



Mr. Donald L. "Don" Mark

July 9, 1935 - June 17, 2017

WHITESBORO - Mr. Donald L. "Don" Mark, age 81, went home to his Lord as he passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2017 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Born in Utica on July 9, 1935, Donald was the son of the late Chester and Philomina (Calprietto) Mark. After graduating from Utica Free Academy, Don enlisted in the United States Army where he honorably served stateside from 1953-1956 as a Paratrooper. After his military service, he continued his studies at Utica College where he graduated in 1960 with a degree in Computer Science. On May 28, 1960 he married the former Josephine Graziano with whom he shared a union blessed with happiness and harmony for 57 years.

Don was diligent in his 30-year career as a highly competent computer scientist at the Rome Air Development Center located at Griffiss Air Force Base, the position from which he retired in 1990. As patriarch of his family, Don's core values guided his life. When he could assist another person, he was happiest. During his leisure time, Don enjoyed his golf leagues, but tee-times with his children were the best.

A parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Don was committed to his Lord, his Catholic creed, and the Holy Eucharist. He attended Mass faithfully and honored the sacrament of Confession and the remission of sins through contrition.

Don is survived by his wife, "Jo"; his children and their loves, Stephen Mark,

Gregory and Patricia Mark, Kenneth and Karen Mark, and Marybeth Mark; his grandchildren, Carolyn Mark, Justin Mark, James Mark; and Spencer Mark; and his brother, Richard Mark of Florida. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and in-laws, Frank and Jenny "Jane" Graziano, and Otto Knapp. He was also blessed with many wonderful friends throughout his life. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Emily and Michael Piscitelli, Eva Mark, Helen Mark, Peggy Mark, Phyllis Mark, Marie Mark, Chester Mark, James and Lillian Mark, and Albert and Dorothy Mark; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony and Sarah Graziano; and his in-laws, Rose and Morton Setrin, and Michelina Knapp.

The family will honor and commemorate Don's life in a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to Our Lady of the Rosary Church; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 22. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Thanks to everyone who posted a message. I read the notes to my mom and she appreciated you all reaching out and sharing your thoughts. Thanks to the entire Eannace staff, you folks did an outstanding job. The singer was outstanding at service and especially moving. Ken

Ken Mark - June 23, 2017 at 02:32 AM

DG

“ God bless and condolences Aunt Jo and kids...many happy memories when Frankie and Delia were little visiting you and Nonnie Graziano for all the special occasions in Utica. Take comfort in God and all your wonderful memories. Ken, Greg, Stephen and Marybeth..I lost my Dad earlier this year, so I empathize and know you will support each other during the difficult days. Fondly, DeDe and family

Delia Graziano - June 20, 2017 at 09:02 PM

KM

Thanks DeDe, Sorry to hear you losing your dad earlier in year. the family appreciates you reaching out and your kind words. We had beautiful services last couple of days for my dad. We will miss him for sure. Ken

Ken Mark - June 23, 2017 at 02:09 AM

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald L. "Don" Mark



Michele Simmen - June 20, 2017 at 04:06 PM

MS

God bless you Don and God give strength to his loved ones.

Michele Simmen - June 20, 2017 at 04:07 PM

KM

Thank you Michele and to all my dad's fellow church goers who came to services yesterday. It was nice to meet many of the people my dad shared his faith.

Ken Mark - June 23, 2017 at 02:14 AM

JW

“ *Don was a wonderful neighbor, always quick with a smile, a good joke and a laugh to brighten your day!*

John Williams

John Williams - June 20, 2017 at 08:52 AM

KM

Thank you John for reaching out and posting a tribute. It was nice meeting you at my dad's service today. Ken

Ken Mark - June 23, 2017 at 02:18 AM

RS

“ *Chester Swiecki Bob Swiecki Mike Swiecki
We love playing golf with Don and having a few cold
ones at the 19th hole* 🏌️🏌️🏌️🍺🍺🍺

Robert Swiecki - June 20, 2017 at 06:04 AM

KM

Thanks Bobby, appreciate you reaching out and posting a tribute. I'm sorry for your moms passing last year. We were all saddened when we heard the news. Ken

Ken Mark - June 23, 2017 at 02:24 AM