



Mr. Donald Loudon

March 21, 1930 - August 19, 2020

Donald Loudon, 90, passed away Wednesday August 19, 2020. Donald came to Cortland from Rome, NY in 1973 and lived in the first ARC House on Court Street. Though he had no known family, for the Sheridan and Dwyer families, Donald became part of their families from the beginning, attending all our weddings, birthdays, graduations, and sharing our highs and lows for over 30 years.

During the mid 1970s, he befriended Msgr. George Arsenault at St. Mary's Church one day on Main Street in Cortland and asked if he could join the church. Msgr. Arsenault worked with Donald and taught him the faith by using the church's stained glass windows as a teaching tool. Donald became a Catholic and communicant at St. Mary's Church, where he served as altar server for several decades before becoming an usher. For many years, he spent his Saturday evenings and holidays with the family of Deacon Dick Dwyer, always calling dibs on both turkey legs at Thanksgiving dinner.

Donald was hired at Recreation Alley's by Sam Partigianoni. When Sam left, Donald stayed on and continued working for Pete Sheridan until Donald retired after working for 30 years. Donald was proud of belonging to the Knights of Columbus Cortland Council #233 where he was a Fourth Degree member and a member of the Knights of Columbus Honor Guard serving at funerals and special occasions. In 2015, he was inducted into the Cortland USBC Hall of Fame. He was also a member of the Moose Club where he did much volunteering when needed. He loved bowling with the Senior Men's Bowling league at Cort-Lanes, in which he participated until five years ago. He was a fan of the NY Yankees and NYH Giants and the Syracuse Orange.

Donald had developed many friendships over the years and was much beloved in the community. His enthusiasm and genuinely pure heart will be truly missed.

Private graveside services will be conducted in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

Tribute Wall

KO

“ *A stranger to none, with a gentle soul. Rest in peace, Donald.* ”

Kathy Oliver - August 28, 2020 at 06:21 PM

JB

“ *I am grateful the Cortland community “adopted” Donald and welcomed him with open arms. There is quite a reunion going on in heaven for sure with the Partigianoni boys!* ”

Jamie Brown - August 28, 2020 at 04:02 PM

KA

“ *Don, aka, "Trouble", You were one of the funniest, purest, souls I have ever met and I will remember you very fondly, and think of you often. Every Yankees and Orangemen game I watch, I'll be cheering for you! Save a cold bud light for me!!!!* ”

karinbrown29@yahoo.com - August 27, 2020 at 06:52 PM

NO

“ *Don,*

I will hold the memories and laughs we've shared together close to my heart. You were one of the wittiest, genuine and kind-hearted people I have ever met. May you Rest In Peace my friend.

-Nolleen Barber

Nolleen - August 27, 2020 at 06:41 PM



“ *Donald you will be fondly missed by everyone who knew you. I am still in awe at how you always knew everyone's Birthday in this HUGE family of ours. The Holidays will not be the same without you here but we will think of you always and will never forget your infectious laughter.* ”

*Love always,
John and Debbie*

Debbie Sheridan Cook - August 27, 2020 at 02:15 PM



HE

I am so happy to have met you Don! I'll never forget you're daily words of motivation..." 'Bout time you did something around here". Go rest high on that mountain Don!

Heather - August 27, 2020 at 06:07 PM

BE

I will always remember you stopping by to chat with me when I was in Cartland office. You had the best smile! Rest In Peace!

Beth - August 27, 2020 at 06:44 PM

KF

I remember my weekly visits and you saying "oh no, looks who's here!" may you rest in peace my friend! Enjoy the Yankees, SU, and a cold bud light! You will be greatly missed!!

Karen Frost - August 27, 2020 at 08:25 PM

MC

I have never met anyone that always had such an excited, infectious smile when he saw you! Your pure joy for life, and the everyday little things we can take for granted, is a reminder to be thankful! Our family will always fondly remember the times you were a part of our celebrations, and bowling days. There is no doubt you are flying high Donald...God speed. Love, Randy & Michelle Congdon, & Nitti family 🤝🙏

Michelle Congdon - August 28, 2020 at 09:07 AM