



Mr. Donald Drew (Don) Windham Obituary

August 22, 1953 - July 28, 2012

Mr. Donald Drew (Don) Windham, 58 of Alachua Ln. in Lee County died July 28, 2012 at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be Tuesday 2 PM at Kimbrell-Stern. Rev. Bobby Moye officiating. Interment will follow in Crown Hill Cemetery.

A native of Greenwood, Mississippi, Mr. Windham has lived in Lee County since 1963 where he was of the Baptist faith and retired from Norfolk Southern Railroad with 19 years of service and GA-FL Railnet with 13 years of service. He also served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. Don was known for his big heart, his love of the Kinchafoonee Creek and the entire "creek People". He had a zest for life and he never met a stranger. Most of all, Don loved his family, especially his wife, daughter, and grandchildren.

Don was preceded in death by his sister, Donna Sue Smith Whitehead.

Survivors include his wife Linda T. Windham of Leesburg, daughter, Alison Pedigo of Leesburg, grandchildren, Taylor Drew and Meaghan Pedigo, mother, Laretta Strickland of Leesburg, father, Julius Drew Windham of Conroe, TX, sisters, Deborah Minor of Leesburg and Diane Windham of Tucker, GA, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends Monday from 6:00 PM till 8:00 PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors
1503 Dawson Rd.
Albany, GA 31707

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Drew (Don) Windham Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Donald Drew (Don) Windham Obituary*

May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



“ *Mr. Donald Drew (Don) Windham Obituary*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *The world has lost a gentle heart!! I remember Don, Linda, & Ali very fondly. It was always a joy to be around them as a family, they were great together, all the SMILES, LAUGHS! You never knew what was around the next corner. Great memories indeed.*

It was a very sad day indeed when I heard the news that we could no longer enjoy Don's presence here on earth. On a brighter side,,,,,Don has brightened the universe, and all of those who he came in contact with.

It was a pleasure to have been graced in your presenceDon!!

Sincerely,

Andy

Andy Conger - Gainesville, GA - Friends / CoWorkers - February 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ I remember Don from early years in school....he always was smiling..
Linda- Jesus will wrap his loving arms around you and family as you grieve.

Sue McCorkle Creech - albany, GA - classmate - September 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I had been looking for Don on internet when I found his obituary on Sunday. Don and I worked side by side on the night shift at our squadron and we became fast friends instantly which will be no surprise to any who knew him. He was greatly appreciated by all for his friendly way, his smile and that incredible sense of humor he had. He was a man who could always be counted on. My prayers are with all of you and may the Lord comfort you.

Duane Kraft - Valaurie, France, CA - Shipmate, US Navy - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Linda, I'm so sorry for your loss. Don made many friendships in his lifetime. Seems like such a short time ago when we all thought life would last forever. You and the family will be in my prayers.
God bless,
Claire

Claire Majors - Albany, GA - old friend - August 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Don? Linda? Addi'son? I wish I was there cause I can't believe it. But I know It because I was having a on near death on my own up here at Piedmont park.
None of you will EVER be forgotten. I'll look you up when I get Back To Town
Condolences

RobinColeman - Leesburg, GA - FRIENDS - August 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I was deeply saddened to hear of Don's passing. He had been with the railroad about 6 years when I started. He had been there long enough to be of great help to someone with a lot to learn but no so long that he remembered how it was when he first started. He was the best of the best at what he did and always had time to help out the new guy. It was a friendship that lasted over 30 years. We still talked occasionally. I always looked forward to hearing from him and laughing about the "good ole days". He was one of a kind and will be missed. My thoughts are with his wife and family.

Bryan Smith - Hilton, GA - Railroad friend - August 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Mr. Don, you have always been such a sweet and caring man. Just wanted to say may you always rest in peace and your presence will be greatly missed by all

Leah McIntosh King - Leesburg, GA - friend of family - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ I am lighting this candle in your honor and memory. You were loved by all and will be greatly missed!

Leah McIntosh King - Leesburg, GA - friend of family - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Linda:

I was so very sorry to hear of Don's death. My prayers are with you during this very sad time in your life.

Dena Topshe Watson - Tifton, GA - Tifton, GA - Friend - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ August 1, 2012

Linda, I'm so sorry for the loss of Don. I will remember him as being a loving

funny and sweet individual. The two of you were just right for each other.

God bless you and your family

Michele Carswell - Albany, GA - friend - August 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ WE ARE SO HEARTBROKEN OVER DON PASSING, I MET DON AND LINDA IN 1988 WHEN I MOVED TO LEESBURG GA.,DON AND LINDA WAS THE MOST OUT GOING AND WONDERFUL GUYS THAT U WOULD EVER MEET,DON WAS ALWAYS SMILING WHEN U SEE HIM,EVERYTIMES THEY CAME TO THE LAKE ON THE WEEKEND EVERYBODYS JUST LOVE SEEING THEM PULLING UP IN THERE BOAT. DON AND LINDA ALWAYS MADE EVERYBODY LAUGH WHEN U WERE AROUND THEM.DON WILL TRULY BE MISS BY EVERYONE , MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL..WE BOTH LOVE U LINDA! TERESA AND DAVID HOLLEY

TERESA HOLLEY - LEESBURG, GA - FRIEND - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ So saddened by the news and thinking about all of you.
Love,
Laura

Laura Hageny - Albany, GA - Friend - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Dear Linda and family, Randy and I are so sorry to hear of Don's passing.
When we met him he was so friendly and out-going. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Peace and Love. Randy and Gerrie

Randy and Gerrie Miller - Brackettville, TX - family - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Linda my thoughts and prayers are with you always. If there is ever anything I can do to help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Love,
Pam and Cristy

Pam Thompson - Albany, GA - Long time friend - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Linda and Family,
Please accept our condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

Carolyn Miller Wilt - Lakeland, FL - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Linda, Marc and I are heart broke to hear of Don's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Marc and Sharon Peak

Sharpn Peak - Albany, GA - Friends - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ we are so sorry to hear

Austin and Anna Smith - leesburg , GA - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Linda, my heart aches for your loss. You and Don were such a wonderful couple and SO much fun. I hate that I missed the reunion last year and I'm even more sorry now that Don is gone. My prayers are with you and your family. I wish I could have been in Albany last night and today so I could give you a really big hug. God Bless you and your family. Carolyn Parks*

Carolyn McBurnett Parks - Sky Valley, GA - Freinds - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Linda and Family,*

*My heart has been saddened by the news of Don's passing. He was such a fun loving person and everyone adored him. He loved you dearly. It is with deepest sympathy that I post you this message. My thoughts and prayers are lifted for you and your family.
Patti Albert McGough*

Patti Albert McGough - Bolingbroke, GA - Highschool Friend - July 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Don was such a wonderful person....he and Linda could always make you laugh as everyone sat around on the barstools....everyones favorite place.....they made my life bearable when I lived in Albany and some of my best memories are with them. Don will be greatly missed. Linda and all of the family have my deepest sympathy... my prayers...and I love you all very much*

Cheryl Davis - Hilton Head, SC - Friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ We will truly miss Don and his crazy sense of humorous. He was always fun to be around. Our hearts and prayers go to Linda and his family.

Freddy and Bonnie Bishop - Baconton, GA - Friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Linda,
I am heartbroken to hear of Don's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. You and Don brought SO much happiness and laughter to everyone around you. I am so fortunate to have spent time with you two. Everytime I think of Don I can see his smiling face and hear him "singing" Like a Rolling Stone (Didn't You). Both of you etched a permanent place in my heart that will always be remembered with a smile!! I love you!
Lynn Marshall

Lynn Marshall - Albany, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Don had a kind heart and was a joy to be around. I always looked forward to Linda and his visits to Atlanta. I knew when they came we were gonna laugh lots and have a great time. He will be missed by many. Linda, I send my condolences and love to you and your family.

Scott White - Lawrenceville, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ We were fortunate to become Don and Linda's neighbors more than half a lifetime ago. We were good neighbors for five years. Don wouldn't have it any other way. What a nice, kind and thoughtful man he was. If you needed anything Don would be there for you. Don was a success in life. He took his job seriously and gave it his full attention when necessary, but when it was time for fun, he took that on with the same attention to detail!
We cherish our memories of Don and will truly miss him.

God bless you Linda, Allison and all....

Rick & Shirley Bracken - Smithville, GA - friends - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ We met Don and Linda in 2003 when we moved into their neighborhood on the creek. We soon learned what wonderful and fun people you both were to be around. Don always had a smile on his face and something funny to say....you couldn't help but to enjoy being around him. Linda, I know that life will never be the same again for you but without a doubt,it was obvious that Don loved and adored you..... Always remember that and cherish the memories. You will continue to be and our thoughts and prayers and if you ever need anything, just know that we are only a phone call away.

Love you,
Selena and Danny Highfill

Selena and Danny Highfill - Leesburg, GA - Friend / Neighbor - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Linda, Debbie and Allison,
Please know my thoughts any prayers are with you all! I know you
all have wonderful memories to help you through! Debbie Sutton

Debbie Sutton - Albany, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Don was a great man who I met just recently through his love and
dedication to his daughter's successful launch of her insurance
business. He will be greatly missed.

*Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their
strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run
and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint"*

*To Alison, your father was a super man and will be greatly missed
by all those that met him through you. May God Bless you and your
family during this most trying time.*

Chris Duren - Tifton, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Linda, I am so saddened to hear about Don. What a wonderful
and blessed life you and Don have had together, I know those
memories will make you smile. Prayers for you and your family.

Love, Betty

Betty Sutton Petersen - Marshall, TX - AHS friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ You will be greatly missed "Mr.Don". Alison im praying for
you,Mrs.Linda,Taylor and Meg.

Jamie L Lewis - Americus , GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We were neighbors for a few short years but Don's warmth and kindness made us feel like long time friends. Don was a great guy and will be deeply missed. He gave the best hugs and offered the kindest, most supportive words!!! We are truly grateful to have had Don as a neighbor and a friend. Linda, many hugs from us and God Bless.

Jake, Kelly, Will & Ryan Abbe - Ft. Lee, VA - Neighbor - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to you Linda. My heart has been so heavy since hearing about Don. He was such a great person who could always make you smile! We love you!

Ashleigh Pollocj - Leesburg, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Linda, thinking of you and your family. Don was so funny and fun to be around. He was fortunate to have had such a wonderful, loving family. Very sorry for your tremendous loss.

Cherry Rizer - Albany, GA - Friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Don, the neighborhood, creek and our hearts will never be the same without you. I am so grateful that I have my memories of you, which can never be taken away. We love you dearly and will miss you severely. You will be in our hearts always. Linda, we are so very sorry. We are here for you and we love you very much.

Chris and Stephanie

Chris and Stephanie Steuer - Albany, GA - Friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Trying to express sadness with mere words seems so inadequate about the loss of Don.

The sound of his voice would make your heart leap because you knew you were about to laugh and have the full on experience of life and love with a son truly blessed. Don was an exceptional son blessed with gifts the greatest of which was his capacity for love. He was blessed with a love for family and friends that knew no bounds. Blessed with a giving heart reaching out to all he met. Don was an brilliant son who will be missed but never forgotten and he will live on in our hearts graced with memories precious and fine. Don was a prince of a fellow.

*An honest man here lies at rest,
The friend of man, the friend of truth,
The friend of age, the guide of youth;
Few hearts like his, with virtue warm'd,
Few heads with knowledge so inform'd;
If there's another world, he lives in bliss;
If there is none, he made the best of this.*

J. D. Windham - Conroe, TX - Father - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ what a tremendous loss! i will always remember don as a great friend and a true southern gentleman. It will not be the same on the creek with out you.much love to linda.

jim smith

jim smith - leesburg, GA - friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Sure going to be a different Kinchafoonee and Flint without you. Somehow I think you'll still always be there. I know I'll see your memory and feel your presence every time I toon up it.

Rest in peace, my friend....."Dandy Don".

Harold Hufstetler - Bronwood, GA - Friend - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

K7

“ Dear Linda and family,
I am so saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was a wonderful man, and you had a long and happy life together. I was fortunate to know both of you when we were all younger. My prayers will be going up for all of you.

Sincerely, Karen Greene

Karen Greene - Covington, GA - friend from AHS Class of 71 - July 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Donald will be missed. He always thought of other peoples before himself. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Linda and the family. May God be with you.

Jackie McClendon - Lresburg, GA - Friemd - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ You have been a strong male figure in my life and the best brother in the universe to my mother...you are the patriarch of our family and we love you eternally...i vow to do eveything i can to be here for my loving aunt linda so dont you worry about us...your love has embraced us and will live on forever...

i love you.

bella loves you.

you are very missed.

xxxxxxxxxxoooooooooooo

linda, alison, and taylor....you will have us here always...Uncle Don's pride and joy and he lived his life with you 3 in his heart with every move he made....love you to the moon and back...and again and again....

lucretia and bella reynolds - winder, GA - niece - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *Passing of a friend is always sad but I know Don wouldn't want that.*

Eddie Hinman - Leesburg, GA - Friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WG

“ *IM SOOOOO SORRY FOR YALLS LOSS IM PRAYING FOR YALL AND I LOVE YALL TO THE MOON AND BACK!! love wendy*

WENDY WILLIFORD - ALBANY, GA - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Good-bye to a friend for over 40 years*

David & Carolyn Ellis - Tifton, GA - Schoolmate and friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Linda and family... I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was such a great and funny guy and I will cherish the memories I have of him... Praying for your strength at this time...

Kelli Burton Hunt - Albany, GA - Friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Linda,
Greg and I are so sorry and our hearts go out to you and your family! We were so shocked to hear this and really can't believe it and can't even imagine what you all are going through! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Much love,
Greg and Wendy Pate

Greg and Wendy Pate - Leesburg, GA - friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Linda, I know there is nothing I can say to you in this time of grief for the loss of the man you loved so dearly, but that Don was loved many and he will truly be missed, he was a good man. Am here if I can do anything for you. Love you lady, Sammy

Sam Stephens - Cleveland , TN - Friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ you and your family have my deepest sympathy... Love hugssssssssss and Prayers to all

Susie Hutchinson - Albany, , GA - Neighbor and friend - July 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM