



## Donald L. Kitchen

December 12, 1936 - May 22, 2018

Donald LaFay Kitchen of Denton, MD, died at Compass Regional Hospice in Centreville, MD, on Tuesday, May 22. He was 81.

Born in Plainfield, NJ, on December 12, 1936, he was the son of the late Harold J. and Eleanor LaFay Kitchen. Mr. Kitchen moved to Bay Head, NJ, and graduated from Point Pleasant Beach High School. His first job was as a decoy carver with Wildfowler Decoys of Point Pleasant, NJ. This was a passion that would stay with him for the rest of his life.

In 1962, he married his sweetheart, Barbara. That same year, he began work as a Special Officer with the Point Pleasant Beach Police Department. In 1993, after 30 years of dedicated service, he retired from the force with the rank of Sergeant. In 1998, the Kitchens moved to Denton, MD.

Mr. Kitchen spent his free time enjoying many outdoor pursuits, including hunting, crabbing, clamming, and camping. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, serving as a Chapter Chair for many years. He also enjoyed refinishing furniture and antiquing. He later became a partner in Denton Station Antiques Mall.

He is survived by his loving wife, Barbara B. Kitchen; his children, Scott Kitchen and his wife, Jennifer, of Bridgewater, NJ, and Suzanne Sisti and her

husband, Richard, of Point Pleasant Beach, NJ; a brother, Robert Kitchen and his wife, Helen, of Brick, NJ; and his three nieces, Deborah Strout, Donna Samuelson, and Eileen Trisko and their families.

All services will be held privately.

In his memory, contributions may be made to Ducks Unlimited at <https://www.ducks.org/>.

# Tribute Wall



“ Donald L. Kitchen

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ Donald L. Kitchen

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Donald L. Kitchen

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ We are very saddened to hear the news of the passing of Don. He was a wonderful person. Always a smile on his face. We knew Don for many years. Don was a fantastic employee of Wildfowler Decoys and a good friend to my father, Charles R. Birdsall, owner of Wildfowler. He also spent many an hour with our family over the years. He was a premier painter and woodcarver with much knowledge of the decoy world. He and my husband, Tommy, worked nights and week ends to make things go well in the business. My sister, Bernie, just passed on May 6th. She would have been sad to hear about Don. Our condolences to Barbara and family. We shall always remember Don and think of him fondly. Sincerely, Patti Birdsall Gamble (pattivibrphone@aol.com).

Patti Birdsall Gamble - June 03, 2018 at 06:14 PM

DM

“ Daniel Murphy lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Kitchen



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Daniel Murphy - May 29, 2018 at 12:31 PM

KP

“ Ralph and Kathy Pellerito were sad to see the Obituary in the Ocean Star. Ralph had so many good memories of his buddy Don from growing up as a kid and then their Police work and fun with Antique shows.

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Kathy Pellerito - May 27, 2018 at 04:56 PM

DS

“ Will miss my Uncle Don. Remember his hunting dogs Storm and him training them. Condolences to Aunt Barbara , Scott and Suzanne.

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Donna Samueson - May 26, 2018 at 11:15 AM

MQ

“ Margret Quimby lit a candle in memory of Donald L. Kitchen



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Margret Quimby - May 25, 2018 at 07:14 PM

LP

“ I always enjoyed running into Mr. Kitchen when I would stop by Denton Station Antiques. He was such a kind man - we had some wonderful conversations over the years. He had a beautiful smile and an easygoing way about him. I will certainly miss him and will keep him and all of his family in my prayers. May you all be comforted by your many happy memories of him.

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**Lori Parks** - May 25, 2018 at 03:40 PM