

Donald Dumais

May 30, 1961 - September 8, 2012

Donald O. Dumais, 51 of Hudson, died Saturday September 8, 2012 at Southern NH Medical Center following a brief illness.

He was born May 30, 1961 in Nashua, son of the late Roger and Therese (Bernatchez) Dumais.

Donald was an artist who loved classic cars, solving crossword puzzles, and operating radio controlled planes, cars, and boats.

Following an accident at age 19 which left him paralyzed, Donald persevered through 32 years of life's challenges and blessings.

The family would like to thank all the many care givers, especially Cindy St. Laurent, for all the wonderful care they provided throughout the years.

His loving family includes his wife, Kathleen Dumais of Hudson, two sons Donald Dumais and his wife Jessica of Manchester, Jason Dumais and his wife Rachel of Hudson, a granddaughter Madison Dumais of Hudson, a sister Annette Dubois and her husband Joel of Litchfield, five brothers Gerry Dumais and his wife Cathy, Paul Dumais and his wife Angela, Denis Dumais and his wife Lucy, Richard Dumais and his wife Kellie all of Hudson, and Robert Dumais of Nashua. As well as many dear nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Donald is now in Heaven and on his feet dancing with his mother.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Saturday September 15th at 11am in Blessed John XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church, 27 Library St., in Hudson. ALL MAY MEET AT CHURCH. Burial will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family strongly encourages donations be made in Donald's loving memory to Care Ride, Attention Rena, 609 Willard St., Leominster, MA 01453.

Previous Events

Service

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Blessed John the XXIII Parish at St. John the Evangelist Church
27 Library St.
Hudson, NH

Tribute Wall



“ Donald Dumais

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ Donald Dumais

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ Donald.. It is almost 30 days... I miss you every minute of the day.. I love you forever...

Kathleen Dumais - October 04, 2012 at 10:46 PM



I Love You Donald... Every Day I feel Pain... I miss you so much!

Kathleen Dumais - October 23, 2012 at 09:06 PM



Now it is over 60 days since you left us... You are the love of my life... Saying I miss you is such a waste of words... you are my life .. it is so hard to make it through a day without you.. I know you are no longer in pain.but.. I need you...

Kathleen - November 13, 2012 at 08:37 PM



I Love You Forever... I hope you can see and feel my love... Every day of my life I will love you... I will see you again... Please give me strength

Kathleen - November 20, 2012 at 07:45 PM

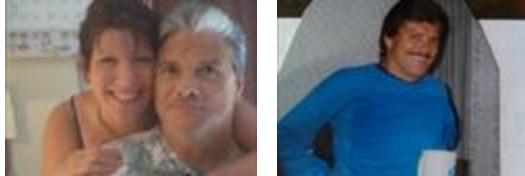
KA

Now it is almost 5 months and you are gone... I hate waking up in the morning knowing you are not here with me

Kathleen - January 30, 2013 at 09:56 PM

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sue nelson - September 23, 2012 at 07:42 PM

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sue nelson - September 23, 2012 at 06:44 PM

AD

“ DONALD CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE.. YOU AND MOM MUST BE SO HAPPY TOGETHER. SHE ALWAYS WAS SO WORRIED FOR YOU. I'M SURE SHE HAD A SPECIAL PLACE RESERVED FOR YOU TO LIFT YOU FROM PAIN AND PUT YOUR TRED BODY TO REST AS BOTH OF YOU SUFFERED ENORMOUSLY. YOU BOTH CAN NOW REST IN PEACE. IT BROKE OUR HEARTS TO LET YOU GO GOD ONLY TAKES THE BEST . ONE DAY WE'LL SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN . AS YOU ALWAYS SAID "NOT BYE, LATER". LOVE TO BOTH OF YOU. TAKE CARE OF MA AS I'M SURE SHE WILL OF YOU. LOVE YOUR SISTER ANNETTE

ANNETTE DUBOIS - September 21, 2012 at 10:09 AM

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“ My uncle used to invite me over his house to go race his remote controlled cars. I used to look at my mom Amy and ask if we could go over. Unfortunately sometimes we had plans but otherwise she would usually let me go over. Now that he is gone when I think of him it brings tears to my eyes. Not a day will go by without me thinking of him. Ill miss you Uncle Donald tell great memere I said hello.

Dylan Dubois [Nephew] - September 21, 2012 at 10:08 AM

EB

“ I'm a co-worker of Don Jr. at Dyn. Been thinking of the family this week a lot, holding you all up high in my heart.

Erik Bertrand - September 21, 2012 at 10:08 AM

DB

“ *The services and eulogies today were great, and so fitting for Don.*

Oh Donny Boy, Oh Donny Boy, we love you so!

Dave Buhlman - September 21, 2012 at 10:07 AM

JH

“ *I had the pleasure of meeting Donald recently and though I didn't know him long, I feel truly blessed to have known him at all. He was an amazing man. You will be missed, my friend.*

Jess Hall - September 21, 2012 at 10:04 AM

RB

“ *Nous voulions vous dire nos plus sincères condoléances.*

Nous pensons beaucoup à vous.

Rita Bernatchez

Jeanne Bernatchez

Yvonne Bernatchez

Lucienne Bernatchez

Rita Bernatchez - September 21, 2012 at 10:03 AM



“ Donald,

I am soooo missing you already sooo much! I know you are reading this and smiling while I write it! It was so hard for me not to come take care of you last night. You meant as much to me as my immediate family meant to me. I know you would say hey to this (because you felt old when I said it) but you were like a Dad too me! I remember all the days I left your house and said bye and your response was "not bye later" because bye is forever. I am so sad that I was not able to say goodbye to you but am so happy you do not have to suffer anymore! Donald was such a great person to be around, so great I would even go hang out with him and help him on my days off. Donald always made me smile and always knew the right things to say. Donald knew how special he was to all the people that knew him for sure! I know he is so happy to be with his Mom and dogs and he will be waiting for all of us so patiently. I will miss your hugs so much Donald and I love you and cannot wait to talk to you again! I send my deepest sympathy to your whole family!##imported-begin##Carrie DeRosa##imported-end##

September 13, 2012 at 07:42 AM



“ Dear Dumais Families;

Our sincere sympathy on the passing away of Donald. May he rest in our Lord's heavenly kingdom where there is no pain, suffering nor sorrow but life everlasting. May his memory forever be eternal and may our Lord grant you peace, consolation and love.

With heartfelt and deepest sympathy always;

Very Sincerely;

Maria and John Economou

Hudson NH###imported-begin###Maria Economou###imported-end##

September 13, 2012 at 12:16 AM



“ *My father was the most amazing person I have ever known. He has made me into the man that I am today and I am the proudest son anyone could imagine. He has provided my brother and I with the love, support, and advice that carries us through every day of our lives.*

Dad you have always been an inspiration to Jason and I. When presented with life's challenges I only need to think of you and how blessed I am and how insignificant my worries are compared to the challenges you faced every day. I have always looked up to you and will always love you. You will be missed dearly. I know you are in heaven now with Mémère watching over us.###imported-begin###Don Dumais (JR)###imported-end##

September 12, 2012 at 09:29 PM



“ We would like to offer our most sincere condolences.

Our thoughts are with you.

Your cousin.

Sonia Labrecque/Jean Gaumond

Maude et Dave##imported-begin##Sonia Labrecque et Jean Gaumond##imported-end##

September 12, 2012 at 08:17 PM



“ Don Dumais was the bravest person I ever knew. He handled his condition with a humor and acceptance that was a power of example for me. In our many rides to appointments in Care Ride vans, Don kept me laughing and thinking. He recognized and assessed every sound made by the van and by passing vehicles. Truly a great man, and a fine artist. I shall never forget him, and hope and pray to join him one day in Paradise.##imported-begin##Dave Buhlman##imported-end##

September 12, 2012 at 07:34 PM



“ Il est impossible d'être présent, mais notre pensée est avec vous tous.

Nos sincères condoléances.

Tante Alice et Oncle Raynald Labrecque##imported-begin##Raynald et Alice Labrecque##imported-end##

September 12, 2012 at 06:49 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to your family.
I had the pleasure to know Donald as he was a patient where I worked.
The first time I met Donald I held the door open for him to pass through, he proceeded to tell me to go ahead and that he would hold the door for me ! Well I said 'Merci' to him and he immediatley stopped, turned and began to talk French with me. At each visit we would talk French, he loved to tell stories of his family whom he was very proud of.
I have not worked there in a number of years and was saddened to hear of his passing.
God Bless him and his entire family.##imported-begin##Lynda Robinson##imported-end##*

September 12, 2012 at 09:54 AM



“ *Donald, thank you for being such a great friend. You brought so many people together and are responsible for so many life long friendships. The times I hold so dear to my heart are the times we all (and you know who you are) spent together everyday at your moms house. We all shared many years of great lasting memories together. As we grew older, life brought us all our separate ways and the time we spent together suffered severely, but on the times we do get together we can pick up right we left off. Signs of true friendship.
To The Dumais family - please accept our deepest sympathies in this time of lose. Please know that we are here to help and support you with anything you may need.##imported-begin##Jeff & Donna Stone##imported-end##*

September 11, 2012 at 08:38 PM



“ I am so saddened to read of Don's passing. My sympathies to all those that he has temporarily left behind.
I visited with him about 7 years ago at his home - and sadly, I had not been in touch with him. I will remember him fondly and with a smile!
Keep a watchful eye on all of us, Don.
Micki Chagnon Casaey###imported-begin###Micki Chagnon Casey###imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 03:50 PM



“ Donald- My Dearest brother. My heart always ached for the suffering bestowed on you. You were genuine and you smile showed it. You will live in my heart forever. Love you, Tell mom I said I love her too. Miss you both.###imported-begin###Robert Dumais###imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 03:33 PM



“ I was so saddened when my brother Dave Buhlman told me of Don's passing. I didn't know Don only what Dave would tell me in our nightly conversations. What I learned always made me feel that any complaints that I thought I had were so minor in comparison to what this poor soul must have been going through; the trips into Boston for the Doctor's appointments and never never complaining about anything. Daily living with his hardships. I know that I have been and will continue to do is to pray for the repose of his soul and he is with his creator...Amen!!!!
Maryellen Buhlman
Cumberland, Rhode Island###imported-begin###Maryellen Buhlman###imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 11:29 AM



“ Donald was my very first customer back in 1996! I was the only driver for Care Ride then, and he was excited that I was starting a wheelchair van business. He encouraged me often and used the service over and over through the years and we became good friends. All these years later, with me now working only in the office, Don would still call me just to see how things were going. We could laugh and talk for hours. Don had a love for people, and he was always outward focused. There were times when he encouraged me when I thought it was my opportunity to encourage him. He always left the conversation with a nice statement of some kind. I can hear those words even now. It is hard to grasp that I can't talk to him anymore. His family and friends will not be the same without him, Care Ride will not be the same without him....my drivers already miss him.....the world will not be the same without him.... thankfully we all have that hope of being reunited one day!##imported-begin##Rena Romero##imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 10:58 AM



“ To the whole Dumais family, which is a lot of people not just the immediate family but all the friends that you have created and formed over the years. You all have touched so many lives. Donald my friend you will be missed you were so strong in so many ways, I thank you for allowing me to have gotten to know you. Little Neil thanks you so much for always including me and making me feel like family. Donald you will be missed. My sympathy goes to the whole Dumais family and extended family, we have lost a great person.##imported-begin##Neil Stone##imported-end##

September 11, 2012 at 10:30 AM



“ We never got to know you well enough, but my brother Joel would always talk about you and how he cared for you a hold lot. and he will miss you. Our sympathy to all of you and our prayers are with you. And with all our love Francois & Vina Lacroix Joel Dubois' sister###imported-begin##FRANCOIS & Vina Lacroix###imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 11:47 PM



“ Donald always had that amazing smile, you never knew what he was up to. He never complained about anything. He touched so many of us. I will miss him saying LATER, when we ended our phone conversations. He will be truly missed. Love ya Donald!###imported-begin##Rhonda Holbrook###imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 07:43 PM



“ My dear friend, may you rest at peace. I and many other will miss your wonderful smile. You will be greatly missed. Love, Justine###imported-begin##Justine Rodgers###imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 02:21 PM



“ Gonna miss my best friend. Love you Donald!###imported-begin##Adam Demmons###imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 11:57 AM



“ Jason and Rachel: You have my deepest sympathies for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.##imported-begin##Roger E. Coutu##imported-end##

September 10, 2012 at 08:07 AM



“ You will be missed Big Donald.##imported-begin##Amber Rae Pombrio##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 11:07 PM



“ I will miss you calling Kathleen at work and you having her tell me what you are saying. So many times you made my day by what would come out of your mouth!
For the past 32 years you have touched so many peoples lives and made a difference. You will be truly missed by everyone. I will watch over Kathleen for you and you can watch over all of us from heaven.

I will miss you Donald,

Love, Paula##imported-begin##Paula Gele'##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 10:10 PM



“ Donald was one of my dearest friends, he made me realize no matter how bad something may seem, there is always a reason to smile, no matter all the challenges he faced, he always made those that interacted with him feel comfortable, he was one of those people that could put a smile on anyones face, I will miss him more than words can say, I will take comfort in knowing that he is now doing all the things that he told me he would when he got to heaven, including dancing with his mother and playing with Princess and Jake! Keep them smiling up there my dear friend.##imported-begin##Sue Nelson##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 08:40 PM



“ I'm sorry to learn of your loss Jason, Rachel and all the Dumais family. You are in my thoughts.##imported-begin##Dusty Cronin##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 08:40 PM



“ Uncle Donald was a kind man who worn his heart on his sleeve. I will always remember the good times my cousins, brother and I would have at his house. Also the times where he would pick up all us kids in his van and bring us to the mall to spend our Christmas money. I will miss greatly how he always would make everyone laugh so hard they would cry. I love you Uncle Donald and will miss you so much! I know now you are not in any more pain and are smiling down upon us right now.##imported-begin##Amymarie Dubois##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 08:18 PM



“ we are sorry for your loss and we give our deepest sympathy to the Dumais family.

Donald was a great man and friend and as I remembered Donald would always have a smile and always had a sense of humor!! We miss you Donald!! You will be missed buddy!!##imported-begin##Kenneth Taylor ##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 07:50 PM



“ Donald always said to me- when I am gone, please do not be sad- just remember that I am no longer in pain.

Losing Donald is the hardest thing I have ever gone through and now I do not know how I will carry on but, I will be strong - as he was the strongest person I will ever know.##imported-begin##Kathleen Dumais##imported-end##

September 09, 2012 at 06:39 PM