



Donald Dwight Rankin

August 29, 1934 - January 19, 2021

Donald Dwight Rankin, 86, of Asheville, died on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. He is survived by his two daughters, Beth Rhatigan, Susan Stansberry (Brad); his son, Jesse Rankin (Jennifer); his grandchildren, Kayleigh Rhatigan, Evan Rhatigan, Adrian Rhatigan, Ella Rankin and Clara Rankin, the father of Kayleigh, Evan and Adrian, Joe Rhatigan; his sister, Mary Rankin Trotman and multiple nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Daniel Dwight Rankin and Florence Morris Rankin; his beloved wife, Marjorie Rankin; his sister, Diane Rankin, and his brother-in-law, Delroy Trotman.

Donald (Don, Chief) was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was married for 52 years at the time of his wife's death. He cared deeply about helping others and making the world a better place. In his later years he volunteered in local prisons to help prisoners transition back into society and gave communion at the weekly service. He also volunteered for AARP doing taxes for members. Don loved classical music and as an adult he learned to play the piano.

His greatest love was being a grandfather, his face would light up when he talked about his grandchildren. He got down on the floor and played with them when they were young, and as they got older loved talking to them and hearing about their lives. He will be greatly missed by many.

A private Funeral Mass for the family only will be celebrated at 10:00 am, Monday, January 25, at St. Eugene's Catholic Church and will be live

streamed at steugene.org.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is assisting the family and condolences may be sent to our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Tribute Wall

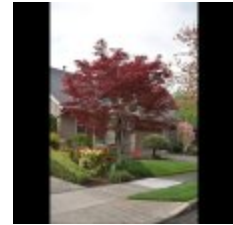


“ *Donald Dwight Rankin*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Red Leaf Japanese Maple was purchased for the family of Donald Dwight Rankin.*



February 04, 2021 at 05:37 PM



“ *It was a pleasure and an honor to know Don and Marge, whom I met through Saint Eugene's. They were a delightful and humble couple, although I know they took great pride in their children and grandchildren.*

It is hard to believe Marge has been gone three years, and even harder to believe that Don was 86! They both seem so youthful and vigorous. What a bittersweet irony that the day of Don's funeral should be their 57th anniversary.

Thank you for streaming his funeral mass. It was wonderful to hear your very touching eulogies. They said so many things that I didn't know about this good, accomplished, humble and fine man.

Condolences to you all; you have big shoes to fill, but are undoubtedly up to the task, by virtue of their examples.

Eileen Kaplan - January 25, 2021 at 11:50 AM

CJ

“ I want to express my heartfelt condolences to Don's family. At St. Eugene's, I had the pleasure to serve with Don as a Eucharistic Minister and in Prison Ministry at Craggy Correctional Center. I enjoyed his knowledge of Scripture, sharing of his wisdom and life experiences. He was a good friend and great influence to many of the men he encountered, helping them to make better choices and decisions as they moved toward release. Heaven has gained a faithful servant and I am blessed to have had him as a friend May he rest in peace. He will be truly missed..



Carol Jordan - January 24, 2021 at 08:10 PM

KM

“ Don always had a smile for everyone. He was so kind and caring. He will be missed.
Kathy McGuinn

Kathy McGuinn - January 24, 2021 at 06:04 PM

EK

“ Don always had a smile and a warm greeting. He and Marge had a phenomenal partnership that was inspiring and life-giving. I had the pleasure of participating in a Small Church community with them through St Eugene's and I am so much the better for it. I think Mr. Biden needed another heavenly advisor !!
Heartfelt condolences,
Ellen Kaczmarek



Ellen Kaczmarek - January 24, 2021 at 03:57 PM

JA

“ *My deep sympathy to you all as you travel through this most difficult journey. What a great picture of a great man who will be missed by so many. Love, Jackie*

Jackie Austin - January 24, 2021 at 12:50 PM

RM

I was honored to be friends with Marge and Don. Marge was an endless delight in my life, singing and praying at a local nursing home. Don and I became friends through Marge and their dog FLORY. I was happy to be a pet sitter for their beloved pet.

Don was a gift to any activity he enjoyed. Prison ministry, Eucharistic Duties, and many other ways to be a friend. My condolences to the family and thanks for the traditional "PARTING GLASS" music selection.

Robin

Robin Mallernee - January 25, 2021 at 12:46 PM

JD

My dear friend Don will be greatly missed in our St. Eugene Thursday morning discussion group. He always listened carefully to the other person's viewpoint with acceptance and then contributed his own thoughts without ever belittling the others. His years of experience and wisdom will be remembered and missed by all of us.

Condolences to Don's family.

John Dieringer

John Dieringer - January 25, 2021 at 01:00 PM