



Donald Ray Stranahan

November 12, 1951 - February 17, 2026

Donald Ray Stranahan, Sr., 74, of Easton, passed away peacefully on February 17, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of hard work, devotion to family, and a life deeply rooted in the Eastern Shore he loved so much.

Born on November 12, 1951, in Easton, Maryland, Donald was raised on Wye Heights Plantation, where he developed a lifelong love of the outdoors. He attended The Little Red School House in Long Woods for elementary school — a place that reflected the close-knit, hardworking community that shaped his character.

After graduating from Easton High School, Donald answered the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Marine Corps. Through dedication and leadership, he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant. His time in the Marines instilled in him the discipline, integrity, and quiet strength that defined the rest of his life.

Following his military service, Donald returned home to Easton and began what would become a remarkable career in automotive service. He worked as a mechanic at Fuller Automotive and remained loyal to the same dealership for over 40 years, as it evolved into David Wheeler Honda and later Hertrich Honda. His skill, work ethic, and steady presence earned him the respect of colleagues and customers alike. There was little he couldn't fix — whether

under the hood of a car or around the house.

Donald was a fantastic father and a proud grandfather. He loved hunting, fishing, gardening, and all things outdoors. He found joy in working with his hands, always having a project underway, always building, repairing, or improving something. His grandchildren, Jackson and Audrey, knew him affectionately as “Pop,” and some of his happiest moments were spent with them — teaching, laughing, and simply being together.

He was known for his easy laugh, quick wit, and the kind of warm personality that made people feel immediately comfortable. Everyone who met him seemed to love him, and he returned that kindness effortlessly.

Donald’s life was one of loyalty — to his country, his work, his family, and his community. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by those who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

He is survived by his son, Donald Stranahan, Jr., and his wife, Brigitte of Easton, along with his beloved grandchildren, Jackson (18) and Audrey (17). He is also survived by his sister, Connie Ewing and her husband, David of Easton.

Along with his parents, Andrew and Mabel (nee Tribbitt) Stranahan, Donald is preceded in death by his brother, John, and his sister, Sandy.

Donations in Donald's memory can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (<https://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>) or the Talbot Humane Society (<https://www.talbothumane.org/>).

Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Donnie was an absolute remarkable person. He did not have a mean bone in his body. Everytime i called and asked him for help, he would drop everything. Even though our paths were different I always loved him. Mr Donnie you will always be remembered in my heart. Love you brother and will see you again my friend.* ”

Derek Marth - March 27 at 01:21 PM

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“ *Sonja Hanssen-Carter lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Stranahan* ”



Sonja Hanssen-Carter - March 04 at 12:16 PM

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“ *Mandy Lauder lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Stranahan* ”



Mandy Lauder - March 02 at 08:25 AM

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“ *George And Cathy Ball lit a candle in memory of Donald Ray Stranahan* ”



George and Cathy Ball - March 01 at 10:14 AM

JV

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Donald's family and friends! An Awesome mechanic and a valued friend!*



Joe & Margaret B. Voshell - February 27 at 07:49 PM

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“ *To the family of Donald Stranahan: I am so sorry to hear the news about Donald. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Donald was one of the best men I ever met in my life. Hard working with great integrity. He was surely loved, and he will be missed by all. It was an honor to know him.*



Rick Morris

Rick Morris - February 27 at 12:33 PM