



Donald Stryker, Sr.

June 29, 1947 - September 30, 2025

Donald W. Stryker, Sr., 78, of Hudson, NH, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at the Community Hospice House in Merrimack, NH, surrounded by his loving family.

Born in San Jose, CA, on June 29, 1947, Don was the son of the late LeRoy and Minnie (Mason) Stryker.

Don was in the Navy from July 1965 to July 1969. He attended Radioman Class "A" school and was assigned to the USS Coral Sea. Later he served on the USS Forrestal for the remainder of his time in the service.

Don was a dedicated contracts administrator at BAE Systems for many years before retiring. Earlier in his career, he worked at Wang Laboratories and Lexington Press. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Lowell, graduating Magna Cum Laude, an achievement of which he was very proud.

Don had a zest for life and a love for watching NFL football. He enjoyed playing pool, savoring a good whiskey sour and cigar, and watching sports of all kinds. A lifelong fan of 60s and 70s music, he shared a love of dancing with his beloved wife, Gloria, whom he met at a dance club during the disco days of 1977. They enjoyed many memorable cruises and trips throughout their life

together.

Don was predeceased by his loving wife, Gloria Banks Stryker, in 2021; his step-son, Michael Flaherty; his grandson, Christopher Flaherty; and his brothers: Robert Stryker (and his wife Carolyn), Sonny Stryker (survived by wife Chelsea), and Kenneth Stryker (survived by wife Ann).

He is survived by his two sons: Donald Stryker Jr. and his wife Dawn of Tyngsboro, MA, and Steven Stryker of Lowell, MA. He is also survived by six step-children: Donna Flaherty of Natick, MA, John Flaherty and his wife Teresa of Raymond, NH, Sharon Flaherty and her husband Bernard Lynch of Plymouth, MA, Craig Flaherty of Clinton, MA, Steven Flaherty and his wife Traci of Hudson, NH, and Valerie Flaherty of Clermont, FL.

Don was a proud grandfather to 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

All services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations in Don's memory to Home Health & Hospice Care, Attention: Community Hospice House, by visiting www.hhhc.org.

He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew and loved him.