



Mr. Donald R. Paulich

June 13, 1952 - November 28, 2017

Donald R. Paulich, 65, of Winter Haven, Florida, born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania on June 13, 1952, entered into eternal rest on November 28, 2017. He was a veteran of the United States Army where he was a Military Police Platoon Sergeant for 15 years, and he served as a detective and Police Captain for the federal government for 25 years. He was very generous and loved to help people. He was a Eucharistic minister, helping the sick and elderly who could not get to church. He loved cars, especially antiques, and was President of the Central Florida Hotrod Association. He served on Board of Directors for Sertoma. He loved celebrating the holidays, especially dressing up as Santa for the children. He is survived by his wife, Rita Paulich; children, Laura Paulich Hockman (Cris), and Brian Paulich (Dawn); mother, Lena Paulich; siblings, Henry Paulich, Jr. (Connie), Barbara Hoffman, and Bonnie Paulich Hill (Eric); step-children, Ken Race, and Cathy Nelson (Steve); grandchildren, Aidan Hockman, Skylar Warrelmann, Felisha Warrelmann, Justine Nelson, John Nelson, and Andrew Nelson; nephews and nieces, Todd Paulich (Sandy), Joe Paulich (Dina), Carol Kossler (Rick), Paula Warke (Robbie), Erika Delumba (Josh), Lindsey Hill, and Ryan Hill; great-nephews and nieces, Liliith, Maya, Ava, and Matthew, Jeffrey (Tiffany), and Samantha; longtime friends, John Gregory, Jimmy Parks, and Ray Rogers; and many other nieces, nephews, cousins, family, and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Brenda Paulich; and father, Henry Frederick Paulich. The family will receive friends Friday, December 1 from 6-8:00 P.M. at Hopewell

Funeral Home, 6005 S County Road 39, Plant City. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, December 2 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 535 Avenue M NW, Winter Haven. Interment in Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, support.woundedwarriorproject.org. Expressions of condolence at www.HopeWellFuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Twin Valley Memorial Park

Delmont, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hopewell Funeral Home
6005 County Road 39 South
Plant City, FL 33567
(813) 737-3128
office@hopewellfuneral.com
<http://www.hopewellfuneral.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 2. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church Chapel
532 Avenue M NW
Winter Haven, FL

Tribute Wall



“ Hopewell Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Donald R. Paulich



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 01, 2017 at 10:58 AM

LH

Dad,
I miss and love you more than words could ever express. You are the best person I have ever known! Love, Laura

Laura Hockman - June 05, 2021 at 09:47 PM



“ 44 files added to the album Life Tributes



Hopewell Funeral Home - December 01, 2017 at 09:56 AM

MH

“ To Rita and family, we were so saddened to hear about Don. You are in our thoughts & prayers! He will be missed! Steve & Mary Heiser

Mary Heiser - November 30, 2017 at 09:11 PM

SP

“ Sean, Becky, Brenden, and Michael Phelps purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



Sean, Becky, Brenden, and Michael Phelps - November 30, 2017 at 07:02 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



November 30, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



November 30, 2017 at 06:45 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



November 30, 2017 at 06:30 PM



“ *CB, Marty, Nancy, Bill, Shelly, Harry, Karen, Char* purchased the *Florist Choice Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



CB, Marty, Nancy, Bill, Shelly, Harry, Karen, Char - November 30, 2017 at 12:28 PM



“ *Sincerely, Carolyn Hill and Linda Hill* purchased the *Sapphire Skies Bouquet* for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.



Sincerely, Carolyn Hill and Linda Hill - November 30, 2017 at 12:23 PM

SP

“ *The world just lost one of the most generous, fun, stubborn and loving people I had the pleasure to call Uncle Don. We will all miss you and treasure every crazy and fun memory. Love you lots Uncle Don.*

Dear Aunt Rita, Nonnie, Laura and Brian. We are all thinking about you.

Lots of love Sandy and Todd

sandy paulich - November 30, 2017 at 10:37 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.*



November 30, 2017 at 09:51 AM

HK

“ *I work with Don for many years. I had the greatest respect for his professionalism, commitment and integrity. He could always recounted on and trusted.*

Deepest sympathy to his extended family.

Hugh Kiley

Hugh Kiley - November 30, 2017 at 09:19 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.*



November 30, 2017 at 08:40 AM



“ *From your cousins - Mary Ann, Janet and Toni purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.*



From your cousins - Mary Ann, Janet and Toni - November 30, 2017 at 07:52 AM



“ *Dear Rita, Nonie, Laura, Brian, and all the family - my deepest condolences for your loss, but we will remember with love and happiness the fun, joyful life of generosity and kindness he lead. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Paula & Robbie*

Paula Warke - November 30, 2017 at 07:26 AM



“ *Love, Paula & Robbie Warke purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Donald R. Paulich.*



Love, Paula & Robbie Warke - November 30, 2017 at 07:23 AM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to Rita and the entire family. I had the pleasure to know Don as a colleague and as a man who became a friend.*

We had so many great times together with our work family. There was never a dull moment when Don was around. He was a great guy who will be missed.

Jeff Sedlitz - November 29, 2017 at 10:00 PM

MP

*Our condolences to your family from Italy.
A big hug
Pongan's family*

Marta Pongan - November 30, 2017 at 01:40 AM



I think Heaven just got a whole lot crazier! Don stuffed at least 100 years of memories into his 65 years! Thinking back of all the time you all spent with us at the pool and more at my Mom and Dad's house. Slickville hasn't been the same since you left! Glad I got to sit down and talk to Don a lot at the Centennial celebration. My condolences to all.

Dale Gabriel - November 30, 2017 at 09:40 AM