



Donald R. Inglis

May 18, 1944 - February 12, 2023

Hampton – Donald R. Inglis, of Chicopee, Massachusetts and Hampton, New Hampshire passed away suddenly at home in New Hampshire in February at the age of 78. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts; the cherished son of the late Edwin and Lillian (Kneeland). He is survived by his children, Brian and his wife Suzanne of New York, Kevin of Weymouth, Massachusetts, Joel and his longtime partner Nicole Billings of Norwood, Massachusetts, Krissy Brown and her husband Joe of Brockton, Massachusetts, and two grandchildren Ryan and Alex. The oldest of six children, Don is also survived by his siblings, Paul and his wife Holly of Arlington, Massachusetts, Joan and Jean of Nahant, Massachusetts, Patricia McDevitt and her husband Tom of Nahant, Massachusetts, Robbie also of Nahant, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Don was deeply loved by his family, and he created lasting bonds with many friends through the years. Don had the gift of gab and he enjoyed reminiscing about the many adventures he had during his life, including his world travels. He served his country with honor retiring from the U.S. Air Force Reserve in 1998. He then went on to fulfill another career retiring from the U.S. Postal Service. He was so excited to have recently purchased a second home—a beautiful log cabin close to the ocean in New Hampshire where he had hoped to enjoy many more fun times with his children, siblings and friends. He was an avid Boston sports fan and would never miss watching a Bruins, Red Sox,

Patriots or Celtics game. Don demonstrated a special gift for being a “jack-of-all-trades.” He could fix pretty much anything and he truly enjoyed helping others with his multiple skills; thus, gaining him the nickname “Mr. Fix-it.” Don will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

A Family and Friends Celebration of Don’s Life is being planned for May, the details of which will be shared at a later date. Burial will be private at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne.

Tribute Wall

“Donny,” as we knew him and called him, was one of my first cousins.

My brother Ed, aka Butch, and I, and Donny, went to camp together from 1954 to 1957 at Camp Cedar Crest in Marshfield, Ma. We even sang together at the talent show! Truth be told Donny and Butch sang together while I mouthed the words...unfortunately we lost!

I first remember meeting Donny at our Grandmother's apartment at Newtown Court in Cambridge when I was 2 years old. He was always a kind and friendly person. After camp, In the late fifties we lived a few streets away from each other in North Cambridge. We lived in the same house as my Uncle Fred's family, and he lived three streets away. Since Donny was the same age as my older brother, we would frequently visit him and his mother, my Aunt Lillian.

In the mid-sixties, when I was stationed at Fort Benning in the Infantry Officer Candidate School (OCS), I was confined to barracks for six months, as all Infantry OCS candidates are, and he came to visit me. I was thrilled to see him and extremely grateful that he went out of his way to visit.

In the seventies, Donny got married and my brother, Ed, was his best man which illustrates what good friends they were. We all enjoyed the wedding despite the fact that my brother passed out on the altar. I think Donnie and my brother may have partied a little too much!

Several years later, my wife and I moved to Weymouth, MA. Donny and his wife Pat also moved to Weymouth around the same time. We immediately hooked up and my wife and I would frequently visit Donald and his wife Pat to chat and watch their kids grow up. I remember him as a kind and considerate person who was always trying to make others feel good. He was one of those people who ALWAYS had a smile!

Ed, now has Alzheimer's, and is confined to a VA Nursing Home in Georgia so is unable to visit. When I heard that Donald passed away, I immediately called my brother and informed him of the sad news. My brother, who rarely acknowledges people or events due to his terrible disease, became noticeably quiet. I asked him if he was OK and he said, "No, I'm really sad to hear the news!" He then went on to tell me, "I will really miss him. He was not just our cousin; he was a good friend too"! I think that says it all!

Jim Kneeland - April 27, 2023 at 05:54 AM

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“ *I remember Don at the dining hall at Westover. He always had a smile on his face. Just a really nice guy. Never saw him get upset. So sorry to hear about his passing.*

Tony Perras - March 11, 2023 at 08:50 AM

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“ *I had the pleasure of working with Don at the dining hall at Westover. He was a great person who helped all. Was a calm person that always said things will work out not to get angry. Rest in Peace Don*
Tim Yuhas

Tim Yuhas - March 08, 2023 at 02:58 PM