



Donald J. Graybill

August 4, 1945 - November 24, 2023

Donald Jay Graybill, 78, of Mount Joy, PA went home to be with his Lord and Savior, on November 24, 2023. He was the husband of Marilyn Hallman Graybill for 55 years.

Born in Hershey, PA on August 4, 1945, Don was the son of the late Franklin and Edna (Bennetch) Graybill. He was a 1963 graduate of Lower Dauphin High School, a 1967 graduate of Penn State University in engineering, and a 1970 graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology. After college, Don joined the U.S. Air Force. He held numerous key positions for 21 years, serving in various field and command assignments around the world, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel. Don and Marilyn then followed God into full-time staff ministry with The Navigators. For over 30 years, he was involved in leading discipling ministries and helping people grow in their personal relationships. Surviving in addition to his wife are four children: Chad (Courtne) of Hummelstown, Andy (Andrea) of Lancaster, Christy (Dave) Keitel of Lancaster, and Aaron (Kendra) of Evergreen, CO; nine grandchildren: Gage Graybill, Hannah Graybill, Ben Graybill, Ethan Keitel, Annie Keitel, Lila Keitel, Eli Keitel, Eliza Graybill, and Macy Graybill; four siblings: Ruth Ann of Fullerton, CA, Dottie (Lynn) Groff of Dauphin, Frank (Ginny) of Hershey, and Dave (Pam) of Dauphin. Don was preceded in death by a grandson, Gavin Graybill.

Don was a devoted and beloved husband, father, and grandfather. Vacations with family each year were highlights for Don. He was a favorite cheerleader

of all of his 10 grandchildren--attending many sporting events, concerts, and "all things grandchildren." He wanted to make sure each of his grandchildren felt very loved, special, and affirmed.

Don loved to tinker, typically involving his children or grandchildren. He seemed to be in his element building tree houses, setting off rockets, rock tumbling, building model trains, or assembling model airplanes—just to name a few.

He loved Jesus with all his heart—and wanted to share that love with others. No matter where he lived, what organization he represented, what his roles were, or what board he served on, he was always investing in people's lives. He genuinely cared about people and wanted them to feel valued. He wanted to make sure they knew who Jesus was, how to pursue Him, and how to grow as disciples of Jesus.

Don published two books: "From a Dad ... to Those Who Follow—A Journey through Life and Ministry" (2021) and "A Journey from Surviving to Thriving—Experiencing the Fulfilled Life in the Midst of Chaos," published just weeks before his death. His second book came out of the blog posts he wrote for the last 1.5 years (www.dongraybill.blogspot.com), right up until his death. (Both books can be found on Amazon)

Don attended Cross Roads Church, Mt. Joy.

A visitation and celebration of life service will be held on January 6, 2024 at Lebanon Valley Bible Church (1482 Horseshoe Pike, Lebanon, PA 17042).

The visitation will be held from 9-11AM followed by a celebration of life at 11AM and a luncheon afterwards. A private interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The service will be livestreamed on youtube.com/@lebanonvalleybiblechurchau9169 and on facebook at Lebanon Valley Bible Church. In lieu of flowers please feel free to forward contributions to The Navigators PO Box 50740 Colorado Springs, CO 80949 or contribute online at <https://donations.navigators.org/s/>

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 6. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Lebanon Valley Bible Church
1482 Horseshoe Pike
Lebanon, PA 17042

Celebration of Life

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lebanon Valley Bible Church
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Tribute Wall

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“ I met this wonderful man Don Graybill when he moved into our neighborhood in Hudson, NH near the end of his Air Force career. It wasn't long after we met that Don had a neighborhood Bible Study going with several people joining the study. Don was a joy to be around and set excellent examples of living a good family and Godly life. He nurtured a beautiful family life with God at the center. My wife and I became their good friends with many wonderful memories, and we hope to see Don with his heavenly father where he surely is now. May God continue to bless his wonderful family.

Gordon Peters

Gordon Peters - January 06, 2024 at 09:39 AM

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“ We met Don during our first week of being in our new home. He stopped by to greet us with a friendly smile, welcome us to the neighborhood, and extend an invitation to join in the community activities. Don was the heart and soul of fostering a community atmosphere in our neighborhood. Don was a shining example of what it is to be a disciple. He lived his life in honor of God every day, he always had a kind word, a friendly smile, provided support to those in need, and was always ready and willing to share his faith right up to his last day. We are so blessed to have been given the opportunity to get to know such a wonderful, loving man. Our condolences to Marilyn and the family. We have no doubt that Don is home with God the Father and whole in His presence. Eric & Alana Karr

Alana Karr - January 05, 2024 at 10:31 PM

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“ To Marilyn and family, It is so comforting knowing that Don is no longer enduring the discomfort of human life. All of you can look forward to seeing him again in heaven. That will be a time of rejoicing. For now, allow God to wrap his arms around you for comfort as you journey through life here without his presents. Keep the memories tucked deep in your heart to reflect on. The longer time goes, the more precious they become.
Lovingly, Ed and Barb Seibert

Barbara J. Lehman Seibert - December 01, 2023 at 04:10 PM

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“ So sorry to hear this news, yet mighty jealous that Don in the face of our Lord!
Great mentor, very wise man, and biblically sound. He taught me a lot over the years and appreciated and loved him with a lot of respect! My condolences to the family and I hope to be able to attend Don's service! May the Lord surround you all in His peace and comfort at this time! ❤️👍💎

Sam Mylin - December 01, 2023 at 12:57 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald J. Graybill.



November 30, 2023 at 08:28 AM

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“ Ben and Karen Jager and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald J. Graybill.

Ben and Karen Jager and family - November 30, 2023 at 08:28 AM