



Mr. Donald R. Henderson

March 7, 1920 - March 13, 2017

Donald R. Henderson, 97, of Tallahassee, peacefully passed away at home, March 13, 2017, in the tender care of his family. A devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, Don will be greatly missed for his kindness and gentleness by all who knew him.

A son of the late Lewis and Florence Snyder Henderson, he was born March 7, 1920, in Elmira, New York. He is also preceded in death by a daughter, Antonette D. Jacobson, son, Neil F. Padgham and sister, Marie Nurse.

Don retired from automotive sales and honorably served in both the Army and Air Force. While in the military, he played in the Air Force Band. He also played drums with the Johnny Desmond Band. Don was an avid NASCAR fan, as well as being both a hidden founder and one of the first crew members. He was a parishioner at Good Shepherd Catholic Church and a Mass will be offered Friday, March 24, 2017, at 6 p.m, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Don is survived by his wife, Dawn Padgham Henderson; children, Thomas E. Henderson (Patty), Stephen J. Padgham (fiancée Aminta Arias), Diane P. Brown (Dick), Christine P. Conrad (Clyde), Marianne P. Johnson (Butch), Elizabeth Padgham (James Willis), Robert L. Padgham (Karen) and Joseph M. Padgham (Kristin Sokoloski); son-in-law, Glenn Jacobson; 24

grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date at Tallahassee National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Big Bend Hospice. Online condolences may be shared at www.abbeyfh.com.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee National Cemetery

5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311
(850) 402-8941

Previous Events

Service

MAR 24. 6:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
4665 Thomasville Road
Tallahassee, FL 32309
<http://www.goodshepherdparish.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bruce Wilber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald R. Henderson*



Bruce Wilber - March 30, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ *Dear Dawn*

We were very sorry to hear of Don's death. He was a great guy! We had many good times with him. You probably have heard all the stories of his work and stock car racing "adventures" with Ed. You just never knew what was going to happen when they got together. Good memories.

It seems like such a short time ago we met you and Don in Florida. That was a fun weekend for Don and Ed catching up on old times and you and I getting to know each other. Don was happy being with you.

Our sincere sympathy to you and your family. Don will definitely be missed.

Love

*Ed and Bonnie Garrity
106 Center St., Sayre, PA 18840 / 570-888-1850*

Ed Garrity - March 27, 2017 at 07:24 AM

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“ *To the family*

It has been our privilege to get to know and love Don and his family. The atmosphere that Don made for us to join their wonderful family get-togethers demonstrates what family is all about. Don will be missed often and remembered in our hearts. When he joined us on the back porch, he never complained about his illness. He always had a pleasant smile. An old friend said When we are gone and people weep for us and grieve let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to you, but rather, we were good to life.

“No one really dies until he is forgotten. Memory can resurrect a living presence. Not only of events, places, and happenings, but feelings and experiences can surface in remembrances. So we have that mystic power to bring a loved one alive again through the simple act of remembering.”

*Love,
Sharon and Edward ODonnell*

Sharon F ODonnell - March 23, 2017 at 03:44 PM

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“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. VFW Post 1536 Sayre, PA*

VFW Post 1536, Sayre PA - March 23, 2017 at 02:59 PM