



Donald Creighton

February 25, 1939 - December 7, 2021

Donald Creighton, 82, long-time resident of Northampton, passed away peacefully at home in Holyoke. Born in Brooklyn, NY on February 25, 1939 to the late Frank J. and Irene (Hunt) Creighton.

He was a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School in Queens and went on to pursue a career downtown Manhattan with Dow Jones Co. This opportunity led Don and his late wife Gail K. (Bridges) Creighton, to Massachusetts. He assisted in opening the Wall Street Journal Chicopee plant in 1959. Don stayed with Dow Jones Co. for 33 years and upon his retirement, he spread his appreciation and love of gardening and Iris' to his community while working in the Garden Center at Home Depot.

Don also, enjoyed passing time with various clubs and associations, including the Koi Club, the local Persian Cat Club, and the Iris Society. If he was not admiring the beauties of Koi ponds surrounded by iris', he was likely enjoying the fine dining of Western MA or taking a ride to the ME coast for a lobster roll. Don is survived by his three daughters, Dawn Tacy and her husband Richard of Florence, MA; Kelly Creighton of Rotonda West, FL; Bridget Renkowic and her husband Joseph of Easthampton, MA; and his son Donald Creighton, II of Holyoke, MA. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Grace Creighton of NJ. Lastly, he leaves his eight grandchildren, William Metzger and his wife Andrea; Timothy Robbins, II and his wife Katelyn; Keith Farrie and his wife Courtney; Taylor Farrie; Emma Tacy; Mackenzie Creighton; Matti Tacy; and Caleigh Creighton; as well as ten adored great-grandchildren.

Sadly, he is predeceased by his wife Gail K. (Bridges) Creighton; his parents Frank J. and Irene (Hunt) Creighton; his two brothers Francis and Richard Creighton; and his sister Adrienne (Creighton) Bowen.

A funeral mass will be held at Our Lady of the Hills Parish in Haydenville, MA on Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 11:00 AM, burial will be private.

DROZDAL FUNERAL HOME of Northampton has been entrusted with his services.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating in his name to Shriners Children's New England on 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104. For more information, or to leave the family a personal condolence, please visit Drozdalfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of the Hills
173 Main St.
Haydenville, MA 01039

Tribute Wall

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“ Am sad to hear of Donald passing. I will always remember his witty ways. With condolence to his family. Mark Maczka Clearwater, Fl.

Mark Maczka Friend - January 20, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Creighton.



December 16, 2021 at 12:59 PM

GG

“ So sad to here of Don's passing. He had quite the personality. Always making me laugh. My heart goes out to you Dawn and your family. Love and hugs. He was the best!!

Gloria Gay - December 15, 2021 at 11:55 PM

BJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Don's death. I remember his deep, deep love for Gail and his heartbreak after her death. He was a lovely and loving man who has a spot in my heart, along with Kelly, with whom I worked for many years. Sending my condolences and love, Becky Jones

Becky Jones - December 14, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ Don can never forget the warm, caring, loving feeling of knowing u dear, Had an awesome dinner here w/a few friends and will never forget u as a sweet and loving person to who ever u meant and loved at Dow Jones. U were a person that will never be forgot in many of our hears dear. Thank u for all u gave to us all that loved and new u and RIP dear.

Linda Jo Gershowtiz

Linda Gershowitz - December 13, 2021 at 07:41 PM