



Donald John Schwister

February 23, 1939 - April 19, 2019

Donald John Schwister, 80

Polk City – Donald John Schwister, 80, died Friday, April 19, 2019. Donald was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 23, 1939 to the late Edwin and Lorraine (Wittlin) Schwister. He moved from Pewaukee, Wisconsin and stayed at Bay Lake Motor Coach Resort since 2009 and became a permanent resident of Florida in 2015. Don was an enthusiast for outdoor sports which included water skiing, Mastercraft boating, ice boating and snowmobiling. He was a longtime boat driver for the Pewaukee Lake Water Ski Club, and member of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. Mr. Schwister was the founder, owner and CEO of Metal Buildings of Wisconsin for 49 years and was associated with Allied Construction Employers and Eastern Wisconsin Erectors Association. He had his private pilot license for many years and was a prior owner of several aircrafts including a P210 Cessna. He loved cars especially Fords. Donald was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann (Skiba) of Auburndale, FL; son, Bob (Gina) Schwister and grandson, Charles of Hartland, Wisconsin; daughter, Ann Schwister (Juan) Santamarina, and grandson Andrew of Cincinnati, Ohio; daughter, Julie (Duster) Pevonka, granddaughters, Devin and Shelby of Arvada, Colorado; daughter, Jill (Paul) Keuler, grandsons, Reuben and Oliver of Shorewood, Wisconsin; step-daughter, Shelly (Chris) Mrstik, granddaughter, Madeline of Washington, DC; and sister, Mary (Richard) Bock of Hartland, Wisconsin. Visitation will be held Saturday April 27, 2019 from

10:00 – 11:00 AM at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 820 Marcum Rd.
Lakeland, FL 33809. A Funeral Mass will be conducted at 11:00 AM followed
by interment at Serenity Gardens Lakeland, Florida

Cemetery Details

Serenity Gardens - Cemetery

3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 853-5959
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<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Catholic Church
820 Marcum Road
Lakeland, FL

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald John Schwister*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - April 25, 2019 at 12:01 PM

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“ *David B. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Donald John Schwister.*



David B. - April 29, 2019 at 04:52 PM

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“ *My uncle Don, was who an uncle should be. He was there to teach me various things and show me his world. I will always remember the things that he taught me in his shop. Life lessons are more valuable than gold. Thank you Uncle Don.*

David Bock

David Bock - April 29, 2019 at 04:47 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald John Schwister.*



April 26, 2019 at 12:15 PM



“ *Donny Schwister !!!!! Knowing Donny was like growing up with an AMERICAN HERO*

Family man, husband, community leader and business man , Donny taught all of us to live with dignity and treat all like you would like to be treated !!!!! His greatest gift in life was the lessons we all learned from him. So often he would look at you and say " what do you think ", all well knowing he was just teaching us to think , have an opinion and be able to make a decision , we all knew he already had the answer. Dedication to family, community and business were just hallmarks of success for this American Hero. Loving wife , devoted kids , community leader and successful business man only begin to tell of all the success's he had. Yet never once was it about Donny , it was always about all those people around him that he loved and in turn loved this wonderful man . Donny was the man for all seasons !!!!! Rich or poor , young or old , family or not , Donny treated everyone like you would like to be treated. We will all miss Donny , but the world and it's people are all better off because of this American Hero !!!

Best to all ,

Ken Riesch

Ken Riesch - April 26, 2019 at 10:06 AM

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“ What an amazing video ❤️ Being Don's secretary for the past 25 years was a true blessing. He treated me like family and I will always remember his kindness. He spoke often about how proud he was of all his kids. He had the biggest smile when Jill graduated from college. He was proud that he could put all 4 kids through college. He was truly one of a kind and I will miss him terribly. I will be with you all Friday and Saturday with my thoughts and prayers. With sympathy, Nancy

Nancy Schulz - April 25, 2019 at 06:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald John Schwister.



April 25, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ 53 files added to the album LifeTributes



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - April 25, 2019 at 10:26 AM