



# Donald William Russell

April 2, 1949 - March 5, 2025

Donald William Russell, age 75, passed away on March 5, 2025.

Donald was born in Atlanta, GA to the late Dan Russell and Katherine Russell. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Yvonne Lynn Russell, on June 30, 2024.

Donald is survived by his sister, Darlene Wilson and her husband Peter Wilson, his son Ryan Russell, and his daughter Gina Parker and her husband Casey Parker. His grandchildren were Tristen Parker, Cameron Parker, Nathan Russell, Wesley Parker, Ethan Russell, and Lea Russell. His great grandchildren were Maverick Russell, Knox Parker, Jett Parker, Remington Russell and Dex Parker.

Donald was best known for his service in the US Army, 4th Infantry in the Vietnam War as a Sniper. He was a combat wounded veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He retired from Delta Airlines after 34 years. After retiring from Delta, he started a small landscaping and pool service. He also umpired high school and NCAA division 1 baseball as well as high school softball for around 37 years. A lot of the baseball players he umpired referred to him as "Harley Race," former professional wrestling world champion in the 1970's / 1980's because they all said he resembled him. In his free time, he enjoyed all his dogs over the years, watching Fox News and / or Jimmy Swaggart all hours of the day and night at high volumes due to his poor hearing, eating Chick Fil A, and being with his immediate family. He loved his cars, especially his Cadillac Coupe de Ville

In the end, he loved Jesus and looked forward to the day he could see his wife again.

Condolences to the family may be expressed at [www.mckoon.com](http://www.mckoon.com)

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ *Gina Parker lit a candle in memory of Donald William Russell*



**Gina Parker** - March 14 at 09:41 PM

GM

“ *Gary And Joyce Morrow lit a candle in memory of Donald William Russell*



**Gary and Joyce Morrow** - April 01, 2025 at 08:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald William Russell.*



March 28, 2025 at 04:07 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald William Russell.*

March 28, 2025 at 04:07 AM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**ethan russell** - March 20, 2025 at 09:17 PM

GP

“ *Gina Parker lit a candle in memory of Donald William Russell*



**Gina Parker** - March 20, 2025 at 12:28 AM

DN

“ *Don was one of the best men I've ever known . So many great memories.. I had the chance to play baseball for him as a kid . He was passionate and aggressive about his team ! We played hard because you just didn't want to let him down . So many memories. One in particular.. we were having a time either the home plate umpire, Him and Don were going at it. He called time and called me over and said “ next pitch Jamy is gonna throw a fastball “ when he does , you step right out of the way ! Sure enough DONK right on the forearm... the ump threw us both out of the game .. but not before Don finished going at em .. what a great guy I will always remember..... my heart is heavy and grateful he left behind a great family that I can share all the memories with . Rest in peace until we meet again. With sincere Love , DEAN NEAL*

**Dean Neal** - March 19, 2025 at 09:59 PM

NR

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



**Nathan Russell** - March 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM

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*They lived their grand and great grandbabies* ❤️

**Gina Parker** - March 19, 2025 at 08:43 PM

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**Gina Parker** - March 19, 2025 at 07:49 PM

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Gina Parker - March 19, 2025 at 07:26 PM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Parker - March 14, 2025 at 01:14 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Parker - March 14, 2025 at 01:05 AM

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*The photo with my dad in the chair and my mom in the bed is the last time they saw each other. Dad told her they were going to go to the beach when they got out of the hospital ❤️*

Gina Parker - March 14, 2025 at 01:07 AM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Parker - March 14, 2025 at 12:59 AM

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Gina Parker - March 11, 2025 at 02:14 PM

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“ 19 files added to the tribute wall



Gina Parker - March 11, 2025 at 02:12 PM