



Donald Bechtol

November 10, 1943 - August 11, 2021

Donald Scott Bechtol, 77, of Cornelius, NC, passed away on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. He was born on November 10, 1943, in New Haven, IN, to the late Herbert and Evelyn Bechtol.

Donald attended Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, majoring in Business. After graduating he entered the US Army and served in Vietnam. After being honorably discharged from the Army he moved to Fort Myers, FL, where he began a career as an auditor in banking, continuing until his retirement from Bank of America in 2006. While in Fort Myers he was involved in scouting and model railroading, and he remained involved until moving to Cornelius in 1993.

Donald was heavily involved with Habitat for Humanity prior to and after retirement, travelling to multiple locations to build homes, both domestic and abroad. He remained active with Habitat for Humanity through the local Habitat Re-Store after he was no longer able to help build homes.

Donald loved spending time with his family, particularly his grandchildren. He always had a story or joke for the kids, and they always loved hearing them. He enjoyed travel, gardening and working on home improvement projects, even helping both of his sons in remodeling their own homes.

Donald was preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Patricia. He is survived by his sons Christopher (Magan) with grandchildren Grace and Katie of Harrisburg, NC and Nathaniel (Amy) with grandchildren Will, Anna and Ben of Pinson, TN. He is also survived by brother Dennis (Kathy) Bechtol and sister Kay Gulmy, both of Fort Myers, FL, brother Davis (Harriet) Bechtol of Summerville, SC, brother Doug Bechtol of Raleigh, NC, brother-in-law Sam Porter and sister-in-law Joan Porter, both of Fort Myers, Fla.

A dual Inurnment service for Donald and his wife, Patricia, who died on November 16, 2020, will be held on Friday, September 24, 9:00 am at Salisbury National Cemetery.

The memorial service will be held after the inurnment at James Funeral Home in Huntersville, NC 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Habitat for Humanity.

James Funeral Home, of Huntersville, is serving the family.

Cemetery

Salisbury National Cemetery

501 Statesville Blvd.
Salisbury National Cemetery,
NC, 28144

Events

SEP	Inurnment	09:00AM
24	<div>Salisbury National Cemetery</div> <div>501 Statesville Boulevard, Salisbury, NC, US, 28144</div>	
SEP	Memorial Service	11:00AM
24	<div>James Funeral Home</div> <div>10520 Arahova Dr P.O. Box 3434, Huntersville, NC, US, 28078</div>	

Comments



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Bechtol.



September 22 at 10:14 PM



“ My Soul Lives On Blanket was purchased for the family of Donald Bechtol.



September 21 at 03:57 PM



“ Susan Krinn (Fort Wayne, IN) purchased the Three Cross Throw for the family of Donald Bechtol.



Susan Krinn (Fort Wayne, IN) - September 15 at 01:42 PM



“ Don was a gentleman in every sense of the word and am missing his grace, kindness and gentle sense of humor. He was kind to everyone, unless you were a fat ten point buck in deer season.

I remember when Pat had heart surgery and was hospitalized for a month. Don was so devoted to her that he stayed with her nearly 24 hours a day and slept in a chair in her room. Never worrying about himself, he was totally dedicated to Pat's recovery.

Don's father was a finish carpenter, which is where Don learned his love of wood working and attention to fine detail. He earned his nickname "Three Angstrom Don" on the Habitat job site hanging kitchen cabinets with an accuracy the cabinet makers could only wish for. Don always wanted things just right for the Habitat homeowners because he so cared about the homes the homeowners worked so hard to achieve.

Don leaves a legacy of kindness, caring and humility. I am honored that he considered me to be one of his friends.

David M. (V-K) Vickers-Koch

David M. Vickers-Koch - September 03 at 06:59 PM