



Donald Wendell Colberg

October 20, 1948 - November 30, 2024

In Loving Memory of Donald Wendell Colberg

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With deep sadness, we share the news of Don's passing on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at the age of 76. Don was a rocker, a street rodder, a veteran, a public servant, a beloved husband, a selfless dad, and a devoted grandfather.

Don was born on October 20, 1948, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to his loving parents, Donald R. Colberg and Margaret A. Colberg (née Pettersen). He proudly served his country in the Army as a Military Police officer, guarding advanced weaponry at a base near Albuquerque, New Mexico. A talented musician, Don toured the Midwest playing bass for the Stone Faces and continued sharing his love for music by playing both bass and guitar throughout his life. A skilled mechanic and craftsman, he not only repaired cars for family, friends, and neighbors but also built two street rods from the ground up, sometimes even machining his own parts. Don's career at Metro Transit was marked by dedication and integrity; he rose from cleaning buses to managing the overhaul base, earning widespread respect for his honesty and calm leadership under pressure.

As a husband to Kathryn, Don was a partner in every sense of the word—steadfast, caring, and endlessly devoted. Their 55 years together were a

testament to their deep love and mutual respect. As a father to Donald Alexander, Kristin Bridget, and Adam Robert he was always available, supportive, and leading by example. His granddaughters Ellery (14), and Ingrid (12), who called him Papa, brought him endless pride and happiness.

Whether he was helping with home improvement projects, building someone a piece of furniture, making his famous baked beans for a get-together, or cheering on his kids and grandkids, he contributed so much to the lives of those around him. He made memories traveling to Europe, Hawaii, and throughout the US to visit friends and family, and loved spending time at a cabin by the lake each summer.

Don is survived by his beloved wife of 54 years, Kathryn, his children Donald Alexander (Stephanie), Kristin Bridget, and Adam Robert (Kathryn), and his cherished granddaughters, Ellery (14) and Ingrid (12). He also leaves behind his brother Daniel and Sister Mary (Christianson). Don was preceded in death by his parents, Donald and Margaret, and his siblings Michael (Thompson), Thomas, and Dawn (Belland).

He will be sorely missed and forever remembered as a model of integrity, decency, compassion, and gratitude.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Visitation will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by a service at 11:00 AM at Washburn-McReavy Shoreview Chapel, (515 Hwy 96 W,. Shoreview). Interment Fort Snelling National Cemetery Monday, December 16th @ 10am. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to Our Lady of Peace Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55450

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 AM (CT)

Shoreview Chapel
515 Highway 96 West
Shoreview, MN 55126

Graveside Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My dear big brother we said our final goodbyes today. You will always be my big brother Donny. From Tanners Lake to Rice Street and then North St Paul and beyond, you never wavered in your kindness and concern for others. I looked up to you from the time we were kids to adulthood. You were there for me as a kid on Rice Street, a juvenile delinquent in North St Paul and as an adult when I needed you the most. Thank you Donny, the best BIG brother a guy could ever have. God Bless you and know I will miss you deeply, love you, Danny

Daniel R Colberg - December 10, 2024 at 10:35 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Donald Wendell Colberg.



December 06, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Donald Wendell Colberg.



December 04, 2024 at 09:44 PM