

## Donald R. Sanders

July 1, 2019

Donald R. Sanders passed away on Monday, July 1, 2019, at the Hospice In-Patient Center in Mount Joy. He was 84.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, who lives at Willow Valley communities. They have loved 34 years of marriage together and he will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

Don was born in Waltham, MA in 1935, the son of the late Emanuel H. and Kathleen (Rippin) Sanders. He graduated from Newton High School in Newton, MA in 1953, received his BA in Economics from Middlebury College in VT, and earned his MBA from the University of Chicago School of Business in 1958.

In 1959, Don went to work for State Street Bank & Trust in Boston as an Asst. Treasurer. In 1961, he moved to NW Ayer & Son Advertising in Philadelphia where he worked as a VP in Plans and Marketing. After Ayer consolidated offices in New York, Don joined Scott Paper Co. in Philadelphia as a VP of Marketing. He retired in 1992 and then started his dreamed-of life.

Don began carving song birds in early retirement. He was a gifted carver and painter, leaving behind a beautiful body of work.

He also returned to his boyhood passion for golf. Although he never achieved that perfect shot he dreamed of, he loved the game and was a former member of Merion Golf Club, Hershey's Mill Golf Club and Moss Creek Golf Club in Hilton Head, SC where he and Margaret had a home for 19 years.

Don also loved gardening and worked as an Assistant at the Scott Arboretum in Swarthmore, PA.

He was a man of few words and many talents. And he is gone too soon.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son Chris and daughter-in-law Kathy Garrett of Norwalk CT, his son Rick of Brigantine, NJ, and his daughter Liz Bongard (wife of Rene) of West Chester, PA, four grandchildren – Ryan and Erin Sanders and Elise and Savannah Bongard, and a Golden Retriever named Maggie.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Don's name to Hospice & Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604; or to Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue, 60 Vera Cruz Road, Reinholds, PA 17569.

A Celebration of Don's life will be held at Willow Valley at a later date in August.

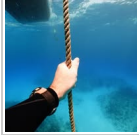
# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald R. Sanders*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Dad's Celebration of Life - Rick Sanders*

*Make Dad's drink: Ice, glass, .5 oz vermouth, 2 olives on a stick, fill with vodka*

*Hello everyone my name is Rick Donald Sanders.  
My Dad would call me by my given name, Frederick.  
I am the second of 2 boys and one girl.*

*Now if you knew my Dad you would know that he wouldn't be able to take hearing a bunch of people talk about him without a stiff drink.....so I mixed up his favorite drink...a vodka martini .... rocks in a glass .... Here you go Dad....*

*So I would like to begin by thanking everyone for coming from far and wide to join in the Celebration of the Life of my Dad - Don Sanders.*

*I would like to talk about a few things I remember and appreciate about my Dad.*

*SCUBA LESSONS*

*Scuba lessons for my brother Chris and me  
marine research in the bahamas*

*Divemaster and instructor in the Caribbean.*

*Although I no longer work in those fields it remains a lifelong passion and the ocean calls me back daily...*

*BIRDS and FISH*

*Dad was into birds... I was into FISH*

*Creative Christmas gift labeling*

*Example: For The Ichthyologist*

*From The Ornithologist*

*MICRONESIA*

*Dad helped me make a dream come true where I spent 4 months volunteering for a marine resource officer on the island of Ponape,*

*Micronesia when I was 19 years old  
When I first told him about my idea...he thought I was crazy ... but  
years later he said it was one of my greatest achievements.*

*GOLF*

*introduced me to Golf at 48 and I was hooked.*

*We played together in Hilton Head.*

*We shared both our love of and frustration with the game*

*Everytime I watch a PGA Tournament I think of Dad*

*DAD - VISIONS AND WONDER*

*I was fortunate enough to spend some very special moments with  
my Dad a few nights before he passed.*

*Visions - bring great comfort and wonder*

*Reached out to touch something .... a kid*

*He touched my face...more than once.. I wonder what was going on  
with my face?*

*His face would light up and he would reach out to touch something  
and ask what it was...with a child like wonder and curiosity.*

*I said to Dad, I see you have been spending time in another place  
... how is it? It's good he said...*

*I asked is it beautiful? He nodded yes.*

*I ASKED - WHAT'S NEXT DAD?*

*He said...*

*WE'LL ALL KEEP GOING*

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*Not sure what that means .. exactly?*

*...but I'd like to take away from it that*

*Dad will keep going where he was going....*

*And for the rest of us...We will all keep going*

*We will all keep going where we're going...*

*THANKYOU*

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“ *Bob the locsith*



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**bob** - September 10, 2019 at 09:45 AM

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“ *The best college roommate and friend you could possible have. I'll miss those Christmas letters that he sent me every year. Pete Webber*

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**Peter Webber** - July 09, 2019 at 12:44 PM

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“ *Donald was one of the sweetest souls I've ever met. He had a way of making you smile without even saying a word. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to Margaret and the rest of the family!*



*-Haley Keyes*

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**Haley Keyes** - July 07, 2019 at 05:31 PM