



Donald Leroy Hoover

July 16, 2016

Donald Leroy Hoover, 64, of Strasburg, PA, died peacefully, embraced by his wife at Hospice and Community Care on Saturday, July 16, 2016, after bravely battling cancer.

Born in Lancaster, Donald is the son of Arlene M. Pickel Hoover of Lancaster, PA and the late E. Leroy Hoover. He was the husband of Sharon L. Horne Hoover and they would be celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary on August 18th.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Steven Michael, husband of Kimberly (Kohlmaier) Hoover and their son, Grant Michael Hoover, Lancaster, PA and Andrew Scott, husband of Lindsay (Stoner) Hoover and their children Shelby Jane, Kelsey Lee, and Mckinley Mae Hoover, Lancaster, PA. He is also survived by his brother, Dale A. Hoover, Fort Myers, FL.

Don proudly served his country with the United States Army from 1973-1979 with the 1185th U.S. Army Reserves.

As a man of faith, Don's life was spent serving his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. While still a young man, he served as a Board Member at First Assembly of God, Lancaster. Later, he played an active role in beginning a new church, New Life Assembly of God. There he served as Board Member, Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher and Building Committee Chairman.

His desire to reach the lost prompted him to serve on the Board of Teen Challenge, a drug rehabilitation center. This became his passion, and he went on to serve for more than 25 years until the present time, touching the lives of many. While with Teen Challenge, he helped to create New Man Development Corporation. His need to serve God and give back from a blessed life was fulfilled.

Don also loved the game of baseball. He began coaching when his first son reached T-Ball age. He continued coaching both of his son's teams from elementary school to high school, and in Legion ball. He became Head Coach at Valley Forge Christian College and continued coaching college baseball for 9 years. He considered it a privilege to help mold young men, not only teaching the game of baseball, but also teaching lifelong lessons of values, friendship, godliness, and service.

Don, as an entrepreneur, started a business in his twenties. The success of his business reflects the work ethic he brought to all areas of his life.

Don's family brought him so much joy! He loved family vacations and celebrations and spending time with his children, their spouses and, of course, his beautiful four grandchildren. He cherished the title of Dad and Grandpa. His heart overflowed with love for his wife and will always be remembered by her and his family as a wonderful, caring, fun-loving husband, father, and grandfather.

Don's life was spent surrounded by many good friends, a wonderful family, and most importantly, the knowledge that he walked this earth with the King of Kings and would one day spend eternity with Him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Don's Celebration of Life Funeral

Service on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at the Faith Outreach Center, 475 Anderson Ferry Road, Mt. Joy, PA 17552 at 1:00 P.M. with The Rev. Dr. Joseph S. Batluck officiating. The family will receive friends at Faith Outreach Center from 11:30 A.M. until time of service. A luncheon will follow the service before proceeding to Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery for the interment where Military Honors will be conducted by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be sent in his memory to Teen Challenge Training Center, 33 Teen Challenge Road, Rehrersburg, PA 19550.

Cemetery Details

Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 20. 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Faith Outreach Center
475 Anderson Ferry Road
Mt Joy, PA 17552

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Leroy Hoover*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Donny and I grew up in the same neighborhood in Strasbourg and spent a lot of time together while in elementary school. He was a year older. I remember when we came across an abandoned puppy near our homes. Someone had dropped her off in a paper bag. Much to my relief, Donny took her home and named her Lady. They spent many happy years together. He was a very generous boy. I lost track of him. It is hard to think of him as gone from this life. May God be merciful to his, and all of our souls.*

Ken Kilgore - July 24, 2016 at 04:44 PM



“ *Don was a great person, full of energy and vision he will be missed by all. He left a legacy of lives impacted on earth and externally.*

Jim Reeb - July 23, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *My condolences to the entire Hoover family at this time. I came to know Don through his coaching of my ladies softball team back in the late 70's, early 80's in the Manheim Township Womens slow pitch league. He and his Uncle Bill were excellent coaches and clearly, men of faith and family values. Don left us too soon, but he is with the Lord today, fulfilling his earthly journey to his eternal life with God. Again, sending sympathy to the family at this time, for the loss of Husband, Father, Grandfather, Brother, and friend.*

Teresa Wesch - July 21, 2016 at 05:58 AM

RD

“ Don has been a servant of God to all of us here at TCTC and specifically here in Philadelphia. He has contributed more than significantly to Teen Challenge over the many years of his service. He has also been a good friend to me, always so engaging, welcoming and a positive man of Faith. He would hardly miss a Christmas Banquet and gladly greet everyone and offer Invocations countless number of times. We will miss him and all you, his family will be in our prayers at Teen Challenge Philadelphia. We are honored to be his friend.

Rick Dodridge and TC Philadelphia

Rick Dodridge - July 20, 2016 at 09:09 AM

WM

“ To the Hoover family
My name is William Michael I didn't know Don but I know Andy and his family.
Having read the obituary I can say:
What a full and impactful life Don lived! I can only aspire to soem of the things he contributed to. What a celebration he is having in heaven!!
Taken to soon but a wonderful legacy he left behind! Our prayers are with you all praying you may be comforted by the God of All comfort in this time.

William and Julia Michael

William Michael - July 19, 2016 at 09:01 AM

TG

“ It's been a while since I have seen or interacted with Don Hoover but I can truly say the memories and the legacy that he has left behind is something that he and his family should be very proud of. "Once a Pioneer always a Pioneer." He was a true Pioneer in the sense of how he promoted the game of baseball and how he lived his life through his faith. He was a very passionate, hard-working and determined baseball coach, dad and fan. I had the honor of working with Don when he was on the baseball boosters at Lampeter-Strasburg High School. He always looked to take charge and make a difference. He promoted the game in many ways such as being the president of the Strasburg Youth Baseball Association, a SWS/legion coach, an active member in LSHS baseball boosters, and a head baseball coach at Valley Forge Christian College. Don Hoover truly loved the game and most importantly loved to watch his boys play.

Andy and Steve, your dad is in a better place and is still your biggest fan who is cheering for you from above. You guys should be very proud of your dad, and I challenge you to live your life through your dad's spirit and continue to give back to the game of baseball and have a strong faith ... Just like he did.

*Coach Todd Garber
Former LSHS Baseball Coach*

Todd Garber - July 19, 2016 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ Don was my dear friend and I have always looked up to him and respected his love for the Lord and willingness to serve Him in whatever capacity he could. Don was an inspiration in life and even more so in his passing. My fervent prayers are with Sharon, Steve and Andy.

I am so glad I got to see him and pray with him just 3 weeks ago. I knew his situation was grave but I hoped to see him again. Don, you were one heck of a guy and if I can be half the man you were, I will feel like I have accomplished something.

Tom McGovern - July 18, 2016 at 01:05 PM

PE

“ Don was always friendly and upbeat. Glad to have known him. What a reunion that must be now for him to see his father again in Heaven. Will be praying for the family as they will miss him but rejoicing that we know where he has gone. Pat Eckman

Patricia Eckman - July 18, 2016 at 11:39 AM

JG

“ *To the Hoover Family,*

I knew Don through his coaching here at UVF. He was an inspiration to our players and well loved by all that knew him. I was impressed by his dedication and willingness to spend so much of his own time investing in these young men. It is clear that he believed in the potential of people and wanted to see God's work done in their lives!

Please accept our sincere condolences. We are sad that he is no longer with us but rejoice that he is home with the Lord.

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Gale
Vice President of Student Life
University of Valley Forge*

Jennifer Gale - July 18, 2016 at 10:44 AM

BS

“ *I remember Don, Leroy and Arlene so vividly from growing up at First Assembly (my parents are John and Jeanne Myers). My deepest sympathies to Sharon and all family members. I remember Don as always being filled with energy and optimism, and always with a witness to his Lord. I remember him, 5 years ago, at my father's funeral, and his presence meant so much to Mother, and to us all. Blessings and prayers to his family as they carry on the legacy of his grace-filled life. Beth Myers Svendsen*

beth svendsen - July 18, 2016 at 10:14 AM

PE

“ Sharon, Steve, Andy, and Family,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Don was an awesome, caring man with a lot of energy and willingness to help the youth, and serve our Lord. Our memories of Don go back to when our boys played SWS/Legion baseball. Carl notes "it was great to coach with him, but hard to coach against him" - he was a wealth of knowledge about the game of baseball! Patti remembers that Don "gave it up" for his team of boys/young men that he coached. We fondly remember him and we know his memory will live on in each of you. May the love and comfort of each other and family and friends guide you through the coming days. Memories of Don will be with us, until we all meet Don again.

Carl and Patti Esh

Patti Esh - July 18, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Wonderful memories of Don from First Assembly of God church years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hoover family.

John Witwer

John Witwer - July 18, 2016 at 08:35 AM

AG

“ I was so sad to hear about Don today. I had so many fond memories of working for him. He was just a wonderful person who saw the humor and good in everyone. I think of Don every time I drive by his old office in East Pete. My condolences to his whole family.

Alaine Grbach

alaine grbahc - July 18, 2016 at 08:11 AM



“ *Don-Thanks for your friendship and the various work experiences we shared together since i first met you in 1976. I know that you are resting in peace now with our GOD.*

Lloyd & Brenda Dochterman

Lloyd M. Dochterman Jr. - July 18, 2016 at 05:28 AM