



## Donald Stewart Driggers

June 14, 1944 - September 12, 2018

Donald Stewart Driggers, 74, of Oxford, MD, died on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, at his home.

He was born in New Jersey on June 14, 1944,, son of the late Byrley Floyd Driggers and Catherine McCormick Gearheart. Don grew up in South Brunswick, NJ. He graduated from Clemson University in SC and went on to graduate from Rutgers Law School in NJ. He was admitted to the New Jersey Bar Association, November 26, 1969. Don went on to practice law at Turp, Coates, Essl & Driggers in Hightstown, NJ, for over 45 years, becoming the managing partner.

Don was an avid duck hunter, which led him to become Chairman of the Mercer County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited for several years. However, Don's passion was Labrador retrievers. He loved to train for and compete in AKC Retriever field trials throughout the country. He successfully trained several Amateur Field Champions, Hombre, Axle and Felon. He gave back to the sport by judging, including two National Amateur Championships and a National Open Championship. He was revered as a "fine dog man" and has mentored many new people to the sport.

Don was President of the National Bird Dog Museum in Grand Junction, TN, a position he held for five years. He was inducted into the Retriever Field Trial

Hall of Fame in 2013. He has been past President of The Talbot Retriever Club, South Jersey Retriever Club, and the Shrewsbury River Retriever Club. He was a board member of the Labrador Retriever Club.

Don is survived by his sister, Nancy Kelvy of Jackson, NJ; his life partner of 16 years, Phyllis McGinn of Oxford and her family, Kelly McGinn-Cordes and Bobby Cordes; Kirsten Poole and Rocky Poole and granddaughters, Perrin Poole, Emma Poole and Louisa Mae Cordes whom he fondly called the "Bean."

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 12:00 PM, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD 21601. Burial will follow in Oxford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Don's honor to The National Bird Dog Museum, 505 TN-57, Grand Junction, TN, 38039 or to Talbot Hospice, 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD 21601.

## Cemetery Details

### Oxford Cemetery

Oxford, MD

## Previous Events

### Service

SEP 20. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
100 Peach Blossom Road  
Easton, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Stewart Driggers*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Donald Stewart Driggers*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donald Stewart Driggers*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Your love for life, friends, family and your Labrador Retrievers was amazing. You always gave so much energy and passion to all that you loved. Ducks Unlimited, the Retriever World and all who loved you, will sorely miss you.*

*May God Bless you and keep you. Prayers for all who will miss you. Say Hi to Hombre and Axel for me..... I know they (and many others) were there to greet you. You are probably training away up there.*

*Joan Wood Fortsch*

Joan Fortsch - September 21, 2018 at 02:51 PM

DG

“ I had known Don since the mid-90's. He was larger than life and always wore an enormous, infectious smile. Even when he was mad, that smile never left his face. His clients loved him and they knew, with Don on their side, they had tilted the odds of success in their favor.

*Working with Don on his real estate transactions was never boring; he was the master of creative and practical solutions. He was one of a kind and will be sorely missed.*

*If I pulled up to a bar event and saw his "Double D Kennels" pickup truck in the parking lot, I knew I was in for a treat. Having a chat with Don was a great way to lift one's spirits.*

*Rest in peace, my friend.*

*David B. Grodnick, Esq.  
Princeton, New Jersey*

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**David Grodnick** - September 20, 2018 at 10:36 AM

JR

“ Not only was Don our attorney but we have known him and considered him a good friend since 1980. We are very saddened to hear of his passing. A good guy gone too soon.

*Sue and Jerry Rovner*

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**Jerry Rovner** - September 19, 2018 at 08:28 PM

GI

“ Ginny purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Donald Stewart Driggers.



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**Ginny** - September 19, 2018 at 12:33 PM

WW

“ We are very saddened to hear about Don's passing. Don was our attorney for many years, he was also our friend. He will be missed. Rest in peace.

Wayne & Barbara Wright  
LeRaysville, PA

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**wayne wright** - September 17, 2018 at 04:29 PM

SF

“ I first met Don upon my becoming a councilman in the Allentown, NJ town government. He was serving as the Borough Attorney. Don and I quickly became good friends as well as working partners for the good of Allentown. He not only served the residents of Allentown well for many years, but also became a fixture in the community. On a daily basis he could be seen in Woody's or DiMattia's restaurants. Don developed many close relationships with the residents of Allentown. His hearty laugh and most friendly greeting to all is remembered. In today's time of technology, Don still took the time and thoughtfulness to craft handwritten notes to me at difficult times in my life. His friendship will always be remembered as I think of him often.

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**Stuart Fierstein** - September 16, 2018 at 12:03 PM

DC

“ So many memories of Don come to mind. Don loved to hunt and so did I. So it wasn't uncommon not to be together during the early 70's chasing upland birds, hunting wild turkey, sitting for hours in a duck or goose blind, attending annual Ducks Unlimited Banquets, and occasionally following a local bird dog trial. Don and I shared many great hunting days in the field. He also loved the game of basketball so it was not uncommon for he and I to travel to Philadelphia, New York, or to a local high school game. As a young uncommitted teenager he helped guide me through my educational process in which led me to becoming a successful professional. Thanks Don for touching my life and being in it - keep your powder dry dear friend!

*David J. Christiansen  
Boise, Idaho*

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**David J Christiansen** - September 16, 2018 at 10:24 AM

TP

“ Donald was my father Karl's partner and friend for many years. I was so very sad to hear this. I worked in the office as a teenager and also knew him well from my dad. He was an all around amazing guy and he will be sadly missed! RIP and give my dad a big hug!!!  
*Tammi Essl Posluszny*

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**Tammi Posluszny** - September 15, 2018 at 03:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald Stewart Driggers.



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September 15, 2018 at 11:19 AM

SW

“ Don was a fierce competitor. He liked his dogs on the edge of control. Always exciting to watch him online. He cared deeply about the sport and supported people who felt the way he did working on boards of various clubs and taking on national roles as well.

*My condolences to Phyllis as I know she will feel his loss most acutely. He will be missed by me and countless others.*

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**Susan Westlake** - September 15, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Stewart Driggers.



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September 15, 2018 at 08:32 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Stewart Driggers.



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September 15, 2018 at 08:21 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Stewart Driggers.



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September 14, 2018 at 09:57 PM