



Donald Ray Voorhees

December 4, 1956 - January 27, 2010

Donald "Don" Ray Voorhees, 53 years old, of Greenbrier, TN passed away suddenly at his residence, Wednesday, January 27, 2010. He was born in Hickory, NC, December 4, 1956 to Richard and Ruth Barber Voorhees. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Lisa Lail Voorhees; son, Justin Voorhees, stationed with the Air Force in South Korea; daughter and son-in-law, Amber and Ben Lee, Springfield, TN; mother, Ruth Barber Voorhees, Hickory, NC; brothers and sister-in-law, Richard & Sharon Voorhees and Ronald Voorhees; sisters, Jodi Carter and Susan Suggs, all of Hickory, NC; several loving and devoted nieces and nephews. Don worked for over 25 years as a Horticulturist with 20 years spent working at the Opryland Hotel. Over the last 5 years he was a Registered Respiratory Therapist, ECMO Specialist, at Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital. A Celebration of his life will be held at Greenbrier Chapel Sunday, January 31 at 4 PM. Friends may visit with the family from 2 to 4 PM prior to the service on Sunday. Greenbrier Chapel, 615.643.4000 2619 Hwy 41 South Greenbrier, TN 37073

Tribute Wall

RL

“ Dear Voorhees family, Don and I were friends in high school, I have not seen him in many years. I can see by what others have written that he was a wonder father, husband and friend. I'm am sorry for your loss. Ron Lutz & family

Ron Lutz - February 20, 2010 at 11:12 AM

DB

“ Lisa, Didn't find out about Don till sunday night. Honey, I am so sorry! If there is anything I can do please let me know. I tried looking up your phone # but it was no longer in service. My # is 423-6430. Please give me a call and let's talk when you feel like it. Give my love to Amber and Justin. I will be praying for you all. Love, Deborah

Deborah Brinton - February 04, 2010 at 12:18 PM

DM

“ Lisa I am so sorry for your loss. I worked with Don at Opryland for many years, So did my daughter Katrina. He will be truly missed

Delline McCharen - February 03, 2010 at 02:20 PM

HM

“ Don & I meet in 1981 @ Green World Nursery - he had been working there since 1978.

We worked together for 21 years - for me, it was the best 21 years with anyone in the profession. He did an outstanding job everyday & is one of the key reasons we have the beautiful gardens we have today. He was to me so very special & I loved him very much as a friend, as a professional Horticulturist and as a devoted associate through all the years we worked together at Opryland - in all the years we traveled together for conventions & association meetings. We have plants today growing in the gardens inside and outside that we started from cuttings we collected. I have great memories of all the times we planned out special gardens for the Lawn & Garden Show & all the work we put into our local PGMS group of which Don was the President and officier of for many years. Don was always devoted to achieving the goals we set and was the most loyal man I have ever worked with in all my years. Unfortunately we were separated during a downsizing time in 2004. I will never forget his passion & devotion & his witty comments and intelligent conversations each day we worked together here at Opryland. I am so sorry for your loss Lisa, Justin, Amber & family – we will keep you in our prayers – we all loved Don very much.

Hollis Malone - February 03, 2010 at 01:47 PM

KL

“ Words cannot express my sorrow at Donnie's passing I have many fond childhood memories of playing with him at Grandma Barber's house. Though I hadn't seen Don in years, we did reconnect on Facebook recently. He has a beautiful family that I know he loved very much.

Karen Barber Lands - February 02, 2010 at 07:53 PM

IB

“ Both Debbie and I are extremely saddened by the news of Don's passing. Our prayers go out especially to Lisa, Ruth, Richard, Ronnie, Jodi, and Susan as well as Don's children.

Ivey & Debbie Barber - February 02, 2010 at 05:35 PM

RM

“ Ron and Jodi all our prayers go out to you and all your family. Mike and CJ Mulligan

Rev.Dr's Mike & CJ Mulligan - February 02, 2010 at 10:48 AM

LL

“ So sorry to hear of this loss in the Voorhees family.

Linda Lewis - February 02, 2010 at 10:20 AM

DH

“ I grew up beside the Voorhees family in Hickory. I can still picture Don driving his little red Mustang. I was very saddened to hear of the news of the sudden loss of Don. Please know that your family continues to be in my thoughts and prayers.

Debbie Good Heavner - February 01, 2010 at 07:30 PM

JS

“ Thinking and praying for you during this difficult time. Stay strong and hold to God's hand.

Jones Paideia PTO Sunshine - February 01, 2010 at 02:06 PM

SJ

“ You will be missed..
Love Shannon

shannon jackson - January 31, 2010 at 08:08 PM

BP

“ Dear Lisa, You have our deepest regrets. Donnie was such a wonderful young man. He will be missed by everyone that knew him. Please take care. Love Bev and Bill

Bi,, And Beverly Price - January 31, 2010 at 05:04 PM

LF

“ Don was a wonderful man that will be greatly missed by his friends at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. My thoughts and prayers are will the family.

Laura Fisher - January 31, 2010 at 12:45 PM

SC

“ We're sorry we can't be with you in support of your loss. We can't attend because of the weather. You, Amber, and Justin will be in our prayers. May GOD hold you in the palm of his hand and give you strengh and peace.

Susan and John Castner - January 31, 2010 at 11:01 AM

LS

“ Lisa,Amber,and Justin,
We were so sorry to hear about Don, your dad. Sorry that we can't be there with you because of the snow and road conditions. Our hearts go out to you. We will be thinking of you today and be praying for you. You know that we love you guys. Wish we could be there for you. Lisa, Lorrie will be calling you.
With much love, Lorrie,Jerry,Amy,& Michael Simpson
P.S. Look for a basket with peace lily, ivory, and another plant with a blue ribbion.
Our Deepest Sympathy.

Lorrie & Jerry Simpson - January 31, 2010 at 12:08 AM

MR

“ We love all of you and are tthinking of you and praying for you constantly.

Morris Ricketts - January 30, 2010 at 02:48 PM

RA

“ Don interviewed me for my job here at Opryland and it was the Best interview that I every had in the fifty years I've been working. He reconized my talent to be a floral designer and allowed me to that work. He was a good friend and will be missed by all.

Robert Alexander - January 30, 2010 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ Don will be Greatly missed by many he was a truly passionate individual. Don helped me get my intership here at Opryland, i've been here 10 years now. I was blessed to be able to work with him while he was here.

Jonathan Bell - January 30, 2010 at 09:58 AM

MF

“ lisa i am so sorry for your loss you may not remember me we worked together years ago at a place called admiral binder mary

mary foster - January 29, 2010 at 08:10 PM

KM

“ You all have never met me, but Don helped me so much this past year. My infant daughter Morgan was in Vanderbilt from October 20 until December 2. Morgan was awaiting a heart transplant. She was placed on ECMO on November 4. It was then that my family came to know Don. He was always there for me to talk to when Morgan was having a not so good day, and he helped me to stay strong in my faith. Morgan passed on December 2, 2009 at 5 months old. It comforts me to know that know Don can continue taking care of my angel. I only knew him for a short time, but he definitely had a huge impact on my life.

Kelly Mayo - January 29, 2010 at 07:08 PM

RV

Thank you Kelly Mayo for sharing such a personal story. You have blessed me and I will never forget. It is priceless, thank you!

Ronald Voorhees - June 27, 2021 at 12:14 AM

VA

“ I am so sorry to hear about Don. We worked together for seven years at Opryland. He will certainly be missed by all that knew him. Know that my prayers will be with your family during this difficult time.

Vickie Atkins - January 29, 2010 at 06:22 PM

GM

“ Don interviewed me and helped me get my job in the horticulture department at Optyland Hotel. I am still there and I will always be grateful to him for that. He will be greatly missed by many.

Guy Milazzo - January 29, 2010 at 03:25 PM

TH

“ You guys have meant so much to be. You guys touched my life years ago in a way that I've always kept with me throughout my life. My prayers are with you and your family. I love you.

Trina (D'Ovidio) Henderson - January 29, 2010 at 09:41 AM

KS

“ I enjoyed working with Don at Opryland. I am very sorry for your loss. May you find comfort and peace in the arms of Jesus our Lord.

Kathy Saine - January 29, 2010 at 08:59 AM

BW

“ Each of you are in my thoughts and prayers. Brenda

Brenda Walker - January 29, 2010 at 12:05 AM