



Donald M. Gaffney

July 12, 2016

Donald M. Gaffney, 74, of Teaneck formerly of New York City passed away on July 12, 2016. Beloved husband of 53 years to Johanna (nee Barnable) Gaffney. Devoted father of Johanna and her husband Keith Degelmann, Donald and his wife Janet Gaffney, Beth and her husband Tom Muliero, and Sean Gaffney. Loving grandfather of Amanda, Chris, Caitlin, Kayla, Erik, Erin, Ryan, Gianna, and Jillian. Dear brother, brother-in-law and friend to Edward, Dennis, Kenneth, Jim, Lorraine, John, Tina, and Anne. He leaves behind many loved godchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was a proud alumni member of Iona College, Class of 63. Before retiring he was a Communication Executive for the Depository Trust Company, New York, NY. Donald was an avid traveler and his life were his children and grandchildren.

Family and friends are welcome to visit on Thursday 4-8pm, and Friday 2-4 & 7-9pm at the Volk Leber Funeral Home, 789 Teaneck Rd., Teaneck.

Funeral Service will begin at the funeral home on Saturday at 9am and then to St. Anastasia's RCC for a 10am Mass of Christian Burial.

Interment to follow at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus.

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Teaneck
789 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666
(201) 836-0202
info@volkleber.com
<https://www.volkleber.com>

Visitation

JUL 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

JUL **15**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

JUL **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia RCC
1095 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald M. Gaffney



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 14, 2016 at 03:05 PM



“ Donald M. Gaffney

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Donald M. Gaffney

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Donald M. Gaffney

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

DF

“ So saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Don. He and his family have been beloved regulars of mine at the Lone Bull Restaurant in Lake George, NY for many years. I'll fondly remember sharing our traveling adventures and referring to him as part of my "Disney Family. I'll greatly miss serving him his coffee and sausage and eggs each visit. Sending my thoughts and prayers to Johanna and the entire extended Gaffney family.
-Dakota Fuller

Dakota Fuller - July 22, 2016 at 01:11 PM

RS

“ Mildred and I were so shocked to hear of the death of Don. Donald Jr. and our son Marc were in the same class at St. Anastasia, and we remember that Don, along with Vic Dondero, coached the boys St. A's 7th and 8th grade CYO basketball teams for the 80/81 & 81/82 seasons. What good memories of watching Don work with the kids in the gym at practice, preparing for the next game, and driving to the away games at other area parishes, discussing his alma mater's (Iona) basketball teams with woe (as they weren't very good at the time :). I remember it was after Mass one Sunday that Don asked if I intended to have my son come out for the St. A's basketball team. That was the beginning of our friendship. He was always so good and patient with the kids at practice or games. Once in a while, because Mildred was a Lector on the 8 a.m. team, I would come with her to that Mass and always see Don and Joanna and exchange cordial hellos. We remember Sean as a little guy who came to practice constantly with Don, running around the gym non stop and Don referring to him as "perpetual motion". Just great, great memories of Don. Had we known, we would have been there at the wake and funeral service. We informed our kids, Marc and Gail of the news. Hopefully, we will meet Don on the other side one day. Our sincere condolences, and may Don rest in eternal peace.
Prayerfully, Ray & Mildred Smith

Ray & Mildred Smith - July 18, 2016 at 11:11 AM

DC

“ We have the pleasure of working with Don for several years and he was always a great man for stories – he loved sharing tales of his visits to Ireland and always looking forward to spending the family time up in Lake George. It was evident each and every time he spoke that he loved his family above anything else.
Our deepest condolences for your loss, Don will be missed.
Diane & Mike Cennamo

Diane Cennamo - July 18, 2016 at 06:57 AM

FG

“ We are so very sorry, Joanne. Don was a good and kind and generous man. We will miss him. We are thinking of you. Sincerely,
Frank and Marie

Frank & Marie Gaudio - July 15, 2016 at 03:31 PM

KP

“ Even I never see you before, but I heard so much about you from your brother-in-law, Jim Barnable. I walked with him every morning around the Hogan Park in Northvale. We walk and talk and once a while your name will come up. Jim sure is going to miss you. Who will take over to plan all the details for your families/relatives vacations. It always get me to laugh when you and Jim went out to Dunkin Donuts for coffee, you never forget to ask for senior discount according to Jim. Rest in Peace, Mr. Gaffney.

Kok Meng Png (Northvale, friend of Jim Barnable)

Kok Meng Png - July 15, 2016 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 15, 2016 at 09:16 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 14, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Michael & Evelyn Tom purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



Michael & Evelyn Tom - July 14, 2016 at 03:28 PM



“ 93 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 14, 2016 at 02:59 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.



July 14, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.



July 14, 2016 at 12:28 PM

BM

“ I have been thinking of Don & Joanne as well as the whole family, since I heard of his passing. Such a great guy, the interaction with his brother in laws was priceless, love was behind every laugh we had with them. Our trips with the Gaffney group made all of the vacations special. Such sad news, so hard to get past thinking about Don and the unfairness of his death.
Isabel

Beth Muliero - July 14, 2016 at 12:11 PM

“ I just wanted to let everyone know about the passing of one of our dear friends and travel companions, our beloved Donald M. Gaffney '63. He was such a nice man, so compassionate, a perfect gentleman, wonderful loving father and husband and a true family man. He was also a history buff! He absolutely loved history and if he knew so much! He always amazed me with his knowledge.

I am heartbroken. I loved that man. He was on maybe 16 trips with us and he came to the Jean Claude Scholarship Dinner when I was honored and he also spoke at the recent Loftus Dinner at Beckwith Pointe where I was also honored. He made me cry! We emailed (and spoke) constantly even when he was away for the summer at Lake George which is where he is now. He was my consultant when I went to Switzerland because he worked for many years at Credit Suisse and he traveled there every week. I can't tell you how much it hurts right now. I've lost a dear friend. He even made me an honorary member of the Gaffney Clan. Please keep his family in your prayers. Three of Don's children also graduated Iona. Don Jr.'90, Johanna (Hanna) '88 and Elizabeth (Beth)'93. Don and Joanne were married for 50 years, have four children and a lot of grandchildren - I think eight. Can't remember all their names at the moment. Family was very special to them! I will always remember how they walked hand in hand (and you know we did a lot of walking) on the trips! They always traveled with their family Tina & John Barnable, Jim and Lorraine Barnable and Caroline Lyons. Over the years he also brought several other family members on the trips - his brother Dennis, late sister in law Marie and even his daughter Hanna's mother in law. I affectionately called them the Magnificent Seven!

He was looking forward to the upcoming National Parks trip and even had me working on a trip for 2018. He loved Ireland and could never get enough of it! I know that Dave Spillane, John O'Neill and Dan Cooper (our Ireland tour guides) will miss his visits!

As soon as I have the funeral arrangements I will share with all of

you.

*With love,
Eydie*

Beth Muliero - July 14, 2016 at 11:01 AM

BM

“*Maria and I are so saddened by the news of Don's passing away. You so accurately and lovingly described this kind, compassionate, and friendly man who was always there to offer help, support, or friendly conversation to all of us. He was a fountain of history and detailed information, as well as a book of Irish culture & humor! His presence on the trips along with his family seemed to be always a re-assurance that the trip would be filled with humor and fun. Such a wonderful, thoughtful gentleman whose presence all of us will sadly miss.*

Thank you

Mickey & Maria Boyle

Beth Muliero - July 14, 2016 at 11:00 AM

MV

“*Worked with Don for many years and kept in contact with him after we each retired. Loved his yearly Christmas Cards with updates of what was going on in his life. He so enjoyed his family and his trips to Ireland. Will miss his wit and charm.*

Maureen E. Vecchione - July 14, 2016 at 10:06 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 14, 2016 at 09:55 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 14, 2016 at 08:52 AM



“ *My Deepest Condolences to Don's family. I had the pleasure of working with Don @ DTC for several years. Always spoke highly, and with pride, of his wife and family....He will truly be missed!!*

Carmen Troche - @ DTCC

Carmen Troche - July 14, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *I am so sorry for this great loss! I have been on many Iona Alumni trips with Don, his wife, and family and he was such a great person and a true gentleman. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.*
Linda Pascuzzi

linda pascuzzi - July 14, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 13, 2016 at 05:28 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald M. Gaffney.*



July 13, 2016 at 05:14 PM