



Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony

January 1, 1934 - May 8, 2014

Donald Gordon "Duck" Anthony of Grasonville, MD, a well-known waterman and firefighter passed away at home with his family by his side on May 8, 2014. He was 80.

Born on January 1, 1934, in Queenstown, MD, to the late Charles Norman and Catherine Virginia Dadds Anthony, he attended school at Queenstown Elementary and Centreville Grammar School. Donald then left school in the 8th grade to go to work with his father on the water. They both had that undying love to work on the water and did for many, many years. Duck went into the service in 1952-1956. He served aboard the USS Washoe County LST 1165, in aircraft fire fighting and rescue service. When he returned home, he married Joan Horney (in 1956) and they had 1 daughter and 3 sons. She passed away in 2007.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; children, Jeff Anthony of Grasonville; Jason Anthony and his wife Jena of Grasonville; Donald Anthony and his wife Laura of Chester; Melody Anthony of Chester; Dennis Anthony of Still Pond; Justin Anthony and his wife Angel of Chester; Cynthia Singleton and her husband Donnie of Saltillo, TN; Allen Mowbray and his wife Mickie of Grasonville; 10 grandchildren, Amber, Danielle, Cheyanne, Savannah, Sierra, Quinton, Hannah, Jason, Jr., Alyssa, Jaycee, great-grandchild Gracie and future great-grandchild, Nylah Sky; siblings, Vincent Anthony and his wife Tekla of

Queenstown; Patricia Gertz of Queenstown; and Dolores Timms and her husband Bobby of Stevensville; three sister-in-laws, Francis Anthony, Pat Anthony, and Barbara Hogan and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brothers, Louis; Francis; Tommy; Charles; Milton and David; brother-in-law, Bunky Gertz; nephews, Steve and Michael Gertz; and sister-in-law, Oneida Anthony.

In 1958, Grasonville Fire Department was founded and had 36 charter members. Donald was "Chief" from 1958 to 1972, vice president on the Board of Directors until 2013, at which time he had to resign because of health reasons. He is a Charter-Life member. Duck has 55 years of service.

On June 3, 2003, Queen Anne's County Waterman's Association presented him a Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Civic and Meritorious Service (Noteworthy Waterman). He was inducted into Kent and Queen Anne's Counties Fire and Rescue Association "Hall of Fame" in December 2006. On June 18, 2013, he was inducted into the Maryland State Fireman's Association Hall of Fame in Ocean City, MD. With his family members and a group of Fireman from Grasonville VFD in attendance to celebrate his day, "Duck" made a statement "I have waited for a long time for this and this is the happiest day of my life!"

Services will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 11:00 am at Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD where a visitation will be held from 5-8 pm on Monday, May 12, 2014. Burial will be in Chesterfield Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to Grasonville Volunteer Fire Department Building Fund, PO Box 457, Grasonville, MD 21638 or Hospice of Queen Anne's, 255 Comet Dr., Centreville, MD 21617.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Tribute Wall



“ Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ Tim Blackiston, Sudlersville Fire Co. sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Tim Blackiston, Sudlersville Fire Co. - May 15, 2014 at 10:38 AM



“ Tom Knox lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Tom Knox - May 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Jacki lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Jacki - May 14, 2014 at 11:23 AM

BL

“ *Sincere condolences to the whole family. Peggy and I loved having you all for neighbors for many years. Mr. Duck was a wonderful guy with a big heart. He lives a big legacy.*

Brent & Peggy Lewis - May 13, 2014 at 10:34 PM

BR

leaves.

Brent - May 13, 2014 at 10:35 PM

CW

“ *Centreville United Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Centreville United Methodist Women - May 13, 2014 at 05:03 PM

BC

“ *Billy & Chris Clough lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Billy & Chris Clough - May 13, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Mr. Anthony was a fine man, our thoughts and prayers are with the family,
Kerry & Fritz Wildt



Kerry Wildt - May 12, 2014 at 06:54 PM

ML

“ Doug and Michelle Leatherman



michelle Leatherman - May 12, 2014 at 03:22 PM

MG

“ Melanie & Glenn lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Melanie & Glenn - May 12, 2014 at 01:00 PM

RM

“ Richard Melton lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Richard Melton - May 12, 2014 at 11:52 AM

PM

“ *Phyllis Martin lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



phyllis martin - May 12, 2014 at 09:16 AM

FW

“ *FFritz Wildt lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



fFritz Wildt - May 11, 2014 at 11:27 PM

PH

“ *Phil & Joyce Hurlock lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Phil & Joyce Hurlock - May 11, 2014 at 06:44 AM

PB

“ *It was good to be able to call you my friend Duck. Your work here on earth is done. Rest for now. I'll met you on the other side.*

Paul and Sharlene Bullen



Paul Bullen - May 11, 2014 at 01:05 AM

FL

“ We go now have another angel amongst us...My prayers and thoughts are with his wife, children and extended family. He was a leader, community servant and a friend to many. He paved the way and left his mark for us...

Frankie and Joyce Lynch - May 10, 2014 at 10:22 PM

BS

“ Brenda Sandford lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



brenda sandford - May 10, 2014 at 07:06 PM

BS

Mr. Donald- You were a gentleman and I considered myself lucky to call you "Friend". RIP

brenda sandford - May 10, 2014 at 07:07 PM

DC

“ Doug (Duke) And Darlene Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Doug (Duke) and Darlene Clark - May 10, 2014 at 06:43 PM

FP

“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 10, 2014 at 03:22 PM

FP

To the Anthony Family: We are praying for you in the loss of Mr. Anthony. May he rest in peace and many prayers are with your family at this time. He will always be remembered as a great Queen Anne's County Citizen. Frank and Tish Palmatary

Frank and Tish Palmatary - May 10, 2014 at 03:23 PM

WS

“ *When I first moved to the Eastern Shore "Duck" was one of the first people I met. He was kind considerate and very helpful. He educated me in the ways of life on the Eastern Shore and was very generous with his knowledge of the "water" As time went on I taught several of Duck's children and found them to be very respectful and honorable people. No doubt due to their upbringing. It was a sad day when Duck passed on to the next life. This world will be without one of the finest people I know from the Eastern Shore. rest in Peace my friend.*

Walt Sedorovuich - May 10, 2014 at 11:52 AM

PT

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and strength in knowing the positive impact Mr. Duck had on the lives of many; and peace when pondering all the wonderful memories you've hidden deep in your hearts.*

Pamela Turner- Tingle - May 10, 2014 at 09:25 AM

TS

“ *Terri Simpler lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Terri Simpler - May 10, 2014 at 08:45 AM

BW

“ *Bob & Sheila Willis lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Bob & Sheila Willis - May 10, 2014 at 08:03 AM

HS

“ *Love you pop pop! I will miss you so much.*



Hanna Smith - May 10, 2014 at 04:04 AM

BH

“ *Betty (Capel) Hardman lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Betty (Capel) Hardman - May 10, 2014 at 12:59 AM

AA

Rest in peace Uncle Duck.

Alan Anthony - May 10, 2014 at 12:57 PM

MT

“ *The memories are many, but my favorite will always be my crabs and ice cream. He made sure I had my ice cream! So many fun memories from my childhood. He will NEVER be forgotten. Rest easy Mr. Donald.*

Missy taylor - May 09, 2014 at 11:16 PM

WB

“ *Duck was as big as life! I have known him for about 50 years and cannot imagine a year without that smile, laugh and little extra comment he had on every subject! If he couldn't keep you smiling, you were seriously having a bad day! May God find healing for the families, both his Fire Department family as well as his wife, children, and relatives. RIP our wonderful friend.*

Wheeler and Holly Baker

Wheeler and Holly Baker - May 09, 2014 at 09:50 PM

LU

“ *Lisa & Rob Udoff lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Lisa & Rob Udoff - May 09, 2014 at 09:48 PM

CG

“ Casey Gertz lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



casey gertz - May 09, 2014 at 09:23 PM

RV

“ Robin Ann Vance lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Robin Ann Vance - May 09, 2014 at 09:12 PM

WC

“ RIP Duck you will be missed by many
The Clark Family



Wayne & Diana Clark - May 09, 2014 at 08:42 PM

RV

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Mr. Donald. May he rest peacefully with the angels.

Robin Ann Vance - May 09, 2014 at 08:41 PM

LS

“ *Heaven has gained another amazing angel. Our prayers are with the Anthony family and the grasonville volunteer fire department. Rest in peace Mr Donald.*

Lisa Sullivan - May 09, 2014 at 08:39 PM

GS

“ *Greg & Laura Saddler lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Greg & Laura Saddler - May 09, 2014 at 08:32 PM

RC

“ *Mr. Anthony was always a generous and pleasant person. Both my daughters were fire queens and he always made them feel good about themselves.. When always look forward to see him at all of the parades. The oldest daughter was Maryland State Fire Queen and our youngest daughter was Miss Maryland and Miss Delmarva at the same time and he thought that was the greatest thing... Rest in Peace my friend and I and my family was blessed to know you.*

Rose Ann Conner - May 09, 2014 at 08:05 PM

RC

“ *Rose Ann Conner lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Rose Ann Conner - May 09, 2014 at 07:59 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Gardner AKA Momma Bacon lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Lisa Gardner AKA Momma Bacon - May 09, 2014 at 07:54 PM

TL

“ *Theresa Lynch lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Theresa Lynch - May 09, 2014 at 07:53 PM



“ *Raymond Dorrell lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Raymond Dorrell - May 09, 2014 at 07:11 PM

AC

“ *Andy Collier lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Andy Collier - May 09, 2014 at 05:58 PM

AD

“ Andy Collier & Brittanie Davidson lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Andy Collier & Brittanie Davidson - May 09, 2014 at 05:57 PM

DC

“ David & June Kaufman Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



David & June Kaufman Clark - May 09, 2014 at 05:06 PM

LB

“ Linda And Ronnie Bennett lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



linda and ronnie bennett - May 09, 2014 at 04:58 PM

AH

“ Angel Mike Huffman lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Angel Mike Huffman - May 09, 2014 at 04:50 PM

JS

“ Joe Shortall sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Joe Shortall - May 09, 2014 at 04:48 PM

JF

“ Judy&JT Thompson And The Wenck Family lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Judy&JT Thompson and the Wenck family - May 09, 2014 at 04:28 PM

BJ

“ Brandy Perkins Jewell lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Brandy Perkins Jewell - May 09, 2014 at 03:52 PM

TG

“ Terry Gertz lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



terry gertz - May 09, 2014 at 03:51 PM

JP

“ JoAnn Anthony Powell lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



JoAnn Anthony Powell - May 09, 2014 at 02:39 PM

PD

“ Peggy Dashiell lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Peggy Dashiell - May 09, 2014 at 02:25 PM

SR

“ Scott & Kim Ruth lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



Scott & Kim Ruth - May 09, 2014 at 12:54 PM

KL

“ KAREN & TEDDY LEGG lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony



KAREN & TEDDY LEGG - May 09, 2014 at 11:43 AM

KR

“ *KIM ROOF lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



KIM ROOF - May 09, 2014 at 11:30 AM

LF

“ *Larry Cole And Family lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Larry Cole and Family - May 09, 2014 at 11:28 AM

JA

“ *Heaven has gained yet another hard working, fun-loving Anthony! I know my Dad is glad to see him! Duck's obituary captures and depicts his life to a tee. May he enjoy eternal life free of pain and suffering. My thoughts are with his family today and the many difficult days ahead. May fond memories provide you with peace, good laughs, and the courage to start each new day.*

Jane Anthony - May 09, 2014 at 10:55 AM

EB

“ *Earl Beville lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Earl Beville - May 09, 2014 at 09:09 AM

TF

“ *THE WENCK FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



THE WENCK FAMILY - May 09, 2014 at 08:21 AM

TB

“ *Tina Buttner lit a candle in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Tina Buttner - May 09, 2014 at 08:16 AM

GP

“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald "Duck" Gordon Anthony*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 09, 2014 at 07:40 AM

GP

To the Anthony Family: Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all in the loss of Mr. Donald. He and I had many good chats while I was one of his Hospice Patient Volunteers. Heard a lot of good stories and we had some laughs. He will surely be missed in the community, but his many memories will live on forever. Blessings and love are with you all at this time. Heaven has surely received another awesome "fireman". Rest in peace Mr. Donald and you will be missed. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - May 09, 2014 at 07:44 AM