



Donald Ray Burkhalter

July 19, 1933 - September 29, 2018

Don Burkhalter, age 85, was born July 19, 1933 and died on September 29, 2018. Don was a beloved husband, devoted father, faithful brother and friend. He was predeceased by his parents Nathalee and Olin Burkhalter, and his two brothers Lannes and Olin Burkhalter, Jr.

He grew up in Macon, Georgia and attended Mercer and Southern Technical College where he studied industrial engineering. An expert in the apparel industry, he set up and supervised manufacturing operations across the US & all over the world. He worked as a management consultant and principal for Kurt Salmon Associates for over 30 years and continued working independently until age 80. In 1955 he married his high school sweetheart Dolores Kell. Together they moved all over the southeast with Don's job, and later traveled throughout the world. Don was an avid sports fan, golfer, and runner. He and Dolores settled in Atlanta in 1978, and recently moved from their home of 39 years to Memphis to be near family. After a brave battle with cancer, Don left this life to be with his Lord.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Dolores, his sister, Carolyn Chapman, daughters Lisa Mitchum (Bo), Lori Lessley (John), grandchildren Elizabeth Kennedy (Matt), Mary Mitchum, Jay Mitchum, Helen Holbrook (Nathan), Isabel Lesley, Kell Lesley, and great grandchildren Matthias Holbrook and Nancy Kennedy.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 6 at Independent Presbyterian Church at 11 AM, with visitation at 10 AM. Memorials may be sent to Independent Presbyterian Church Missions fund or the charity of your choice.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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Independent Prebyterian Church

4738 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, TN, US, 38117

OCT **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Don fue un excelente amigo y un gran mentor . Mi esposa y yo tuvimos la dicha de conocerlo y con su sencillez y nobleza nos hizo amarlo y respetarlo. Siempre estuvo ahí cuando necesite de su apoyo . Lo vamos a extrañar mucho . Este mundo necesita más personas como Don que dejan una huella enorme pero también un gran vacío en nuestras vidas por su partida . Se que volveremos a vernos mi gran amigo y mentor . Mario Davila

Mario Davila - November 15, 2018 at 08:59 PM



“ Thanks for fifty years of friendship--we miss and love you and Dolores and family!



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