



Donald Ralph Walls

August 15, 1933 - March 30, 2015

Donald Ralph Walls died on March 30, 2015, at Good Shepherd Hospice House, Sebring, FL. He was 81.

Born August 15, 1933, in Millington, MD, Donald was the son of the late Ralph P. and Gladys Moore Walls. He graduated from Centreville High School in 1952 and married the former Ruth Ann Chance November 8, 1952. He lived his entire life in Centreville, raising his family and remaining a loyal friend to many in his hometown.

Shortly after high school Donald began working as a carpenter until 1954 but continued his love for carpentry throughout his life including building the family home. He then embarked on a 41-year career with Maryland Highway Administration. Beginning as a Road Construction inspector, Donald was then promoted to Survey Engineer and worked on many projects that took him throughout Maryland. He took pride in his involvement and oversight on a great number of new highways, overpasses, and special projects travelled by many, even today. He retired as a Special Project Engineer in 1995.

Donald was a past member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Goodwill Fire Company, Easton and Bay Country Moose Lodges, Centreville United Methodist Church and Caroline Country Club. A gifted athlete, Donald was well-known for his talents in all sports while in school, continuing to play

soccer and baseball in men's leagues throughout the Eastern Shore for many years. A highlight for Donald was pitching in a game with his father, Ralph, as the catcher. The team was sponsored by the owner of the Philadelphia Athletics. Donald's talents grabbed the eyes of many scouts that resulted in his being drafted by the Washington Senators. In November 2014, he was inducted into the Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame, an honor he was especially proud. Donald was an avid hunter, coordinating many hunting trips to Western Maryland for pheasant as well as annual deer hunting with lifelong friends.

Golf soon became a passion for Donald which he enjoyed until 2014 due to declining health. His love of sports, especially golf, was passed on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He played golf, watched golf, and talked golf. Some of his fondest memories were playing putt-putt in later years with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Since retiring, Donald and Ruth Ann traveled to all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and all provinces and territories of Canada, an accomplishment about which he loved to tell stories and share photos. They soon became "snowbirds" for the sun and warmer weather in Lake Placid, FL, where Donald enjoyed golfing and reading his daily papers on the sunporch.

In his later years he took pride in his wildflower gardens and spent countless hours organizing his family genealogy. His greatest joy was his family and was so grateful to be able to attend their sports games, concerts, plays and go on family vacations with them.

Donald is survived by his wife of 62 years, Ruth Ann; children: Lynne (Alex), Steve (Dee) and Mark (Donna); six grandchildren, Kyle (Sarah), Jason (Teresa), Brett (Kaitlin), Kate (Colin), Shanna (John), Zach (Lisa); nine great-grandchildren, Aaron, Caroline, Aubrey, Wyatt, Braylon, Ty, Liv, Camden, Hudson; brother, Jerry Walls; sister-in-law Ethel Mae Cronshaw (Tom); and

many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 5, 5:00-7:00 p.m. with Memorial Service on Monday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., Centreville, MD. Memorial donations may be made to Centreville High School Alumni Association, c/o Jane Coppage, 935 Coon Box Road, Centreville, MD, 21617 and Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Rd, Centreville, MD, 21617.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Location
408 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD 21617
(410) 758-1151
info@fhfuneralhome.com

Service

APR 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 03, 2015 at 02:03 PM



“ *Donald Ralph Walls*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Donald Ralph Walls*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Donald Ralph Walls*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MC

“ *Ruth Ann and family - I will always remember
dons love of golf and the smile that was
always on his face. You are always in my
thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.
He truly loved life. God bless*

Marcia collier

marcia collier - April 14, 2015 at 12:41 PM



BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of
Donald Ralph Walls*

Brenda Beaver - April 07, 2015 at 12:51 PM



JR

“ *Jeff & Diane Ruth lit a candle in memory of
Donald Ralph Walls*

Jeff & Diane Ruth - April 06, 2015 at 08:26 PM



JR

Thoughts and prayers with the family

Jeff Diane Ruth - April 06, 2015 at 08:27 PM

JF

“ Jean Callahan Godshalk, Largo, Florida sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls



Jean Callahan Godshalk, Largo, Florida - April 05, 2015 at 02:23 PM

SE

“ Susie C. Embert sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls



Susie C. Embert - April 05, 2015 at 02:17 PM

SE

Ruth Ann and Family: Blessings to you and your family at this time in the loss of Donald. He will be missed by many and surely was an icon in the town of Centreville and County. He and Carroll surely had many good times together and hopefully they are together again. Prayers, Susie Embert

Susie C. Embert - April 05, 2015 at 02:19 PM

TB

“ Tim And Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls



Tim and Esther Blackiston - April 05, 2015 at 02:15 PM

TB

We are thinking of you in our many prayers and blessings. Mr. Donald will be missed in the community. Bless your family. Tim and Esther Blackiston, Sudlersville.

Tim and Esther Blackiston - April 05, 2015 at 02:16 PM

PH

“ *Phil And Joyce Hurlock lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Phil and Joyce Hurlock - April 05, 2015 at 11:34 AM

KI

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Donald's passing! I worked with him at SHA District Office. He was such a funny guy! He will surely be missed. Thoughts and prayers are with the family, may God comfort you all during this difficult time...Kim Crew*



Kim - April 04, 2015 at 02:24 PM

LJ

“ *Dear Mrs. Ruth Ann and Family:
May God bless and bring you peace and comfort. Always cherish the fond memories.
PSALM 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd...
Prayerfully, Lorraine Jenkins and Family*



Lorraine Jenkins - April 04, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Ralph Walls.*



April 03, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *Ruth Ann, so sorry to read of Donald's passing. If Ann was still with us mentally, you know that she would be touch. Love, Grant*

grant northrop - April 03, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *Centreville United Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Centreville United Methodist Women - April 03, 2015 at 10:33 AM



“ *Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 03, 2015 at 10:29 AM

GP

We will be thinking of you. Sorry we cannot be with you during this sad time. Gene and Donald had many good times on golfing trips. Hold onto the many good memories and God will see you through this difficult time. Blessings and prayers are with you. Will see you when we return. Love, Gene and Lynda

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - April 03, 2015 at 10:31 AM

JH

“ *Joe & Ann Haymaer lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Joe & Ann Haymaer - April 03, 2015 at 10:22 AM

SK

“ *So sorry to hear about Mr. Donald. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Great memories with all of you as well.*

Sandy 'Patchett' Kendall - April 03, 2015 at 12:15 AM

AK

“ *Albie & Joanne Kimble lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Albie & Joanne kimble - April 02, 2015 at 09:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Ralph Walls.*



April 02, 2015 at 08:54 PM



“ *Nelson Lewis lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Nelson Lewis - April 02, 2015 at 08:05 PM



“ *Jane Anthony lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Jane Anthony - April 02, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Steve and Family, Our thoughts and prayers of peace and comfort are with you all. David & Regina Crossley*



ReginaCrossley - April 02, 2015 at 11:26 AM

SW

“ *Sheila Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Sheila Willis - April 02, 2015 at 10:40 AM

KL

“ *Kathy Lantz lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Kathy Lantz - April 02, 2015 at 08:00 AM

KL

*Steve and Dee,
Our sincere sympathy to you and yours. Thinking of you, Kathy and Greg Lantz*

Kathy Lantz - April 02, 2015 at 08:02 AM

TD

“ *Town Of Centreville Street Dept. lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Town of Centreville Street Dept. - April 02, 2015 at 06:58 AM

JE

“ *Jim Ewing lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Jim Ewing - April 01, 2015 at 09:44 PM

DZ

“ *Thinking of you and hope you made it home safely. Your Tropical Harbor Family is keeping you in our thoughts.*

Dee Ziegler - April 01, 2015 at 07:38 PM

SY

“ *My wife Maryellen and I wish to extend our sincere condolences. We are very sorry for your loss. May Don Rest in Peace. Sam Young --- nephew of Jo and Grayson*

Sam Young - April 01, 2015 at 07:12 PM

KT

“ *Thoughts and prayers to all of his family <3*



Kristyn Tolson - April 01, 2015 at 06:36 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Doug Pierson - April 01, 2015 at 06:04 PM

JP

“ *Dear Aunt Ruth Ann, Lynne, Steve and Mark. . . . I am so sorry and sad for the passing of Uncle Donald. It seems that, over the past 30 years living in Florida, we only got together and saw you all when it was over a loss of a loved one. First Mom in '93, Dad in '02, Gordy in '12 and Larry in '13. Many great memories that I will cherish forever. Love, JoAnn, Jeff, Heather and Ashley*

JoAnn Prosser - April 01, 2015 at 05:47 PM

TL

“ *The Family Of Bucky Larrimore lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



The Family of Bucky Larrimore - April 01, 2015 at 05:37 PM

JL

The Family of Bucky Larrimore send condolences.

John Larrimore - April 01, 2015 at 05:39 PM

JP

“ *John And Phyllis Perkins lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



John and Phyllis Perkins - April 01, 2015 at 05:07 PM

CT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Walls Family. May you find peace and comfort in your memories.*

Connie Todd - April 01, 2015 at 04:53 PM

TF

“ *The Brinkley Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



The Brinkley Family - April 01, 2015 at 10:28 AM

BJ

“ *Brandy Perkins Jewell lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Brandy Perkins Jewell - April 01, 2015 at 10:11 AM

CK

“ Steve,Dee & Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Hoping
you find peace in the days to ahead.
Fondly,
Glenn & Charlene

Charlene Klabe - April 01, 2015 at 10:03 AM

JC

“ John And Peg Chlada lit a candle in memory
of Donald Ralph Walls



John and Peg Chlada - April 01, 2015 at 07:48 AM

LS

“ Ruth, Our thoughts and prayers are with you
and your family in this time of sorrow and
wishing you comfort and strength.

Love, Your Estate Treasures Family



Lorraine Sincavage - April 01, 2015 at 07:45 AM

DC

“ Donna Coursey-Ford lit a candle in memory
of Donald Ralph Walls



Donna Coursey-Ford - April 01, 2015 at 06:09 AM

PE

“ *Ruth Ann and family- we were so sorry to hear of Donald's passing. He loved life and those memories will live with all of you forever. Pam and Fred Edwards*



Pam Edwards - March 31, 2015 at 09:32 PM

DD

“ *Debbie Dean lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Debbie Dean - March 31, 2015 at 09:32 PM

JE

“ *Ruth Ann and family, We are sorry to hear of Donald's passing. You are in our prayers and hope memories of your loved one will be of comfort to you. With Sincere Sympathy, Jim and Mary Ann Edwards*

Jim And Mary Ann Edwards - March 31, 2015 at 09:18 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Jim And Mary Ann Edwards - March 31, 2015 at 09:08 PM

CL

“ *Ruth Ann and family, We are so sorry for your loss and prayer that God's comforting arms will hold you. Love to you and yours.*

Claudia and Chalk Jewell

Claudia - March 31, 2015 at 08:12 PM

MC

“ *Our thoughts are with you! Marion & Lisa Chance*

marion chance - March 31, 2015 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ *JayR And Margie Freeman lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



JayR and Margie Freeman - March 31, 2015 at 05:08 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Beaver lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*




Brenda Beaver - March 31, 2015 at 04:54 PM

KH

“ Dear Ruth Ann,
I am so sorry for your loss. Take comfort in
knowing that he's in God's loving arms.
Sending love and prayers to you and your
family.
Karen Himes



Karen Himes - March 31, 2015 at 04:40 PM

 Karen
Sadler

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. Donald, Ms Ruth
Ann thoughts n prayers go out to you and
your family. Remember that mom n dad would
come out n play cards.



Karen Sadler - March 31, 2015 at 04:36 PM

CD

“ Charlotte Walls Dukes lit a candle in memory
of Donald Ralph Walls



Charlotte Walls Dukes - March 31, 2015 at 03:53 PM

BW

Ruth Ann -- We are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and
our prayers. We will cherish the fond memories we have of sharing with
Donald.

J.
R. and Bonnie Wooters

Bonnie Wooters - March 31, 2015 at 07:18 PM

IP

“ *Irmi & Steve Preston lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Irmi & Steve Preston - March 31, 2015 at 02:34 PM

DC

“ *David And June Clark lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



David and June Clark - March 31, 2015 at 01:42 PM

DC

Dear Ruth Ann and family,

We were so sorry to learn of Donld's passing our thoughts and prayers are with each one of you at this difficult time. Such memories of him.

David and June Clark - March 31, 2015 at 01:45 PM

DP

“ *Doug Pierson lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Doug Pierson - March 31, 2015 at 12:42 PM

BM

“ *Ben Miller lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Ben Miller - March 31, 2015 at 09:46 AM

RP

“ *Royden And JoAnn Powell lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Royden and JoAnn Powell - March 31, 2015 at 09:18 AM

EP

“ *Eddie Price lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



eddie price - March 31, 2015 at 08:15 AM

LA

“ *Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family Ruth Ann...*



Lisa Lister Adkins - March 30, 2015 at 04:34 PM

BM

“ We are thinking of you all and praying peace for you!



Barbara and Dukes Meeks - March 30, 2015 at 03:57 PM

KF

“ Karen Colley & Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls



Karen Colley & Family - March 30, 2015 at 03:03 PM

MK

“ Ms Ruth Ann and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I have many fond memories of Mr Donald and the teasing he dished out to me. With Deepest Sympathy, Margaret Cohey Kaufman

Margaret Kaufman - March 30, 2015 at 02:43 PM

AB

“ Ann And Gene Butler lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls



ann and gene butler - March 30, 2015 at 02:19 PM

DJ

Ruth Anne, we are thinking of you!

Dick and Sara Jane - March 31, 2015 at 08:20 AM

LB

“ *Linda Tuel Bennett lit a candle in memory of Donald Ralph Walls*



Linda Tuel Bennett - March 30, 2015 at 02:17 PM