



## Donald Richard Wallace

February 28, 1957 - January 5, 2019

Donald Richard Wallace, 61, passed away after a five year battle with prostate cancer on Saturday, January 5th, 2019 at his home, surrounded by family.

Don was born on February 28th, 1957, in Chillicothe, Ohio, to C. Wayne and Betty Lou Wallace.

Don graduated with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering from Embry-Riddle University in 1988. He began his career as a traveling engineer and traversed the world working as a Mechanical Engineer, specializing in piping design and plumbing systems. He also spent many years designing and consulting for various biotech companies. He settled in Cary, NC and for the past 13 years he was a self-employed engineer, as owner of DRWallace & Associates, LLC. Don is preceded in death by his father, C. Wayne Wallace. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (Sheriff) Wallace; his mother, Betty Wallace, of Lakeland, FL; his sisters, Roxanne (Wallace) Blough and Wendy (Wallace) Hamic, both of Lakeland, FL; his brothers, David (Sarah) Wallace, of N. Redington Beach, FL, Dr. W. Jeffrey (Barbi) Wallace, of Kingsport, TN; step-children Robert (Venetia) Sheriff of San Clemente, CA, Adam (Lauren) Sheriff, of Boston, MA, Kim (Eric) Gossick, of Holly Springs, NC; and numerous nieces, nephews, and grandkids.

Don will always be remembered for being the loving, caring person who literally would stop to smell the roses. He was never in a hurry to get anywhere. But once he arrived, he knew how to make the most of where he was. His presence in a room could not be missed because of his beautiful

smile and his great big mustache. And those big bear hugs - they were the best! We have fond memories of him rolling around on the ground, playing with all of his nieces, nephews, and his dog, Piper. His brothers cherish the many motorcycle rides they took together. From the PCH to the Outer Banks, and all points in-between, it was always about the journey for Don, more than the destination. So many laughs, so many good times, and such a big, big heart. You will be missed so very much 'Dink,' but you will never be forgotten. There's a huge hole in all of our hearts. Rest in peace!

A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church, in Lakeland, FL, on Sunday, January 20th, at 2:30 PM. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.wakefuneral.com](http://www.wakefuneral.com).

# Tribute Wall



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**Kimberly Gossick** - January 14, 2019 at 09:06 PM



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**Kimberly Gossick** - January 14, 2019 at 09:04 PM

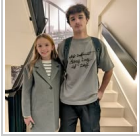


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**Kimberly Gossick** - January 14, 2019 at 09:02 PM



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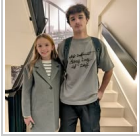


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**Kimberly Gossick** - January 14, 2019 at 08:53 PM



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Kimberly Gossick - January 14, 2019 at 08:51 PM

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“ *Linda Wallace purchased the Ghirardelli Gift Basket for the family of Donald Richard Wallace.*



Linda Wallace - January 13, 2019 at 12:44 PM

LW

“ *Linda Wallace lit a candle in memory of Donald Richard Wallace*



Linda Wallace - January 13, 2019 at 12:30 PM

DC

“ *Diane Wallace Caprio lit a candle in memory of Donald Richard Wallace*



Diane Wallace Caprio - January 13, 2019 at 11:39 AM

DC

*Remembering what a great cousin he was! Loved that 'stache!  
Blessing and prayers for his family at this time. He will be greatly missed!*

**Diane Wallace Caprio** - January 13, 2019 at 11:42 AM

WW

“ *So many memories to remember  
going to miss that huge grin coming through the door  
an hour later than expected  
Love ya brother  
Jeff*

**william Wallace** - January 10, 2019 at 07:35 AM

BW

“ *One of the kindest most gentle souls I've ever had the pleasure to know. I will miss him. And fondly remember a road trip that he kindly transported myself and his very young niece and God son to Florida for a family event so I would not have to drive alone. We chewed a lot of double bubblegum in that minivan and of course took the scenic route!  
I will miss those great bear hugs!  
Love,  
Barbi*

**Barbara Wallace** - January 08, 2019 at 12:38 PM

RB

“ *Roxanne Blough lit a candle in memory of  
Donald Richard Wallace*



**roxanne blough** - January 07, 2019 at 09:27 PM