



DONALD "DON" CHRYSLER

October 7, 1938 - October 11, 2024

Donald "Don" Chrysler, of Syracuse, New York, earned his Angel's Driver's License and, in his dream red Chevy truck, drove through the pearly white Gates of Heaven to be reunited with his dad on October 11th, 2024.

Born in Syracuse on October 7th, 1938, to Arthur and Alena Chrysler, Don just finished an impactful 86-year journey. His parents and siblings, Bob, Al, Arthur, Joan, Billy, Kenny, and Carl, passed on before him.

He lives on through his loving wife, Nancy Lee, with whom he recently celebrated 65 wonderful years of marriage; his three children, Christine, Charlene, and Donald; and his cherished grandchildren, Donny, Gabriella, Aidan, Connor, and Serafina. He is also survived by his eldest sister, Betty Tassone, and generations of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Don had the hands of a hardworking man driven by his dedication to providing a fulfilling life for his family. When Nancy Lee called for supper in the evenings, Don would be outside or in the garage tinkering with whatever his hands could find. He always said, "I'll be there in a minute." But his persistence got the best of him, and a minute would turn into forever. That was him, always determined to get the job done.

A proud veteran, Don served his country in the Heavy Equipment Platoon during the Berlin Crisis in Germany and France. After returning from deployment abroad, he began his honorable 38-year career at Carrier Corporation as a Plant Supervisor until retirement. He was proud to have been an Onondaga County Sheriff Special Deputy.

His favorite job was being Papa to his five grandchildren and four grand-puppies. He enjoyed watching Little Donny and Aidan play ball as he did with his son Donny, playing cards and gardening with Gabby, and joking around with Connor and Serafina. He had a soft spot for his grand puppies—Bebi, Glynnie, Honey, and Judge—and was always sneaking them a treat or 10 whenever possible.

Don loved visiting Clifton Park to see his daughter, Chrissy. There, he started mornings with her in the living room and completed his “Daddy Do Lists.” He and his son Donny shared a passion for the NY Yankees, even attending a few games together. For years, Char took Don, Nancy, and Gabby to Niagara Falls, where they spent many memorable summer vacations. Finally, taking their "Last Hoorah" trip this past summer.

His humor and love were contagious; his smile could light up a room. Don was incredibly loyal, hardworking, and willing to help those who needed an extra hand. Most of all, Don looked forward to the day he would be with his dad, whom he lost at the age of 24. That long-awaited reunion came true on Friday morning. We love him enormously, will carry on his legacy, and miss him so much. As Don would say, “It’s not a goodbye; it’s a see you later.”

In place of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Honor Flight Syracuse, Inc., P.O. Box 591 Syracuse, NY 13209, please visit <https://honorflightsyracuse.org/> for their mission to honor veterans.

Family and friends may call Friday October 18, 2024 from 9:00 - 10:00 AM at St. Marianne Cope Parish – Our Lady of Peace Church, 203 Halcomb St, Syracuse with a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10:00 AM.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay, has care of arrangements.

Please share online tributes at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH
203 HALCOMB ST.
SYRACUSE, NY 13209

MEMORIAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

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Tribute Wall

LA

“ Love, Kevin, Tammy, Kerry & Ryan Allen purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of DONALD "DON" CHRYSLER.



Love, Kevin, Tammy, Kerry & Ryan Allen - October 17, 2024 at 11:04 AM

CG

“ Dad with his best friend since school Bill Harrington with his wife Sally. He loved living in Mexico.



Christine & Gabby - October 17, 2024 at 09:31 AM

PL

“ Uncle Don was a great role model, he was one of the hardest working men I know, his love for his children, and grandchildren was mesmerizing. At my worst time he was my greatest supporter. He was truly a wonderful godfather. He was coarse with me once when I needed it and that straightened me out. I have so many funny memories of him when I worked at Carrier for him. His men were loyal to him as he was to them. He was one of a kind, a true hero. God bless you Uncle Don, probably went right to work when he got to heaven.

Pat Lanno - October 17, 2024 at 09:07 AM

PF

“ Patrick and Mary Lanno and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of DONALD "DON" CHRYSLER.



Patrick and Mary Lanno and family - October 17, 2024 at 08:56 AM

LF

“ Love the Miranda Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of DONALD "DON" CHRYSLER.



Love the Miranda Family - October 16, 2024 at 04:51 PM

MD

“ I met Mr. Chrysler and his brother while working at Big I NY. They would stop in the office from time to time picking up or bringing in work from Christine. They were both wonderful men, especially Don. I am very sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed by all.

Michele Ann DiMaria - October 16, 2024 at 12:30 PM

JC

“ Nancy Lee and family,

We were so sad to learn of the passing away of Don. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Love to all of you.

Peter and Jeanne Curinga.

Jean M Curinga - October 15, 2024 at 06:06 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Christine & Gabby - October 15, 2024 at 02:09 PM

CG

“ Always there with a shoulder to cry on, to lean on, where love and care was plenty. A corner in his heart where there was always unconditional love 💕 and of course a great place to fall asleep



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 10:40 PM

GN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 10:32 PM

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Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 10:29 PM

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Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 10:21 PM

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“ Don I and Don II



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 10:05 PM

JR

“ One of my favorite family trips to Walt Disney in Florida in 1970's with my parents (Bill and Louise Chrysler) and my cousins were Char and Donny (missing Chris in the pic but she was there I promise you) Great time we all had!! The car ride was epic in itself! We will miss you Uncle Don! Love, Judy, Jeff, Ryan (Taylor) & Sarah (Bryan) Runfola



Judy Runfola - October 14, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CG

“ Papa, Nana and Gabby at Aidan's graduation



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 06:14 PM

CG

“ He just keeps on smiling



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 06:00 PM

CG

“ *Papa and Glynnie doing their word searches and then on to their card game* ”



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 05:55 PM

CG

“ *Dad with his 3 helper elves* ”



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 05:51 PM

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“ *Dad finally got his son, Donny* ”



Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 05:50 PM

CG

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Christine & Gabby - October 14, 2024 at 04:31 PM

CN

“ *Papa moving Gabby in at Lemoyne and catching breakfast before, of course hot chocolate on it's way.*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:27 PM

CN

“ *He just loves his hot chocolate and there was never enough whip cream. He could go through a whole can .*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:22 PM

GN

“ *Nana, Papa, and the grandkids.*



Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:18 PM

CN

“ *Yup, that's Big Guy dancing on a table in NYC!! He could really surprise you .*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:16 PM

CN

“ *He's so handsome and happy!*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:13 PM

GN

“ *Papa and Honey on their way to the “Last Hoorah” trip to Niagara Falls.*



Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:12 PM

CN

“ *My Super Hero !!!*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:10 PM

GN

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:08 PM

GN

“ *Papa always kept busy!*



Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 04:01 PM

CN

“ *1 file added to the album Papa / Daddy*



Christine & Gabby Neet - October 14, 2024 at 03:54 PM