



Donald Richard Tshudy

October 22, 2020

Donald Richard Tshudy, 89, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at Hospice and Community Care with his family by his side in his final days. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of the late Isaac Snyder Tshudy and Emma Mildred Smaling Tshudy. He was married to Betty Lundy Tshudy for 61 years.

Don received his bachelor's degrees in Geology and Chemistry from Franklin & Marshall College and his master's degree in Business Administration from Penn State University. A lifelong learner, he never wavered from his passion for furthering his education. He worked as a Chemical Engineer and in other capacities at RCA, General Electric, Burle Industries and Phillips North America. He worked in product development and holds a patent in his name. He was a student of history and loved to share his knowledge as a tour guide on trips through Hershey, Gettysburg, Lancaster City, the Amish Country, and the city of Philadelphia. He also earned his Real Estate license and became a Master Gardener.

Don was fascinated by family genealogy and extensively researched and documented his family's history. Don and his wife enjoyed traveling and counted some of their favorite destinations as his wife's hometown of Mountain City, TN, western North Carolina, Europe, and San Francisco, CA where he ran across the Golden Gate Bridge. He was an avid baseball fan

and spent many years coaching Little League baseball. Don enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, especially on Saturdays when he often took them downtown in Lancaster city. He was also an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church for 20 years.

In addition to his wife Betty, Don is survived by his two daughters Lisa Anne Tshudy, Lancaster, Victoria Leigh Garner (Ray, Jr.), Leola, his son Douglas Scott Tshudy (Doris Sanchez), Lancaster, grandchildren Ray Eugene Garner III, Zachary Donald Garner, Lindsay Leigh Garner, Isaac Benjamin Tshudy (married to Leah Lael Burns on October 18, 2020), and Isaiah Stephen Tshudy. In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his brother Robert L. Tshudy and his sister Thelma E. Tshudy.

Family and friends are invited to a Funeral service on Thursday, October 29th, 2020 at 11:00am at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 West Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine St.) with Reverend Keith Irvine officiating. A time for viewing and visitation will be from 10:00am until the time of service. Interment will be at Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery, 399 East Penn Grant Road, Willow Street, PA.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Donald's name to the Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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528 W Orange St.
Lancaster, PA 17603
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Funeral Service

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Graveside

OCT **29**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Willow Street Mennonite Cemetery
399 East Penn Grant Road
Willow Street, PA 17584

Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Richard Tshudy*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 28, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ *Donald Richard Tshudy*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Donald was a great researcher in family history. He suddenly lost all his family records after his computer failed, however. So sad. Many years ago, he told me a great story about the rich heiress Daisy Grubb having a lover, which was denied by another person, who insisted that the story was not true. Now it turns out that her long term lover, State Senator Dr. Dunlap, was a long term boarder in a Manheim mansion that is now owned by a friend, Dr. Donald Diebler. And that the story that Don Tshudy told from an oral history source was indeed true!! Tim Niesen*

Tim Niesen - October 13, 2022 at 08:23 PM

TP

“ I only was able to meet Cousin Donald once in person, which was lovely, but we've corresponded via email for years, and he has been an amazing genealogical resource research partner for our Tshudy ancestors, and sometimes I think half of Lancaster County who are related. My mother was also thrilled to meet him, as his voice reminded us of her brother Peter, especially over the phone. I pray for the family, and I hope someone will follow in his wonderful footsteps. Cousin Tara Howlett Perrien (mother was Beatrice Tshudy Faddis Howlett)

Tara J Perrien - December 03, 2020 at 06:32 PM

BD

“ I was blessed to know Mr Tshudy, only for a very short time. He and Betty lived around the corner, wonderful people and neighbors. I got to know Don while working with him at the neighborhood election polling place. He taught and showed me the importance of government, and learned about him as a Husband and Dad, his history and accomplishments in his working career. Don was always kind and gentle, was always asking how my family was doing, would always have time for a chat. Don showed me by example the importance of being a good Husband and Dad, and the importance of Faith in everyday life. Thank You Sir, I will always remember your kind ways, and your smile.

May you rest in peace in the Lords presence. Miss you and Betty

Bob Donaldson

Bob Donaldson - November 01, 2020 at 06:50 AM



“ 2 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 28, 2020 at 02:26 PM

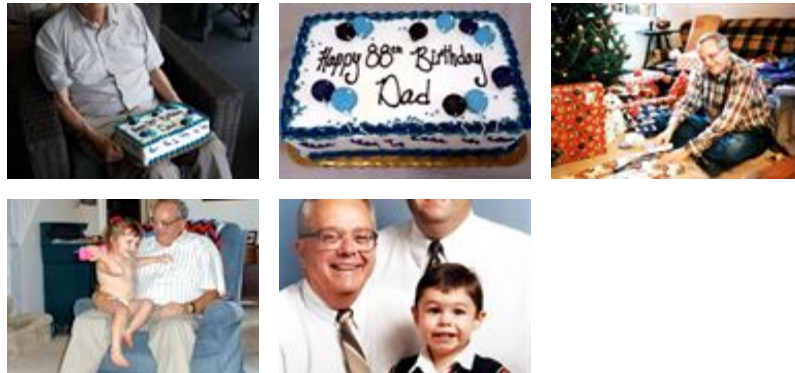
JW

My prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I love you all.

Jan Williams - October 28, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ 124 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - October 28, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of *Donald Richard Tshudy*.



October 28, 2020 at 07:55 AM

SD

“ Steve Marinos and the staff at Cravings Deli purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Donald Richard Tshudy.



Steve Marinos and the staff at Cravings Deli - October 27, 2020 at 06:33 PM

SG

“ Sincerely with Love, The Renneberg Girls purchased the Love's Embrace Roses – Purple for the family of Donald Richard Tshudy.



Sincerely with Love, The Renneberg Girls - October 27, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Tshudy.



October 27, 2020 at 08:46 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Tshudy.



October 25, 2020 at 07:01 PM

BI

“ *I remember Don as a tour guide at the Amish Experience and always appreciated his care, dedication, and cheerfulness in doing his work sharing Lancaster County with visitors.*

Brad Igou - October 25, 2020 at 11:31 AM



“ *Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Donald Richard Tshudy.*



October 25, 2020 at 06:07 AM