



Donat Robert Veilleux

November 16, 1932 - February 8, 2016

Portsmouth – Donat Robert Veilleux, a longtime resident of Hampton, passed away on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Edgewood Centre, Portsmouth.

He was born on November 16, 1932, in Lewiston, ME, a son of the late Dolor and Anita (Rousseau) Veilleux.

Raised in Lewiston, he graduated from Lewiston High School with the Class of 1951. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he proudly served for 4 years aboard the USS Dashiell as a boiler tech.

Mr. Veilleux returned to Lewiston after his time in the Navy, where he started his career in textiles for the Milliken Company, first working in Lisbon Falls, ME from 1954-1965, then Blacksburg, SC. The family lived in Shelby, NC for 4 years, before moving to Hampton in 1969. He continued his Milliken career in Exeter until 1982. He later worked at J.D. Cahill Co., Inc., in Hampton from 1982 until 1995, thereafter retiring.

Don enjoyed coin collecting, crossword puzzles and various types of woodworking, including building desks, chairs and airplanes that he donated to The Richie McFarland Children's Center.

Family members include his sons, Thomas Veilleux and his wife Ann of

Arnold, MD, Roland Veilleux of Largo, FL, and daughter Therese Veilleux of NH; brothers, Paul Veilleux and his wife Jackie of Lewiston, ME, and Alphonse Veilleux of Lewiston, ME; sisters, Irene Fraser of Lewiston, ME, Louise Nickerson and her husband Stephen of Westbrook, ME, and Gloria Moore and her husband Paul of Corpus Christi, TX; grandchildren, Elizabeth Straessle, Danielle Whitley, and Christopher Veilleux, two great grandchildren, Meagan Straessle and Corinne Whitley, and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Don had many friends and acquaintances in and around Hampton. He leaves one very close and long-time friend that was especially dear to him.

Visiting hours will be from 2-5 PM Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Richie McFarland Children's Center or the Community Hospices of America (CHA) Foundation, 11 Sandy Point Road, Stratham, NH 03885.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donat Robert Veilleux*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donat Robert Veilleux.*



February 18, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ *Debbie Paradis (Raymond) lit a candle in memory of Donat Robert Veilleux*



Debbie Paradis (Raymond) - February 18, 2016 at 11:55 AM



“ *I remember, with fondness, watching Don come to my apartment building every afternoon to have tea with Mary, my friend and neighbor. If I were outdoors as he arrived or left, we would engage in brief banter, and he was always smiling. On one of those days in which he seemed especially happy, he remarked, "I have brownies"! God bless him, Mary, and his family...*



Denise Laflamme - February 18, 2016 at 03:01 AM

SN

“ *Sandy (Stone) Nichols lit a candle in memory of Donat Robert Veilleux*



Sandy (Stone) Nichols - February 17, 2016 at 09:28 AM

SN

“ *Tommy, Roland and Terry, My deepest sympathies for your loss. I remember all of us cousins playing in the backyard on Oak St! Then there was the year that we did a surprise visit to you in Shelby all the way from Maine. We showed up at 1 in the morning and just knocked on the door till you Mom answered. I remember cause she wouldn't open the door and we said we wanted directions to Maine! Finally she opened the door crying! LOL we woke up the whole house with laughing crying and hugs. Your Dad took us all out to the Elks and a place that was all pools. We are all now older than our parents were then! God Bless*

Sandy Nichols (Stone)

Sandy (Stone) Nichols - February 17, 2016 at 09:27 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donat Robert Veilleux.*



February 16, 2016 at 11:49 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Donat Robert Veilleux.*



February 16, 2016 at 11:12 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donat Robert Veilleux.*



February 16, 2016 at 11:03 PM



“ *Tommy, Roland and Terry our thoughts and prayers are with you during these difficult days. It seems so many years since you were playing in the street on Hutchinson Drive along with the other 52 kids. It was a wonderful neighborhood and so glad we had the opportunity to share in that. Unfortunately we will be away during the scheduled services but I know you will have a lot of very good memories of you Dad. May he rest in peace.*
Howard + Nancy Stiles

Nancy Stiles - February 14, 2016 at 07:42 PM

PN

“ Don was my family's neighbor for many years on Hutchinson Drive. 35 years ago, my brothers and I and our friends played every conceivable sport either in front of his house or hockey behind his house. Don's house was our Green Monster for baseball games with a tennis ball. We would lose balls in the bushes in front of his house or hit his roof, and 10 seconds later one of us would be poking through those bushes or wandering around his backyard. Never once did he complain or tell us to get lost. Every now and then we would see him and he acted like he never heard a sound from us. He would just give a cheerful wave or say "hi". Don was a credit to the neighborhood. May he rest in peace.

*"Chuck" Nicholson
Exeter*

Paul Nicholson - February 14, 2016 at 02:30 PM

DM

“ Condolences to the Veilleux family. Found Donat's obit in this mornings paper and was surprised to see a familiar face and name. It certainly brought back many memories of growing up across the street from the family and the many nights of sitting on the front steps enjoying our fun times together. I wish I had known he was at Edgewood in Portsmouth as I would have taken time to visit with Donat since we live about 15 minutes from there. My best to the family.

*Dorothy (Beaulieu) & William McElreavy Feb 12, 2016
Stratham, NH*

Dorothy (Beaulieu) McElreavy - February 14, 2016 at 01:55 PM

MA

“ Sincere condolences to the Veilleux family on the passing of Don. We met many years ago when he came into the store (Marelli's) to purchase his daily newspaper and look for "special" quarters. While there, he chatted with the gentlemen, spoke of his latest project(s), and commented on the weather. He always had a smile on his face! A pleasant fellow indeed! I can just see him having a great time with his family playing whist! What fun memories you must have! May Don rest in peace, and may his family be blessed in his memory. We will miss seeing him.

Marcia (...and everyone at Marelli's Market, Hampton)

Marcia - February 12, 2016 at 02:43 PM

JV

“ Met him in 1968 when I started dating his brother Paul. Have great memories of family picnics and holiday get togethers. Playing whist on many of those occasions was a ritual and whether you won or lost it was a great time. No matter what the occasion, Don always showed up with a pan or two of his rice krispie treats which made the kids happy. When they heard we were having a get together they would say great, Uncle Don will bring rice krispies. We also traveled to his home in Hampton a few times. We met his companion, Mary Martin, whom he shared many years with and who grew to become a great friend to all of us. Our condolences go out to Mary and also to Georgia Greene, Roland's companion, as well. Don led a full life and was determined to fight until he was ready to let go. He is now resting in peace.

Jackie Veilleux - February 11, 2016 at 08:53 AM