



Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr.

January 8, 1934 - July 1, 2020

Donald “Don” Henry Bravaldo, Jr., beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away peacefully at home in Auburn, AL on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at the age of 86. He is preceded in passing by his father, Don Bravaldo, Sr. (Big Don) and his mother Margaret Lambe Bravaldo. He is survived by his wife of 55 years Joyce H. Bravaldo, his son Don Bravaldo, III (Aury), his daughter Blythe Bravaldo Shiland (Stuart), his grandson Hudson Henry Shiland, and many cousins and extended family.

Don was born on January 8, 1934 in Albany, GA to parents Don and Margaret Bravaldo. He graduated from Albany High School (AHS) in 1952.

Don attended Auburn University, graduating in 1956, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial & Systems Engineering. While attending he was a member of Phi Delta Theta social fraternity, as well as Phi Kappa Phi honorary scholastic fraternity.

He was a proud veteran who served in the US Army with the Army Corp of Engineers (1956-1958), where he was stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. Don later returned to his hometown of Albany, where he began working for Bob’s Candies, Inc in 1959. He worked in various roles for 43 years, concluding in a role of Vice President of Operations. He proudly served three generations of family owners during his tenure, and he loved the people and families that made Bob’s such a special place to work. He was affectionately known by many in the community as “the Candy Man”.

On February 11, 1965 he married Joyce H Hurst. They raised two children,

Don and Blythe.

Don had a passion for spending time at the beach, specifically the Florida Gulf Coast. At age 85, his family still had a hard time getting him to come inside after spending the day enjoying the ocean. He was an avid exerciser, enjoyed long walks, bird watching and tinkering with household projects that would frustrate most people. For him, a “fix-it” project was a relaxing way to spend a Saturday. And of course, he loved Auburn University, especially Auburn Football!

Don was a lifelong Presbyterian and counted himself fortunate to be a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, GA, and later the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, AL. He was a past Deacon and Elder of First Presbyterian Church of Albany. Don also served as a member of the local board of directors of the American Red Cross. He also volunteered his time with the Salvation Army and helped to start a community resource outreach program.

Funeral services will be held Monday July 6th at 1pm at First Presbyterian Church of Albany, Georgia with interment to follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. The Reverend Josh Bower will officiate. Due to COVID-19, facial masks and social distancing will be required. Masks and hand sanitizer will be available during the services.

If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to view the service on First Presbyterian Church’s facebook page: www.facebook.com/FirstPresAlbany/

For those in Albany, in lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Albany, GA: www.1stpresalbany.org/give, or to the American Heart Association.

For those in the Auburn/Opelika area, in lieu of flowers, those desiring may make memorial donations to the First Presbyterian Church of Auburn, AL: www.fpcauburn.org/give, or to the American Heart Association.

Cemetery Details

Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd
Albany, GA 31707
(229) 883-6600
<https://www.kimbrellstern.com/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
220 N. Jackson St.
Albany, GA 31701

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ *Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr.*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr.*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mr. Don was like my second dad growing up! He always loved talking to us and sharing stories-especially when we were heading out to go to the movies!!!!!! Love the Bravaldo family!❤️*

Molly Strickland - August 05, 2020 at 06:18 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of Mr. Bravaldo. Back in the late 70's or early 80's, I cut grass at the lake house on Lake Blackshear for the Bravaldo family. He was a nice and decent man who I never forgot. RIP Mr. Bravaldo.*

Lee Smith - July 15, 2020 at 12:31 PM

JR

“ I sure hate to read of Mr. Don's death. He was such a nice man. I will always remember him as one of the most caring people I ever knew! His love and compassion was so very evident in the way he lived. Joyce, you and Don both will ALWAYS have a very special place in my heart.

Jan Robinson - July 09, 2020 at 06:20 PM

LR

“ Ms. Joyce, Don and Blythe,
I was blessed to know him and was blessed to call him friend. His love for First Presbyterian, Albany was evident in his love and faith. There was a few families who were as supportive when the church was backed against the wall. Their faith moved a mountain. I absolutely loved him and loved working with him. This world is a little brighter because he was here.

Lynn Rutland - July 06, 2020 at 09:57 PM

CM

“ I remember our many conversations about most anything but most of all about his family, I remember when Don was sick, he was so worried about him and what a relief it was when all went well. I'm so sorry for the loss of your husband and father

Carol McCabe

Carol McCabe - July 06, 2020 at 01:06 PM

TH

“Joyce, Donnie and Blythe Al and I are so saddened to read of Don’s passing. Our years together on 8th Avenue are such wonderful fond memories. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family and may the precious memories sustain you through the coming days. He was truly a wonderful man and will be greatly missed.

Love, Al and Truddy.

Truddy Hutchison - July 06, 2020 at 09:03 AM

VA

“My heart is so sad to learn of Mr. Bravaldo’s passing. What a wonderful man and family that I’m so blessed to have known. Praying you are all surrounded with loved ones today and will feel God’s peace in time. What a comfort to know we’ll be together in time. Until then, prayers and blessings and love to all. Most sincerely, Valerie Rose Alexander and family

valerie alexander - July 06, 2020 at 08:10 AM



“Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr..



July 05, 2020 at 06:31 PM

PM

“ *Joyce and family.
I was sad to learn of Don's death!! I considered
Don and you sweet friends and am so glad you were able to spend
these past few years in your new home in Auburn!! Prayers for you
and your sweet family!!*

patsy martin - July 04, 2020 at 05:46 PM

SH

“ *Very fortunate to have lived next door to this family as a young
mother of two small children. First his mom and dad and then he
and Joyce. No finer people than they were. So many fond memories
of our just being good next door neighbors that loved my children. A
good man he was with a good wife. RIP*

sandra H. Hancock - July 04, 2020 at 10:39 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for
the family of Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr..*



July 04, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ Each time I met Donnie B.'s father, he embraced and welcomed me as if he had known me all his life. He was a man of integrity, intelligence, wisdom, kindness, and grace. It was a privilege to know him. Our hearts are with yours as you grieve your loving father and as your mom grieves the Love of her life. God bless, keep, and comfort each of you as you walk this path. We will all see him again, one day, when it is our turn to go 'home,' What a sweet reunion that will be. Until then, he will be missed deeply!
Rick & Krissy

Krissy Rosell - July 04, 2020 at 08:09 AM

RR

“ Rick & Krissy Rosell purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr..



Rick & Krissy Rosell - July 04, 2020 at 08:01 AM

KP

“ Kathy And David Prisant lit a candle in memory of Donald H. Bravaldo, Jr.



Kathy and David Prisant - July 03, 2020 at 09:47 PM

JD

I had the Please and Honor of knowing this man. I knew him from Bobs Candies, and later would stop by his house when I was in the neighborhood. He was always kind, and thankful. He was the definition of a Gentleman.. He will be missed...

Jim Dale - July 04, 2020 at 03:01 PM

NR

*Thinking of this special family at this time.
Nancy Reimer*

Nancy Reimer - July 05, 2020 at 12:26 PM

MB

A wonderful man. Thinking of all of you. We were so fortunate to know him. As a fellow Phi Delta Theta remember: In coelo quies est. Michael and Peggy Meyer von Bremen

Michael Meyer von Bremen - July 05, 2020 at 01:31 PM

JJ

A great man. Worked with him at Bobs and took care of his Toyota in Albany, he was a very kind man and will be missed.

James W. Jones - July 06, 2020 at 09:55 AM

SS

We have such very fond memories of our visits with my cousin, Don and his wife Joyce. They are so special! Don loved his family and was so proud of Don III and Blythe and his precious grandson. He will be greatly missed. Joyce, Don & Blythe you will be in our thought and prayers. Sandra & Doug Suits

Sandra & Doug Suits - July 07, 2020 at 05:56 PM