



Donald J. Hunt

April 9, 1949 - August 6, 2024

Donald Joseph Hunt, 75, passed away on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, in Roswell, NM. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Don's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

The Memorial Services will be held at Peachtree Village Retirement Community, 1301 W. Country Club Rd., on Friday, August 23, 2024, at 9:30 AM.

On April 9, 1949, Don was born to Forrest Emeret and Mary Joanne Hunt in Torrance, CA. He graduated from Torrance High School, and he went on to receive his bachelor's degree from UCLA in governmental economics. He lived and worked in Los Angeles for most of his career one of the jobs he loved the most was teaching for the independent skills and living center run by Easter Seals organization. Don would help teach those with limited abilities life skills, so they could go on and live as independently as possible. He taught them to keep their head held high, and a smile on their face, and to take pride in what they accomplished every step of the way.

He loved to travel and challenge himself both physically and mentally. He would work long enough to save up for his next adventure and off he would go. Some of the challenges he took on solo. Such as walking from Mexico to Canada, climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mt. Fuji in Japan, bicycling across

Australia, walking partway and bicycling the rest of the way across Europe. But his favorite adventures were with his youngest daughter Donna Marie together on 10 speeds they left oceanside California on May 22, 1986, when Donna was only 11 years old. They peddled for two straight months and 3,400 miles until reaching Chesapeake Bay Virginia on July 22, 1986, along the way Donna turned 12 and was treated to a very special hot fudge Sunday. Together the duo road 10 speeds across South America when she was 14 years old and turned 15 on the road.

Some of his favorite pastimes were ping pong and chess. Everybody who met Don always said he was a very nice, polite, caring, outgoing person, they all said he could make them laugh.

Don will be greatly missed by his family and his friends.

Those left to cherish their memories of Don are his two daughters: Carrie Ann Houghtaling and spouse Edward Lee Houghtaling, and their children; Christina Nicole Estavillo, Clifford Ben Estavillo, Allyson Lee Houghtaling, Morgan Preston Houghtaling and their grandchildren Anaiese Nicole Alvarado, James Sebastian, Corey Taylor Peterson, Evelyn Veronica Blair, Arya Rose Blair, Billy Jean IV, and Callum Cash Cooper; his youngest daughter, Donna Marie Tutor and spouse Justin Deeds Tutor and their children, Autumn Nicole Ramirez, Zoe Adele Tutor, Nathan Gregory Tutor, Sophia Marie Tutor, and Rory Noah Tutor; Don's brothers: David Hunt, and Forrest Emeret Hunt III and spouse Jo Ann Hunt and their daughter Randy Lynn Wade and her spouse Bryan and their two children Sydney Wade and Porter Wade; daughter-in-law, Katrina Hunt and children, Mirabel Hunt and Caroline Hunt.

Don is preceded in death by his parents: Forrest Emeret Hunt Jr. and Mary Joanne Hunt; and nephews: Forrest "Woody" Emeret Hunt IV, and Rodney Allen Hunt.

The family wishes to give a very special thanks to Peachtree Village Retirement Community as they have been both family and friends. Thank you to Mary Beth, Betty, Alma, Sandy, Alicia, Rebecca, Dede, Erica, Yesenia, Sylvia, Albert, Stephanie, Ramona, Gabby, Gladys, Lily, the other Gabby, Joe, Joey, Phillip, Leona Tarry and her late husband Joe Tarry, Doris, Preacher Nic, Mike, Sheila, Sheriff, the other Alma, and many more that we didn't list here but you all made life for Dad and our family wonderful this last year.

We would also like to give a very, very special thanks to Visiting Angels and their employees who became our Dad's and our families' family and good friends. Thank you to Tyler, Amanda, Kimberly, Sindy, Lynn, Gabby, Christy, Bryan, Tim, Woody and so many more who worked with him before, our deepest and our heartfelt thanks go to all of the above mentioned, we could not have done it without each and every one of you. Thank you to all of the doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals you were all amazing.

Thank you to Hospice, you all made things easier at the end. Thank God we did not have to go through it without you. We sincerely appreciate the hard job that you do.

Don's tribute was lovingly written by his family.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **23**. 9:30 AM (MT)

Peachtree Village Retirement Community
1301 W. Country Club Rd.
Roswell, NM 88201

Tribute Wall

DM

“ Don was a wonderful brother-in-law and an amazing uncle to my son, Gabriel and daughter, Shannon. We looked forward to seeing him in Oregon every summer. He was a unique, kind, sweet man and our family will miss him.

Dorian Mullnix - December 23, 2024 at 09:20 PM

KW

“ Don i miss you dearly 😭💔 my heart is so shattered since you left us ..i keep telling myself I will see you again someday



Kimberly Wooldridge - August 24, 2024 at 10:16 PM

AG

“ Don was the most kindest, sweetest man. I really enjoyed our time together. Thank you for sharing your dad with us Carrie Ann.

Amanda Granados - August 20, 2024 at 01:55 PM

BD

“ I worked for Don as a caregiver and became fast friends with him. He was always very polite and thoughtful of others. Me and him would play a little Chess, go for rides in and around town but my fondest memories were in dining with him. He really enjoyed his food albeit was thrifty. He enjoyed Wendy's 5 dollar meal deal especially the chocolate frosty! He also introduced me to the excellent hot dogs with a soda out at Sam's club for just a buck thirty eight... Haha. I will miss him and his warm smile. See you later my friend up with the angels.

Bryan Determan - August 19, 2024 at 11:49 PM

CH

“Dad I am extremely grateful for the last couple of years with you, the time we had together. I know I wasn't always as patient or understanding as I could have been. I am extremely sorry for that. I miss you and our time together. I love you very much. I will see you in heaven when it is my time. Until then know you are in our hearts and thoughts.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 19, 2024 at 07:52 PM

AB

“The small amount of time we've gotten to know you, you were the best great grandpa. You will be missed by many. May you rest in peace.- Ashla Blair

Ashla Blair - August 19, 2024 at 07:43 PM

KW

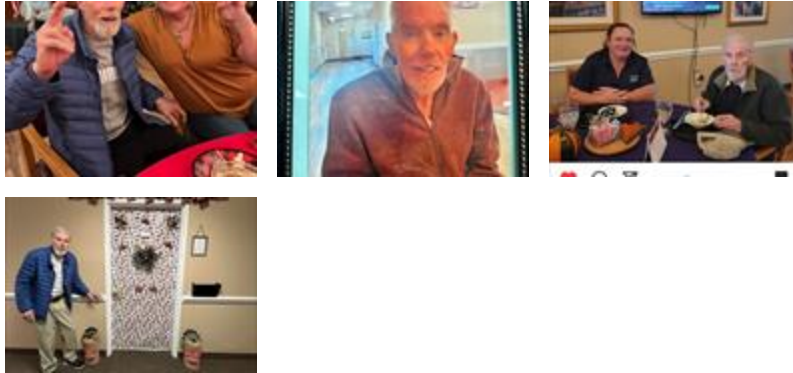
“I'm here laying in bed ik its late but I cant stop thinking of all the good memories we had i truly miss you more than anyone could imagine I know i will see you again soon i love you very very much ❤️💕💕



Kimberly Wooldridge - August 19, 2024 at 12:49 AM

CH

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 02:08 PM

KW

I love these pictures they are absolutely beautiful 😍❤️

Kimberly Wooldridge - August 19, 2024 at 02:50 PM

CH

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Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 02:05 PM

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CL

“ I remember playing chess and arm wrestling with him when he visited us in Arizona I was in the sixth grade and I almost beat him at arm wrestling he never arm wrestled me again

Clifford - August 17, 2024 at 01:35 PM

CH

I remember that son. 🙏 That is when he picked me up to me to Santa Barbara to get car. I miss him so much.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 19, 2024 at 07:45 PM

KW

“ Kimberly Wooldridge sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald Hunt



Kimberly Wooldridge - August 14, 2024 at 01:16 AM

KW

“ I miss you so much don 🥹🥹 we had such good memories together it will never be the same without you..but ik you are in heaven looking down on me I LOVE YOU ALWAYS AND FOREVER



Kimberly Wooldridge - August 13, 2024 at 08:21 PM

CH

He loved you too sweet Kimberly. You knew how to make him smile, laugh and feel proud of himself. I loved the way you would put the song 'Hit the Rod Jack' on everytime you two would go walking. You each had your parts to sing. It was a blessing to see that and walk, laugh and have fun with the two of you and then rest in the sun for 15 minutes of Vitamin D. You were very special to him I can never thank you enough for the wonderful way you cared for and loved our Dad.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 01:46 PM

KW

Thank you very much for your kind words 🙏😊 your dad kept me going along with my journey of sobriety iam so grateful for all of you 🥹🥹

Kimberly Wooldridge - August 20, 2024 at 09:56 PM

AG

“ Amanda Granados lit a candle in memory of Donald Hunt



Amanda Granados - August 12, 2024 at 11:17 AM

CH

Thank you Amanda.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 01:49 PM

CH

Thank you for everything you did for my Dad over the past year. I could never have done it without you and all the angels at Visiting Angels. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts as speak for our whole family.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 01:51 PM

BH

“ I loved visiting with your sweet Dad and loved his stories of bike rides and riding in neat places in the U.S. He told me about riding through Yellowstone. He was a sweet man. Carrie Ann, you were a wonderful daughter and caregiver to your Dad!!

Becky Hawkins - August 10, 2024 at 12:25 AM

CH

Thank you very much Becky. He really enjoyed getting to know you during your many visits with your mother Doris, and Aunt Leona, late Uncle Joe, and their son Carl. You were all so special to him. His first friends their at Peachtree and you all became like family to us.

Carrie Ann Houghtaling - August 17, 2024 at 01:59 PM