



Donald Francis McPherson

April 14, 1928 - June 17, 2017

Donald F. McPherson, 89, of Tallahassee, FL and formerly of Beverly, MA, passed away unexpectedly at his home on June 17, 2017. Donald was born April 14, 1928 in Beverly to William M. Sr. and Mary E. (Foley) McPherson. He graduated in 1946 from Beverly High School and served as the Beverly Deputy Fire Chief until 1988.

Donald spent the last 29 years retired in Tallahassee, where he had a great community of friends. Although a resident of FL, he remained true to his beloved Red Sox and Patriots! Donald will always be remembered for his gentle spirit, love of adventure, friendship, and fascinating story telling ability. He will truly be missed by all who knew him.

Donald was husband to the late Caroline (Dove) McPherson and is survived by his children, Diane and husband, Dan Atherton; Don and wife, Liz McPherson; Ellen and husband, Tim Smith; six grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. He was the brother to the late William, Robert, and James McPherson.

A celebration-of-life service will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 11:00am at Killlearn United Methodist Church in Tallahassee. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Kaplan Family Hospice House www.caredimensions.org or 78 Liberty St, Danvers, MA 01923.

Susie Mozolic of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the McPherson family with their final arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

Killearn United Methodist Church
2800 South Shamrock
Tallahassee, FL 32309

Tribute Wall

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“ Don was very good friends with my Aunt and Uncle, Wanda and Andrew Little. They cherished his friendship. I was fortunate to meet him at Wanda's 80th birthday party where he was funny, charming and indeed a wonderful story teller. I was always glad to know he was a phone call away if they needed anything. My sympathies,
Cecilia Thomas

Cecilia Thomas - June 25, 2017 at 02:22 PM

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“ I became Donald McPherson's next-door neighbor in 2012 and we fast became good friends. He had a wonderful and witty sense of humor and was always in good spirits. He constantly amazed me with his ability to stay abreast of literally all that was happening both locally and around the world on any given day, relaying it to me in crisp detail whenever we met or talked on the phone. Don was one of the few people who also embraced his heritage and hometown history, able to recount his first-hand knowledge of so much about his life that it was well worth taking a seat to hear all about it because I knew with conviction that it was a full and accurate account from a man of great character.

There are few people I know of in this world that truly know how to connect with life at just the right tempo and Donald McPherson was one of those fortunate individuals.

He was my close friend and I shall miss him and his keen wisdom dearly.

Russell Rigsby

Russell Rigsby - June 24, 2017 at 10:15 AM