 11:29 AM



“ Amy and Family,

We are sorry about the loss of Don. We knew him as a boater on the Sacandaga Lake who enjoyed fishing.

He was always a pleasure to talk with and it was obvious that he was very proud of his children.

In Sympathy,
Dawn & Walt Ryan

Dawn & Walt Ryan - January 17 at 04:12 PM



“ What a man and what a life. I did not know him well. Wish I had. John however knew him better. So sorry for your loss Margaret and family. John and Sandra Fritzen and family.

Sandra and John Fritzen - January 17 at 12:10 PM



“ Thinking of all of you and keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.



Paul and Jennifer Ligon - January 16 at 03:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald R. Houghton.



January 16 at 11:57 AM



“ First of all, I want to say that I love the picture of Don. That is how I will always remember him with that beautiful smile he had. I worked with Don at City National Bank for many years. One of my positions there in my early years was as Don's secretary. You could not ask for a kinder, sweeter person to work for. He always had a sense of humor and was always sharing a joke with people. To Margaret, thank you for taking such good care of Don. What his daughter Julie wrote about you on her facebook page was such a tribute to you and the type of person that you are. Dementia and Alzheimers are two terrible diseases. My dad had Alzheimers and I remember telling my sister, who lived in a different state then us and only got home once a year that the disease was like losing the person twice. Once to the disease and once again when they passed. I am sure Donny is up in heaven now with his full faculties again telling a joke or two and looking down at you, Margaret, and thanking you for all you did for him. To Don's kids, your dad thought the world of you all and would always talk about you kids at work. You were all blessed to have such a great dad that loved you all so much. May all the good memories that you all have of him get you all through this difficult time. Love, Paula and Myron Tucker

Paula Tucker - January 16 at 12:22 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Don's obituary was perfectly written , describing him just as he was. I've thought of him so often through the years and always thought of him as a wonderful person. Please accept our deepest sympathy on your loss, all of you. I know he will be so missed. With love, Lori (Ambrosino) and Dan Rooney

Lori Rooney - January 15 at 07:31 PM



“ Amy and family, so sorry for your loss. He was a very good man.
Sincerely, Sally and Jim Conkling

Sally Conkling - January 15 at 07:29 PM



“ Sorry for the loss of Don, our Condolences to his Family!

Joe & Ursula Chizek

Joe & Ursula Chizek - January 15 at 07:16 PM



“ Amy, Jim and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our thoughts are with you

Kelly & TJ - January 15 at 04:36 PM



“ Helwig Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald R. Houghton.



Helwig Family - January 15 at 03:54 PM



“ Condolences to Margaret and family during this sad time. Don always made me laugh with the hair hat with the tail at Jean's and Herb's camp. Always had a joke to share and a smile that made you feel accepted. He will be missed.



Dorothy H Richeson - January 15 at 11:05 AM



“ My sincere condolences to all of Don's family. Don was a great guy and I am truly sorry that we loss touch these last couple years. Don always treated me like I was family. He helped me buy my first car. I would not be where I today if it wasn't for Don. God rest your soul Don. until me meet again.

Matt VanValkenburgh - January 15 at 09:03 PM



“ Jackie, Jim, Amy and Julie and families, I was saddened by the news of your dad's passing. Our family's spent a lot of time together when you kids were younger and had a lot of fun. Our sincere sympathy to all of you.



Joan & Ken Bruce - January 15 at 09:31 AM



“ My sincere condolences to Don's family and friends, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I knew Don from his banking days, he was always so pleasant and kind.

Cindy Gifford - January 15 at 08:30 AM



“ Jim and family I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Know I am thinking of all of you and sending healing thoughts. Theresa Blackwood MacPhail



Theresa Blackwood MacPhail - January 14 at 10:22 PM