



Colonel Retired Donne D Viau

July 25, 1938 - February 26, 2019

Fort Mill, SC.....Colonel Retired Donne D. Viau

Donne Duncan Viau age 80, died Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

Born in Detroit, MI, he was a son of the late Emmanuel and Rose Duncan Viau. Mr. Viau proudly served his country as a Colonel for 29 years in the U.S. Air Force navigating on many planes primarily on the C130, retiring at the Selfridge Air Force base. He was a graduate of Michigan State and grew up in Ferndale, MI. Donne was an avid hunter, fisherman, reader, golfer and had a hole in one. He loved history and traveled the world enjoying good food and excellent memories. He enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, his Tuesday bible study group and starting every day with his friends "The Gang". Donne was preceded in death by his infant son, Stacey Viau.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Shirley Ann Viau; sons, Donne D. Viau Jr. of IL and David Rossman of PA; a daughter, Maris Humbert of OH; grandchildren, Vivien and Martin Viau both of IL; Shirley Ann's sister, Phyllis Liscum of MI a daughter in law, Gerry Viau of IL; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and godchildren.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel with Reverend Jeff Dunn officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Christ United Methodist Church Building Fund, 2901 Fantasy Way Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 or Philadelphia

Methodist Church Fort Mill Building Fund, 1691 Hwy. 160 W. Fort Mill, SC
29708.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

LL

“*Donne was my Dad Ernie Kemp's cousin, I remember him when I was a child, he would come home to visit Aunt Rose and Uncle Speed on Marshall in Ferndale, Michigan. My Dad lived with them when he moved from Belleville, Ontario in the 50's. I remember Donne had the first Jaguar I ever saw. He was a handsome young man, looking back, he reminded me of a young Elvis. A pretty cool guy! After Aunt Rose passed, we lost touch. It sounds like he had a wonderful life filled with family, friends, love and laughter. Hugs to the family. RIP Donne.*

Lori Lewis, Ft. Myers, Florida

Lori Lewis - May 23, 2020 at 02:22 PM

DC

“*Thank You for your Service!*

Darren Cook - March 26, 2019 at 08:11 PM

RS

“*Donne was one of the best at his trade. His leadership in difficult times was invaluable. He was a large part of the heart and sole of the Group. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.*

Dick Sipp

Richard Sipp - March 15, 2019 at 03:01 PM

DR

My sister (Maris) and I, always referred to him as "Flying Dad", for good reason,,,

David Rossman - September 22, 2020 at 02:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Colonel Retired Donne D Viau .



March 04, 2019 at 02:32 PM



“ *America the Beautiful* was purchased for the family of Colonel Retired Donne D Viau .



March 03, 2019 at 01:31 PM



“ *Chuck and I only knew you a short time, but the pleasure was all ours. We were both in the Air Force, and I was stationed at Selfridge AFB . We had good talks and a lot of laughter. We will miss you.*

Chuck and Missy S. MB

Chuck & Missy Smajstrla - March 02, 2019 at 08:09 PM



“ *Donne, you were larger than life. It was a pleasure to know and work with you. I was the Pilot on many flights with Donne and always could count on his wisdom and experience. You are now part of the poem High Flight.*

L/col John DiSalvo

John DiSalvo - March 02, 2019 at 04:58 PM

MJ

“ God Rest your Soul Colonel. I flew in the 63rd as a young Lieutenant with the Colonel. Donne was an extraordinary mentor. You had to earn his trust and respect, and he had your back. RIP Donne. M. Johnson, 63rd TAS, Maj. USAFR Retired

Mark J - March 01, 2019 at 08:39 PM

GS

“ Donne was a fine friend and terrific navigator. He welcomed me into the 63rd TAS at Selfridge ANG base with open arms. It was a pleasure to fly with him and work for him. The good Lord is getting an expert to navigate the skies in heaven. G Shannon, Lt Col USAF Retired

George Shannon - March 01, 2019 at 08:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Colonel Retired Donne D Viau .



March 01, 2019 at 12:56 PM

RF

“ We had many friends and neighbor parties at our home. Donne was the story teller. His experiences as a pilot in the Air Force and his world travels gave to so many memories and so many wonderful stories. He and Shirley were our across the cul de sac neighbors for almost 20 years. We couldnt have asked for more fun and loving neighbors. Randy and Jackie Foster.

Randy and Jackie Foster - February 28, 2019 at 08:18 AM

KC

“ So thankful to have had Don and Shirley come into Joe's and my life. Playing cards ,going to dinner,and having at our parties with them was always fun. We learned a lot from Don's wisdom and knowledge. Thank you for your service and RIP. Love Kathy

kathy cardillo - February 27, 2019 at 06:22 PM

GV

“ He treated me like a daughter and I loved him for it. More importantly, he showered my children with his love and attention. They will forever have his wisdom and guidance from above. Don was a true Patriot and loved this country. God Bless You - we will never have a day without thinking of you.
Gerry Viau

GERALDINE VIAU - February 27, 2019 at 02:03 PM

CP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time and he will surely be missed. Ben and Carol Parke

Carol Parke - February 27, 2019 at 02:00 PM