



Donald O'Neil

December 27, 1934 - August 27, 2022

Donald O'Neil passed away on Saturday, August 27, 2022.

He was born on December 27, 1934 on the west side of Chicago, the son of the late John and Dorothy O'Neil. As a boy, Don came up to the lakes region for summer camping and swimming. He met and married his wife of 62 years, Susan, in Portland, OR. They later settled in Lake Villa to raise their 5 children. Donald was a Captain for United Airlines for over 30 years, finishing his career as a DC10 pilot. He loved to fly, travel, and spend time with his family and friends, but above all he was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, always putting family first. He was also a practicing Catholic.

He is survived by his children Kelly (Albert) Pedersen; Daniel (Christine) O'Neil, and Quin Franz; grandchildren Justin, Kristy, Donovan, Noah, Christopher, Talon, Collin, Chaz, Mackenzie, and Cody; and great-grandchildren Laci, Wesley, and Vernon.

He was preceded in death by his wife Susan, sons Cole and Casey, and by his brother Norman.

Visitation will be 10 - 11 a.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022 at Ringa Funeral Home, 122 S Milwaukee Ave. Lake Villa, IL 60046. A funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Millburn Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Millburn Cemetery

Millburn Road and Crawford Road
Millburn, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
(847) 356-2146
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Funeral Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Donald O'Neil*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Donald O'Neil*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mark Harvey - September 01, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *In honor of your dad, 90 trees will be planted by a certified arborist at the best suitable time for planting. Your memorial gift will be documented in the online tree registry within 1-2 business days on [legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com).*

*With love and sympathy,
The Harvey Family. 🌳*

Mark Harvey - September 01, 2022 at 03:28 PM

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“ *The O’Neil Family,
My heart goes out to your entire family. A
good man who will be miss deeply by so
many. Thank you Mr O for being part of our
lives. Fly high and carry on.*

Mark Harvey



Mark Harvey - September 01, 2022 at 01:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for
the family of Donald O’Neil.*



August 31, 2022 at 05:07 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family
of Donald O’Neil.*



August 29, 2022 at 09:01 PM

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“ Don was not only my brother-in-law, he was my friend. He was loved by both me and my children. I knew him during the "lean" days, when he was learning to fly. Years later, when I was a new pilot, he took me straight to Portland International Airport and told me to land. I was a little fish in a big pond and not very comfortable but I did it. He expected the very best of people and got it. We would have many discussions, both secular and religious. He taught me one of the most important guiding principles of my life: "You may speak for the women of the world. You may not speak for the men." We talked on the telephone until the very end. My entire family will miss him and cherish each memory. Aunt Nancy Hensler

Nancy Matlock-Hensler - August 29, 2022 at 06:21 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Donald O'Neil.



August 29, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald O'Neil.



August 27, 2022 at 07:29 PM