



Donald Roy Young

October 7, 1935 - April 20, 2026

We never wanted this day to come. I can hear the call of a lone goose gliding over San Domingo Creek as if saying goodbye to a man who had admired the beautiful birds from afar for most of his 90 years. This sound is synonymous with the Eastern Shore of Maryland - a place Don Young truly loved.

Though an eastern shore man through and through, Don was born in Belfast, Pennsylvania in 1935. In 1940, on the brink of WWII, the family moved to Elkton, MD where Don's father worked in a hosiery mill and served time in the Navy, before opening Hershey's Store with his wife, Gladys. Don, his brother Duane and sister Sharon all chipped in to run the family business which became well known for the best subs this side of heaven. Don graduated from Elkton High in 1953 where he still holds many records as halfback for the football team. He even played the trombone in the school band! From there he entered the School of Pharmacy at the University of Maryland graduating in 1957. He met the love of his life, Joyce Waldrige, on a blind date in 1956 and upon his graduation they were wed in Newark, Delaware. Joyce was his soulmate, business partner, and loving mother to their three children, Donald, Lynda, and David. In April 1964, Don moved the family to St. Michaels, Maryland purchasing Hudson's Pharmacy. This too was a family business with his three children and parents, Gladys and Roy Young, joining the crew.

In the small town of St. Michaels, Don was known to so many as "Doc Young",

and he responded to that title with compassion and pride. With Joyce he created a business that was THE gathering place in town. The Cove restaurant was popular with locals and visitors alike, many returning year after year from far and wide. Don and Joyce were well liked and they worked hard to earn and retain the trust and respect of their customers.

In addition to being a pharmacist, banker and business owner, Don was a pillar in the community alongside his wife, Joyce. As a team it was important to them that they give back to the town they loved. Don was very active in Rotary and in his Masonic Lodge, Granite Lodge #177. He played a significant role in the careful growth of the town by serving as President of the St. Michaels Improvement Association beginning in 1966 and was appointed to the Board of Directors at St. Michaels Bank in 1964, and for a time, served as its Vice President. He was the youngest director ever to be elected. Among many titles he was the Treasurer of Calvert Drug Company in Baltimore and President of the National Retail Druggist's, eastern shore branch.

Outside of the business Don enjoyed many hobbies. He loved the links and showed off making not one, but two, holes-in-one in the same week on Kauai's Grand Hyatt Grand Slam Course! He also enjoyed hunting and fishing with his sons and sharing his love for sports with all of his children and grandchildren. Season tickets for the Baltimore Colts created wonderful memories and visits to the Charm City broadened horizons for everyone. Don also enjoyed travel and he and Joyce traveled the world together, forming a special bond with the Garden Island of Kauai where they split their time between Maryland and Hawaii while making many new friends along the way. Despite the allure of far-away places, their travels always brought them home to "Chez Jeune", their sanctuary on San Domingo Creek, also enjoyed by lifelong friends and neighbors Jack and Faye Shannahan, whom they loved very much. They were fortunate to have had many strong friendships in their sphere of life including a special friend, Carol Armstrong.

Donald Roy Young passed away on April 20 due to complications from a stroke. As Doc Young he helped heal many people over the years, and though a valiant fight was waged, we were unable to heal him. To his family he was known as Honey, Babe, Dad, Pappa Bear, Pap, and Pappy. God has now welcomed him in his many forms to His kingdom where he will reunite with his soulmate, Joyce, and other loved ones who have passed and where he can continue to watch over those left behind. Don is survived by his children Donald and his wife Mary of Easton, Lynda and her husband Craig Randock of Phoenix, AZ, David and his wife Karen of Tunis Mills and grandchildren Shane Young, Alexis and Nicole Randock, Corey Kaufman, and Wesley, Anna and Emma Schumann as well as great grandchildren Everly, Roman, Andrew (ADD) and Sister-in-law Kathleen Young and nephews Michael and Robroy and nieces Dawn, Tammi and Gina and many other dear family and friends. Donald was preceded in death by his wife Joyce, his parents Gladys and Roy, his brother Duane, sister Sharon, sister-in-law Joyce, and brother-in-law Lawrence W. Waldrige, sister-in-law Jayne Waldrige, niece Nicole Miller and cherished family pets Buttons, Pierre, Baron, Amber, and Tabby.

In Don's memory donations can be made to The St. Michaels Volunteer Fire Department, Talbot Humane Society or Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

The family will receive guests and friends at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam, Easton, MD on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 11am until 12 noon. A service at the funeral home will begin at noon. Interment at Oxford Cemetery will follow.

Don is now soaring on the wings of his feathered friends. Look to the skies above San Domingo Creek and you may see his spirit there, along with that of Joyce. That was their home. Fly pappa, fly

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Funeral Service

APR 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
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Graveside Service

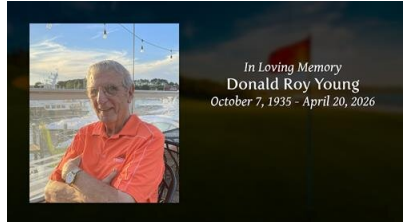
APR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 27 at 03:02 PM

TH

“ *I just became aware of Don's passing today. I'm sorry I missed the services. I'll always remember Don for all the great times we shared working at Rhodes Pharmacy in Newark, DE. I was a delivery boy, still in high school, and Don was the Pharmacist in the Newark location. John Pollard, my dad, was the Pharmacist In the Brookside location. What a great job for a 16 year old kid to have. Don and I would talk about everything. He was the big brother I never had. We had some very interesting conversations together. My sympathies to the family! What a great guy your Dad was! Terry Hicks*

Terry Hicks - April 29 at 09:25 AM

LY

Hello Terry! Thanks for sharing this story. If my memory served me I'm sure Son, Dave and I heard similar stories from our father. His memory, unlike mine, was impeccable! I'm sure he spoke of you. 😊 He was a tremendous pharmacist and in that role helped many people through the years. And we knew the Pollards well. What a great family friendship!

Thanks again Terry for sharing. Lynda

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:20 PM

JD

“ John Pollard and family from Newark, Del planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Roy Young.

John Pollard and family from Newark, Del - April 29 at 07:19 AM

JD

“ John Pollard and family from Newark, Del purchased the *Tranquil Seas* for the family of Donald Roy Young.



John Pollard and family from Newark, Del - April 29 at 07:19 AM

JP

“ I have very special, and wonderful memories of meeting and knowing the Young family, particularly when I was young. Dad introduced us to the Young family with trips to St Michael's, their place in Ocean City, and when the Young's would visit us when Dad had the pharmacy in Brookside. Mom and Dad loved the Young family and we all grew to feel the same way. Mom and Dad had their Johnny, David and Linda and Don and Joyce had their Donny, David and Lynda. The years slipped by and my parents health declined, with them both passing in 2015 which inevitably led to us all drifting apart, The pictures and memories we have of Don and Joyce will always be a part of us.

I have letters I exchanged with Joyce when I would send her CDs of the music I was recording as I got older, and it always meant so much to me to hear her response to my songs and the effort she put into recommending places for me to play. There was never really a conversation about the life of my parents without much of the conversation turning to Don and Joyce and St Michael's. I'm just learning of Dons passing but I will forward copies of any pictures I can find documenting their much appreciated visits. So to Donnie, David and Lynda, please accept the heartfelt sympathies of the Pollards in Newark, DE, and know how much we loved you all.

John Pollard - April 29 at 07:08 AM

LY

Hello Johnny! What a wonderful tribute you penned! Wow - you summarized a wonderful friendship between two families. And we, like you, do have so many memories of time spent with your family. We're so sorry your parents both passed in 2015. I know that must have been hard. Mom passed in 2021 and aside from the grief we're feeling now with Dad's passing, we feel some sense of peace knowing that they are reunited in heaven. And I do remember Mom speaking of your music - she always said she loved it! And one of our most vivid memories of the Pollards revolves around ghost stories! 🗡️ Mom loved scary things and she shared a bunch of stories of hauntings at your home in Newark - most occurring after the in-door pool was built. There were some pretty good stories! And our father's came very close to owning a business together! But different factors put them on their own individual paths but as you say, our families remained close. And all of our names being so similar!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and for the planting of the tree - all very thoughtful. If you see this and get a minute, please email me @ Lyoung525@aol.com. I'd like to get in touch. Thanks again Johnny for your sentiments. The Young's love the Pollards! ❤️

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:08 PM

BF

“ Beverly Edinger Flater lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young



Beverly Edinger Flater - April 28 at 06:38 PM

BF

Dr. Don Young, long time ago I provided childcare for your children. Joyce & yourself would have dinner out. for the evening. This was 60 plus years ago in St. Michaels, MD Fond memories. loved your pharmacy & your family. Beverly

Beverly Edinger Flater - April 28 at 06:50 PM

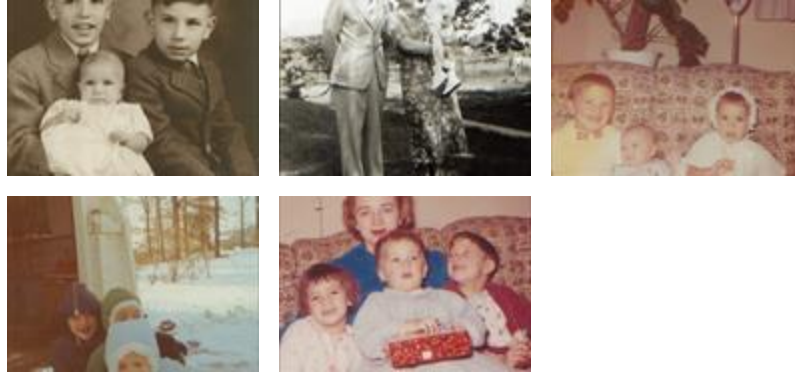
LY

Thank you Beverly for sharing. I know my parents appreciated people like you in their lives. My how quickly time passes. Thank you again!

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:23 PM



“ 105 files added to the album Memories Album



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 28 at 11:46 AM

KP

“ Keith W Parkerson lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young



Keith W Parkerson - April 27 at 07:47 AM

LY

Thank you Keith! I remember your family name. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:25 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 26 at 07:53 AM

DR

“ So sorry to hear this such a great man 🙏



Dawne roe - April 26 at 07:43 AM

LY

Thanks so much Dawne. We agree! 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:26 PM

EF

“ Ellen Dunn and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Roy Young.

Ellen Dunn and family - April 24 at 10:14 AM

EF

“ *Ellen Dunn and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald Roy Young.*



Ellen Dunn and family - April 24 at 10:14 AM

KB

“ *Karen Biehn lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young*



Karen Biehn - April 23 at 08:45 PM

LY

Thank you Karen. Our families shared many great memories.

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:27 PM

LL

“ *Lorraine Bell Luongo lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young*



Lorraine Bell Luongo - April 23 at 06:29 PM

LY

Thanks Lorraine. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:29 PM

TM

“ Linda, so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. Mr. Young was well known throughout the community. I know it's a tough time right now for you and your brothers. Hold each other tight and keep your head up, stay strong and god will see you though. Praying for the family.



Thomas Martin - April 23 at 01:33 PM

LY

Thanks for your thoughts Thomas. It's been hard but we garner some degree of peace knowing that Mom & Dad are back together. ❤️ Hope you and yours are well. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:33 PM

DA

“ So saddening to hear about your passing Uncle Don! I know that you all are all together again there in heaven! Please give everyone a big hug from all the rest of the family down here. Know that you and the rest of the family are truly missed each and every day! Much Love Uncle Don!



Dawn Arnold - April 23 at 12:19 PM

LY

You are so precious Dawn. Thank you so much for your sentiments. I'm only sorry that our families didn't spend more time together through the years. Hopefully we can shift that moving forward. It was great to see you all. Thanks again! ❤️😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:36 PM

ML

“ *Mandy Lauder lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young*



Mandy Lauder - April 23 at 09:38 AM

ML

He had a beautiful smile and always made you feel right at home in Hudson's. Many days after school walking with the girls uptown for french fries and a soda! He will be missed.

Mandy Lauder - April 23 at 09:42 AM

LY

We love that memory. As you can imagine, Don, Dave and I spent a lot of time at the store and we too loved the fries, sodas and ice cream. A great gathering spot! Mom & Dad helped to create many memories. Thanks for yours Mandy. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:41 PM

PF

“ *A great guy who was such an important part of the St. Michaels community for so many years. He will be missed. Prayers for the family and many friends he leaves behind.*



Phil Foster - April 23 at 03:29 AM

LY

Thank you Phil - and you are so right. Mom & Dad loved St. Michael's and they will be missed soooo much! ☐

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:48 PM

EF

“ Don was very active member of the Rotary Club of St Michaels during my time there. He was very proud of his family. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Elizabeth Foulds - April 22 at 02:20 PM

LY

Hello Elizabeth! Thank you for your note. Dad really valued his involvement in Rotary and we always enjoyed sitting with you and your hubby at the Rotary Lobster feast each summer. We are very proud of him and what he and Mom created in St. Michaels. Many wonderful memories. Thanks so much for your note as well as your card. Both are very much appreciated. 🥰

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:54 PM

BC

“ Brenda Holland Cummings sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Roy Young



Brenda Holland Cummings - April 22 at 01:37 PM

BC

What a WONDERFUL man you were, We will miss you.

Brenda Holland Cummings - April 22 at 01:39 PM

LY

Thank you Brenda. I think many share your sentiments. 🥰

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:55 PM

DH

“ I will miss you Mr.Don...thank you for always being there for my family with the pharmacy, thank you for the 42 years you were my loyal and faithful customer and a dear friend as well.I will miss our talks about old St.Michaels and the people we knew and missed....with love,Dana.



Dana Haddaway - April 22 at 11:56 AM

LY

On behalf of Dad - thank you Dana!
He played a part in so many lives and will definitely be missed. ☐

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:58 PM

JC

“ Judy Callahan lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young



Judy Callahan - April 21 at 12:23 PM

LY

Thank you Judy. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 12:58 PM

RM

“ Rodger & Terry McQuay



Rodger & Terry McQuay - April 21 at 07:19 AM

LY

Thank you Rodger & Terry. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 01:01 PM

MB

“ *Mary Baker lit a candle in memory of Donald Roy Young*



Mary Baker - April 20 at 11:19 PM

LY

Thank you Mary. 😊

Lynda Young - May 02 at 01:01 PM