



Donald Lacy

June 21, 1937 - September 25, 2011

Donald Lester Lacy

Donald Lester Lacy, age 74, a resident of Pawley's Island, passed away on September 25th, 2011.

Mr. Lacy is survived by Patricia Hart Jennelle Lacy, his wife of 47 years, his daughters Deborah Ann Lacy and Beverly Jeanne Lacy, Beverly's husband Todd Dorman, his grandsons Daniel Townsend Dorman and William Lacy Dorman, and his sisters Mary Ann Lacy Hood, and Susan Lacy Moore.

Mr. Lacy's career spanned more than forty years in engineering management positions with Western Digital, Digital Equipment, and Rockwell International. He led development of logic simulation and design, software, and automation projects during the pioneering years of the computing industry. Mr. Lacy also taught computer science at universities and community colleges, including Horry Georgetown Technical College. He was a member of the International Electronic and Electrical Engineers (IEEE).

An active member of the local community, Mr. Lacy belonged to the Pawleys Island Concert Band, marking the July 4th and Christmas shows as highlights of every year. Mr. Lacy served on the board of directors at the All Souls Waccamaw Unitarian Universalist Church, including serving as president of

the congregation. Under Mr. Lacy's leadership, the church grew membership and began charitable outreach throughout the region. Mr. Lacy was also active in the Winyah Rivers Foundation and the Sierra Club.

The Lacys lived in Orange County, California for nearly forty years, where Mr. Lacy and his wife, Patricia, raised their family.

Mr. Lacy earned Bachelors of Science and a Masters of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, and a Masters of Computer and Communications Science at the University of Michigan.

While at the University of Illinois, Mr. Lacy played clarinet with the Marching Illini Band. It was a passion he continued all his life, frequently returning to march with band alumni during the annual homecoming halftime show. The Marching Illini dedicated their 101st homecoming halftime show to him on September 30, 2011.

Other interests included building model train sets and scenes, Disney memorabilia, and a voracious appetite for science and history.

He was born on June 21, 1937, in Newark, New Jersey, to Lester Yenawine and Luella Shively Covalt Lacy. His father was a part of the team that created the sound spectrograph. In 1951, the family returned to their farming roots in Kansas, Illinois. Mr. Lacy graduated from Kansas High School.

Mr. Lacy believed in the dignity and worth of every individual.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Mr. Lacy's name to the University of Illinois Marching Illini Instrument Fund. Please send memorials to: Attention: Rebekka Kaupat, University of Illinois Bands, 1103 South Sixth

Street, Champaign, IL 61820. Please note that the gift is to be used for the Marching Illini Instrument Fund in Donald Lacy's honor.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Through the miracles of the internet, I had the brief pleasure of touching base with Don again after many, many years following our education at the University of Illinois. Not as good as living next door, but a great joy to have been able to exchange observations. My sympathies to his family.

William H. Kirchhoff U. of I. '58 - October 12, 2011 at 07:54 PM

AG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Pat and family
Arlie Gough Family

Arlie Gough - October 09, 2011 at 09:55 AM

FK

“ Our sincere sympathy to Pat and her family.

Mary and Michael Kelly, Surfwatch 111

F. Michael and Mary J Kelly - October 08, 2011 at 05:49 PM

MC

“ Our deepest sympathy to Pat and all the family. We certainly enjoyed his Holiday displays. They were great.

Mary and Albert Clark

Mary and Albert L. Clark - October 08, 2011 at 12:40 PM

NL

“ Don taught me how to be a manager. His enthusiasm for work and warmth expressed in teamwork have been great life lessons for me. Don made a meaningful positive improvement to my life.

Neal Linson - October 08, 2011 at 10:17 AM

BH

“ Holding up the "Y" in "YMCA"

Bonnie Hawk - October 07, 2011 at 08:08 PM