



Donald (Don) L Colby

October 7, 1942 - October 2, 2022

Donald "Don" L. Colby born in western New York October 7, 1942. He passed away peacefully Sunday, October 2, 2022. He is survived by his wife Ann of 58 years, 2 daughters Suzanne and Julie, 2 son-in laws Michael and Bob, 4 grandsons (Mike, Thomas, Alex and Andrew) and 4 siblings (Marcia, Richard, Beverly and Gary).

Don proudly served his country as a Sargent in the US Army in Vietnam. Upon his return stateside, Don used the GI Bill to attend St. Bonaventure University. Thus, becoming the first in his family to earn a Bachelor's degree. As Don's career developed, he earned additional certifications to align to his new responsibilities.

After 39 successful years with the Bank of New York, Don retired. Although he didn't stay retired for long, he became a consultant in the creation of LendingTree.

Eventually, Don fully retired to pursue full-time golf and travel around the world. As those who knew Don, he was all about living a full life, having fun, enjoying family and, of course, chewing his cigars. Don never passed up the opportunity to put a smile on children's faces (even adult children) with his magic tricks.

The family asks that we honor Don by giving a toast to him with your favorite beverage. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the Alzheimer's Association.

Tribute Wall

PW

“ *Ann and family:
So sorry to hear about Don. I have a lot of fond memories about our Exchange Bank days, mushball games and parties afterwards.
RIP Don.*

Phyllis Balcerzak Washburn - October 07, 2022 at 10:17 PM

BI

“ *Dear Ann & Family
Ann and I were saddened to learn of Don's passing and extend our condolences to all of you. Don was a remarkable associate/ boss at BK and was respected by all. He will be missed!
We fondly recall all the fun and good times we experienced over the years.
We toast Don as we celebrate his life
God Bless
Ann & Bert Inglesino*

Bert Inglesino - October 06, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Phil Hornburg from Morro bay, Ca.
Don and I grew up together in Olean , New York and attended Olean high school together.
We reconnected after his incredible viet nam service and my finishing law school.
We both worked for the Exchange national bank
Later I moved to california and he went on to Bank of New York, but we reconnected when my client who owned property in Hawaii was killed in New York by a vicious mother and son
Bank of New York was the woman s trustee and Don helped me immensely to resolve the Hawaii ownership issues successfully.

You are a Giant , Don.

Phil Hornburg*

Philip Hornburg - October 06, 2022 at 01:38 PM

LH

“ My sincere condolences to the Colby family and friends. Myself and my friend Carol hung out with Bev back in the day.
May Don rest in peace.
Linda Foskit Howard.
Allegany NY

Linda Howard - October 05, 2022 at 06:40 PM



“ Ann....so sorry for your loss. I remember you both from the Bank of New York in Olean.
Ginger Root Moser

Ginger Root Moser - October 05, 2022 at 04:35 PM

EB

“ I worked with Don & Ann at the Exchange Bank in the mid 60's. A special couple that made working with them a pleasure. Don was our spark plug, full of energy and fun. RIP, my friend. Deepest sympathy, Ann & family.

Elaine Baker - October 05, 2022 at 01:39 PM

JK

“ Ann and family, sincere condolences for your loss. I first met Don and Ann in 1963 when I was hired at the Exchange National Bank. My late wife and I became close friends with them at that time and remained great friends until we became separated because of the loss of my wife and now Don. I could write for hours describing the fun we had while letting work requirements spoil our fun. I last saw Ann and Don a couple of years ago at their home in North Carolina and had the chance to reminisce a bit at that time. Always a great friend, he will be missed by those that knew him.

jim Kennedy - October 05, 2022 at 12:54 PM

PB

“ Dear Ann and Family, Mary and I are heartbroken with the news that Don has passed away. I will forever remember the drinks after work at Danzer's and the good times we and Ed and Joanne Feola had at your house in Manlius and when you moved downstate. We will keep Don's memory close to our heart. Although we lost touch with you guys over the years please remember that you both were always close to us in our hearts. I will honor Don and his wishes tonight and pour myself a pint of Guinness and Mary will have scotch on the rocks. Cheers to Don.

Phil Boyle - October 04, 2022 at 05:17 PM

KO

“ *In honor of my Uncle Don Colby! Heaven gained an unique Angel. Influencer in my younger days. Vietnam Vet. Banker. College Basketball Referee. Avid Golfer. Cigar Expert. Magician. Bartender. Joker. Cheers!*



Keith Ogilvie - October 04, 2022 at 04:33 PM

EF

“ *About 40 year's ago for maybe the first time I won a bet with for a half a dollar. Being Don he ripped a dollar in half and payed me. I stuck the half in my wallet and just held on to it. After my divorce from my first wife and probably 35 years later we got back together in their Chapel Hill home and took the attached photo as Don had also kept his half. The second photo was a subzero day when we all took a hike to Brickyard Falls in Manlius,, NY. Don had to stand on the frozen falls to be captured in time. I will never, ever forget my friend Don. Rest in Peace and thanks for being you.*



Ed Feola - October 04, 2022 at 04:22 PM

KH

My sincere sympathy to the Colby family. Don & I were classmates in the Olean High School Class of 1960. Don had a great sense of humor then & after reading the obituary I see he kept it his whole life. I remember you always smiling & laughing. Rest in peace Don. Kathy Kent-Henry

Kathleen M Henry - October 06, 2022 at 11:29 AM

CA

I am sorry to hear of Don's passing. There was a time when Don was the shortest boy in the class and I was the shortest girl. We were quite a match! I will miss his Classmate messages. Rest in peace, Don. Hope to see you again in better times. My sympathy to the family at this time. Carol Swinko (Higbee)

Carol - October 06, 2022 at 12:24 PM



I only have fond memories of Don Colby. My wife Carol was his Secretary until we started our family in 1991. I still have a set of golf clubs Don bought and gave me many moons ago. They are still used when our son visits from NY. We now live in NC. Don and Ann were wonderful to us, a newlywed couple. We had a lot of good times together. My only regret was not playing golf with Don at Pinehurst when I had the chance.

R.I.P. Don Colby, you were a good man. Condolences to Ann and family.

Sincerely,

Sal Pellegrito

Salvatore Joseph - October 13, 2025 at 11:43 PM