



## Mr. Donald Gillespie

March 31, 2016

Donald Jean Gillespie

Middletown/Pine Bush

Donald Jean Gillespie passed away with his family by his side at The Middletown Park Rehabilitation Center after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was 73 years old.

Born in Middletown, NY on September 20, 1943 Don was the second son to the late L. Crawford Gillespie and Julia Neusaenger Gillespie. Don lived in Pine Bush most of his life after graduating from Pine Bush H.S. in 1960. He joined the United States Army serving overseas in Germany from 1960-63.

He then worked at Champion Bag Co. until 1974 when he became a driver for UPS in New Windsor until his retirement in 2000. There he was a Shop Steward and a Union Delegate for many years.

Don also, found time to volunteer with the local Pine Bush Hook and Ladder Co. No.1 where he held offices including Chief in 1977-78 and President in 1981-82.

He was an avid DIRT Car racing fan. Racing was a hobby and love which he shared with his children and countless friends.

He is survived by his three children and their spouses, Quentin & Melissa Gillespie of Middletown , NY, Kevin & Crystal Gillespie of Port Jervis, NY, and Valerie & Jehremie Woods of Fountain, FL.

He is also survived by his sister & brother in law Lois & Joe Grossi of Pine Bush, NY, Niece & God Daughter Judy Parsells & her husband Jeff of Pine Bush, NY, Nephew Joseph Grossi & his wife Kira of Montgomery, NY, and his Aunt Mary Neusaenger of Pine Bush, NY

Great Nephew Bryan Yannantuono of Maryland, Great Niece Crystal Parsells, and Great Nephew John Parsells of Pine Bush, NY

Donald is also survived by the Mother of his three children, Judith Tipton formerly Judith Gillespie of Panama City Beach, FL

Don was a hero in life, as well as in death. He donated his body to the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in hopes that his journey may contribute to research in the findings of a cure for cancer, and to help others in their fight for life.

There will be a Celebration of Don's life on Wednesday, April 6th from 6pm-9pm at the Pine Bush Fire Dept. Social Hall, 2405 Route 52, Pine Bush, NY, 12566. There will be a Final Call performed and a brief ceremony at 7:30pm.

The Gillespie Family would like to convey their utmost thanks and appreciation to the Doctors, Nurses and staff at the Middletown Park Rehabilitation Center in Middletown, Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown and Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx for their dedicated care and

compassion.

In lieu of flowers please make any donations to Pine Bush Fire Department, Operation Family fund, or The Gateway for Cancer Research in Honor of Donald J. Gillespie

# Tribute Wall

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