



Donald R. Kerstetter

February 18, 1931 - June 4, 2020

Donald R. Kerstetter, 89, the husband of Anne P. Kerstetter, died of natural causes in his home in Trappe, MD, on June 4, 2020.

Mr. Kerstetter was a successful business executive, gentleman, farmer, and philanthropist. Don was born in Philadelphia and, with his wife Anne, he was a 1954 graduate of Drexel University. After graduation from Drexel, Don served in the Army. After serving in the Army, Mr. Kerstetter started his career with Turner Construction in 1956 and worked his entire professional career with Turner until his retirement in 1991 rising to the position of Executive Vice President.

Don enjoyed airplanes, boats, and cars. Twice he raced in the Bermuda race and collected antique cars.

As retirement approached, he and Anne created a charitable foundation, Trappe Landing Farm Native Sanctuary in 1991. The goals of the Foundation include environmentally safe farming and the cleanup of LaTrappe Creek.

Mr. Kerstetter served on a number of Boards of Directors, to include his alma mater, Drexel University.

He is survived by his wife, Anne; sister, Jean K. Browne; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers or mass cards, memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Talbot County Historical Society, 30 S. Washington St., Easton, MD 21601.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Kerstetter*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Donald R. Kerstetter*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donald R. Kerstetter*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Anne, thanks so much for letting us know of Don's passing. Please accept our condolences. He will no doubt be missed.*

We are unable to attend the service you have planned but are sure it will be lovely.

Joanne Sanders and Sally Pleviak

Joanne Sanders - July 03, 2020 at 02:14 PM



“ *Growing up, we would have Thanksgiving dinner with Aunt Anne and Uncle Donald. I used to love playing fetch with their dog, Barron. My thoughts, prayers, and condolences to Aunt Anne.*

Carol Ferris Jonsson - June 18, 2020 at 04:15 PM

CB

“ Don is a big part of why Cottingham Farm made the switch from conventional feed for confined animals to organic food for people. He synthesized perfectly the need for our country to “fix our food system”- in order to save our beautiful Chesapeake Bay, restore our soil, create a healthy food supply, expand wildlife plantings, and improve Americans’ health. He ceaselessly worked to inform legislative leaders of the need for enlightened policy change to incentivize regenerative farming. I will be forever grateful to him opening my eyes and permitting me to be the change we both so wanted to see. My hat is off to you both, Don and Anne. Cleo Braver

Cleo Braver - June 16, 2020 at 04:02 PM

AS

“ I was very sad to learn of Don's passing. I've known Don and Anne most of my adult life, having visited them many times at their Trappe, MD home. Aside from Don's love of the water and sailing, he had a love for technology related to audio/visual systems. I worked for the AV company hired to help build his personal theater and spent many weekends programming and tweaking the system to Don's requirements. His theater was simply amazing and we spent many hours not only listening to music, but watching movies.

Don and Anne always made sure I was well fed and even took me sailing and power boating a few times on the Chesapeake. Even though I lived 5+ hours away, I loved driving down to their property whenever his system needed servicing. Pulling onto their property was something I always looked forward to.

I am so sorry for this loss. He was an amazing man who will certainly be missed.

-Ara

Ara Seferian - June 16, 2020 at 01:43 PM