



## Donald "Don" Lee Armstrong

April 10, 1951 - January 4, 2018

Donald Lee Armstrong of Orlando, a hardworking, thoughtful man of his word, passed away Jan. 4, 2018, in Orlando, Florida. He was 66.

Don was born on April 10, 1951, in Newton Falls, Ohio, to Richard Neil Armstrong And Shirley Louise Armstrong. He grew up in Newton Falls and lived there as he worked for Republic Steel for 10 years.

On June 26, 1971, he married the love of his life, Cathy Gealy, in a little white church in the middle of a corn field in Burghill, Ohio.

In 1979, he moved his family to Orlando, where he earned a reputation as the best A/C tech in Orlando. He and Cathy raised two sons, Richard and Patrick, who are now grown with families of their own. Riding motorcycles with his sons was among the things Don loved to do most.

He was predeceased by his parents, Richard and Shirley Armstrong. He is survived by his wife Cathy Armstrong; his sons, Richard (Lorraine) of Orlando and Patrick (Courtney) of Winter Garden; his grandsons Shawn, Andrew and Jackson; his brothers Larry, Terry and Neal; and his sister Sharon.

He is remembered fondly by them and his many nieces, nephews and other friends and family members. They knew him as a man of few words who lived

by his actions. They all agree that if anyone didn't like Don, it was certainly their fault, not his.

Don was not a famous man, but his family will proudly inform you that he met more movie stars than Matt Lauer and kept his job. Don was also a legend for the famous "Armstrong toe hold," in which he would clamp a big toe between his knuckles in an inescapable grasp.

Hot peppers were good friends to Don, and he liked to share them with his friends at the Moose Lodge. Don was an active member at Moose Lodge 2345, where he earned the position of lieutenant governor and past governor. He was also a member of the American Legion.

He enjoyed going to the NHRA races in Gainesville every March and going to the Turkey Run Swap Meet in Daytona Beach every Thanksgiving. He loved black-and-white Westerns and '60s classic rock. And he is well known among his friends as a lifelong, diehard fan of the Cleveland Browns. He will be missed by many, and anyone who was lucky enough to meet him was better off for it.

Don Armstrong's life will be celebrated on Sunday January 14, 2018 at 2pm at The American Legion located at 529 Fairlane Ave Orlando, Florida 32809.

Family Request In Lieu of Flowers Donations be made to Cornerstone Hospice Foundation in Donald Armstrong's Name.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincerest condolences. In these difficult times we can find comfort in the Bible's promise that soon we will be reunited with our loved ones again. Act 24:15*

Crystal - January 15, 2018 at 09:09 AM



“ *Stephine Schmierer lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Lee Armstrong*



Stephine Schmierer - January 13, 2018 at 09:24 AM

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“ *Barbara Hartley lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Lee Armstrong*

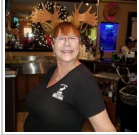


Barbara Hartley - January 09, 2018 at 01:26 PM

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“ *Cathy, please accept my condolences. Remember all the good times we had at the Pub and the Christmas Party at Twin Towers. Chuck passed last January. Will see you on Sunday. Love, Yvonne*

Yvonne Donley - January 09, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ I also met Don at Pine Castle Moose Lodge. Every Saturday morning he would come in and get to work on SOMETHING. He had a great sense of humor and an overwhelming love of family. He was very proud of his family and so very in love with his beautiful wife Cathy. I'll miss him greatly. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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**Laurie Cassidy** - January 08, 2018 at 09:15 PM

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“ Met Don and Kathy at the Pine Castle Moose Lodge years ago,, At first he seemed to be a mild mannered quite guy and dedicated much of his time to helping keep the lodge in good shape. As I got to know him better, he ended up being one of the funniest guys at the lodge. From Bluffing us in our Texas Hold'em Tournaments with the Straightest Poker Face I have ever seen to bringing in a Variety of HOT Foods that would drop you to your knees as he and Kathy would laugh while eating them without even a Twitch ?? He will be greatly missed by us all! God Speed Don

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**Art Bailey** - January 08, 2018 at 08:49 PM



“ I met Don at Seaport Bar and Grill about 12 years ago he used to fix the appliances for Rick Clark when he would come in he would tell me funny jokes and be more than happy to play a game of darts. I later met him and his wonderful family at the Moose Lodge. Don was always willing to help with anything you needed done he always wanted to stay busy. He was always in a good mood even on those long hot summer days of climbing around in attics fixing air conditioners and more than welcome to come to your home and fix anything to do with your AC and heating and most of the time would not take any money. I will always have great memories of Don. RIP DON

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**Vicki Ketchersid** - January 08, 2018 at 04:40 PM

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“ I got to know Don when he and Larry came on a SYSCO trip to New York City. He was one of the most fun loving, kind, gentle person's I ever met. And he certainly knew how to have fun in a social setting. He will be missed.

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**Peter Briggs** - January 08, 2018 at 03:18 PM

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I meant Don about 12 years ago at Seaport Bar and Grill where I was bartender he would come in and fix the appliances for Rick Clark he would keep me in stitches with his funny jokes which also kept me company when there was no patrons in the afternoon. When I went to work at the moose is where I met him again and his wonderful family. He was always on the go and willing to fix anything that I asked of him. He always wanted to help he did many things for the Moose Lodge and which we are forever grateful. Always in a good mood even is hot and tired as he was on long summer days. He will be greatly missed and remembered by many. RIP DON

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**Vicki Ketchersid** - January 08, 2018 at 04:32 PM