



## Donald Gene Hughes

January 14, 1938 - March 28, 2023

Mr. Donald "Donny" Gene Hughes 85, of Sharpsburg GA. Formerly of Naples Florida, Danville and Chesterfield VA. Was received by the Lord on Tuesday March 28th, 2023, with daughters by his bedside.

Don was born January 14, 1938, in Glencoe Ohio to the late Antoinette Depaoli and Murel Fredrick "Cobb" Hughes. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brother Albert Hughes and sister Arlene Yoblonski.

Don was a graduate of St Clairsville High school and was an exceptional athlete that he played and received a full football scholarship to Montana State and then to Mississippi State (where he preferred the warmer weather). Don always returned home to attend the family's general store and gas station, and where he joined and became a Freemason and developed his business acumen. Don retired from Royal Crown Cola and enjoyed his Cleveland Browns/Indians, Atlanta Braves and Ohio State teams. Don had the uncanny ability to quote coaches, players and team statistics, any verification needed it was " go ask Don"; he was able to forge many lifelong friendships through his ability for small talk of sports and of his expansive travel through Ohio, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia during his beverage sales career. Don also created a tradition that meant so much to his family and close friends which was to call you on your birthday and sing "happy birthday" - those calls will be dearly missed. Don's strong faith life and love for God was

evident in his cheerful and selfless giving to everyone. Finally, those who knew Don understood he appreciated a great steak and a strong Margarita or Jack-n-Coke. This will now be an established tradition carried on by his daughters in which to remember and toast their dad - frequently.

Due to cremation no services will be held, and his daughters ask that any condolences can be expressed online at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com).

Survivors include former wife Nancy Farmer; daughters Denise (Warren) Grady of Powhatan VA, Kim (Ernest) Diaz of Sharpsburg GA, Dawn Hughes of Naples, FL.; Brother Harold Jeffers of Wallingford PA.; Grandchildren Ashley (Jared) Mangialetti, Nicolas, Julie, Victoria (Zach) Walker, Amanda and Marisa; Great- grandchildren, Aria, Autumn, and (soon to arrive) baby girl Walker; Best Friend Tommy Astin.

McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory 770-253-4580

# Cemetery Details

## **McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory**

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Newnan, GA 30263  
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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ Dad loved family visits and BINGO.



Kim Diaz - April 09, 2023 at 06:43 PM

KD

“ What a perfect card. Dads “song” was definitely unique, definitely memorable, and missed from my daily routine.



Kim Diaz - April 09, 2023 at 06:28 PM

DG

“ It’s hard to believe that you are gone, and we miss you so much!! We take comfort in knowing that you are in the presence of God, running around in heaven! I love very much, and I’ll miss you calling me next month to sing happy birthday to me!! Until we meet again, love Denise ❤️



Denise Grady - April 01, 2023 at 05:47 PM

JD

“ I was born and raised in Glencoe, Ohio and I remember Donny well. I can still see him sitting on the bench in front of the family's store. I always knew the store as "Hoddie's." I remember Donnie as pleasant and easy to talk to . My late brother Joe "Bo" knew him well and I think they were friends. I, myself knew the whole family well - especially Albert and Arlene. Albert and I were in the high school band at the same time. We all attended the Friday night dances at the American Legion. Their mother, Antoinette, was one of the chaperones. On behalf of the Kaplet family, I send our sincere condolences to all of Donny's family.



Joann "Peppy" Kaplet Duff  
Lancaster, Ohio

Joann Kaplet Duff - April 01, 2023 at 02:45 PM

MD

“ *I will always be his skeeter <3*



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**Marisa Diaz** - March 31, 2023 at 05:16 PM

LL

“ *My condolences to the entire Hughes, Grady, and Diaz family and friends. It's evident Mr. Hughes was a kind man. Although I never met him, I do know how beautiful and special Kim and her family are. May he rest in peace.*

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**Liz Lotter** - March 31, 2023 at 01:57 PM

KD

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Kim Diaz** - March 31, 2023 at 11:23 AM

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**Kim Diaz** - March 30, 2023 at 05:35 PM

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Kim Diaz - March 30, 2023 at 05:24 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Kim Diaz - March 30, 2023 at 05:19 PM

WM

*KNEW DONNY WELL WE USED TO SIT ON THE BENCH IN FRONT OF HODDYS AND PLAY BASKETBALL AT THE SCHOOL COURT BY HIS PARENTS HOUSE....GREAT TIMES BACK THEN A REAL TEDDY BEAR WITH A BIG HEART....RIP MOOSE.....*

**WILLARD T MARKS** - April 02, 2023 at 03:03 PM