



Adonis "Don" Christopher

October 14, 1947 - February 3, 2014

Adonis "Don" Christopher, age 66, passed away peacefully at his home in Ponchatoula LA, on Monday, February 3, 2014. Don was a former USDA APHIS PPQ Grain Inspector, Specialist Officer, Port Identifier, Entomologist, instructor and Lab Director for the Port of New Orleans. He was a native of Boston MA and a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church of Baton Rouge and St. Catherine Eastern Orthodox Church of Hagerstown, MD. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved bird watching, gardening, and especially hiking.

Don leaves behind his beloved wife, Linda Hawkins Christopher; daughter, Laura Christopher Dillon and husband Jeremy; son, Christopher Patrick Christopher and wife Michelle; grandchildren, Angelle Rapp, Alexis Dillon, and Sophia Christopher. He is also survived by his sister, Maria Maddox and husband Jon; sisters-in-law, Janice Zollinger and Gloria Conrad and husband Don, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Don in death were his parents, Christopher Spiro Christopher and Sevasmia Athenakis Christopher.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation from the chapel of Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home in Ponchatoula on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial

will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral in New Orleans. The mass will be celebrated by Father Anthony Monteleone and interment will follow in Carter Cemetery in Springfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made, in memory of Adonis Christopher, to Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church: PO Box 82483 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884.

Condolences and other information are available online at www.thompsoncares.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home - Ponchatoula, LA
1190 Highway 51
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
(985) 370-9296

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral
1200 Robert E. Lee Boulevard
New Orleans, LA 70122
<http://www.holytrinitycathedral.org>

Tribute Wall

RC

“ *Don I don't understand where the years have gone seems like only yesterday you and I were fishing down in Jacksonville that yesterday was 35 years ago and of course having a few drinks with the wives Linda and Reg on Coolidge St Sherborn and now its been 3 years sinse your passing and I think of you often miss you buddy Robby*

Robert Carter - February 04, 2017 at 03:19 PM

RC

“ *Hay Don its been one year tomorrow since your passing I drive by your family home//sherborn/// several times a day the memories will never stop and good memories they are //think of you and miss you everyday your buddy Robby*

Robert Carter - February 02, 2015 at 02:31 PM

RC

“ *I could share some memories most are not printable here are afew that are. Cockfights in varrichionis cellar on parks drive, in attendance just to name a few,don myself Kenny lane Kenny Andersen bob murphy bruce mcdougale ,and of course glen, joe and mark,, talk about memories farm pond at midnite sailing the lake drunk as hell.Pitching pennies in shop til mr Marlborough caught us .Double dateing the Hopkinton girls.yes we have memories.Iwas fortunate to visit with don and lindai in October last in Maryland and again in January at his home in Louisiana shortly before his passing He was a trooper til the end ,and I shall miss him every day carry on Don Robby*

robert carter - February 16, 2014 at 09:28 AM

PA

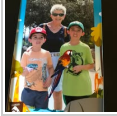
“ I was very sorry to hear this news. I worked with Don at the PDC, and first met him when he was on one of his almost daily walks around noon. It seemed like he was always smiling, and it made me want to join him on his walk. He was very easy to talk to, and I remember a lunch break when we drove to a feed mill to look for insects in the litter. It was great to have another entomologist nearby who enjoyed doing those sorts of things!

Pat - February 11, 2014 at 12:02 PM

LC

Thank you for your kind words. Don loved entomology. We miss him so much.

Linda Christopher - February 12, 2014 at 12:20 PM



Donny was my next door neighbor in Sherborn for almost 12 years. I think he was maybe 10 or 12 when his family moved next door to mine, and when I learned that his name was Adonis, I thought that he had been very aptly named. (smile): He was very handsome, and I see from the later photo you have posted that he stayed that way. Unfortunately his parents and mine did not get along, and my brother and I were given strict instructions not to talk to Donny or Maria. (My parents thought that he and his friends egged our house one Halloween when we were all away.) My brother Forrest and I did talk with Donny every once in a while when no-one was looking, and I found him to be gentle and kind. One time he took us up to the Boy Scout Camp which was miles into the woods, and we ran like hell to get back in time for the "Come Home Now whistle" that my brother and I would listen for as it got dark. (Donny knew about the whistle and assured us we would be home in time, and we were.) When I graduated high school in 1968 I left Sherborn and did not see Donny again, until one night in the 70's. My husband, son mother and myself were dining in Hyannis one night, and there was Donny on the other side of the room. When he saw us he came over right away, and chatted for a bit. Last weekend when I reminded my mother of that night, she recalled it, and we both agreed that Don had impeccable manners. I did not see him again, but did reconnect briefly on Classmates.com. a couple of years ago or so. I will remember him because I liked him, he was soft spoken, always smiled, was kind...and hey, some people you just LIKE. I hope he did not suffer at the end of his life and I am certain that he is watching over all of you with much love and joy! I pray for him, and for his family and I am sad for your loss!

Tracy Daniels Collins

Tracy Daniels Collins - February 13, 2014 at 11:02 PM

CD

“ *I was sadden to read of Don's passing, I worked with him at the USDA PDC in Frederick. I remember him as a quite and very kind man. My deepest condolences to his family and loved ones. May God bless you and keep you in his care, now and in the days to come.*

Chris (Diamond) VanMetre

Christina Diamond-VanMetre - February 10, 2014 at 10:02 AM

KW

“ I have met Mr. Don a few times in the last year, he was a very kind man. My prayers go out to the family.

Karen Wimbish - February 10, 2014 at 09:54 AM

RV

“ I had the pleasure of working with Don at PDC as a peer and later as supervisor. Great guy. I will miss him and his very distinctive voice. Love, Ricardo.

Ricardo Valdez - February 10, 2014 at 07:43 AM

TC

“ So sorry to learn of this. A born teacher and compassionate professional. Extremely helpful to me during my tdy s as a guest Entomology Instructor at PDC. He will be missed greatly.

Thomas Cullen - February 09, 2014 at 07:26 AM

GK

“ To Don's family and friends--Don's office was next to mine at the Professional Development Center in Frederick, MD. I remember him as a kind, gentle person and wish to express my sympathy to all of you. Gwynn Kersh

Gwynn Kersh - February 07, 2014 at 11:13 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Adonis "Don" Christopher.



February 07, 2014 at 10:06 AM

JR

“ I met Don while working in NOLA as an USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer. He was the Port Entomologist. We shared many work hours, lunches and after hours gatherings with our coworkers. He was a great human being; he loved his work and most of all, he loved his family. We shared many experiences while spending long hours in the laboratory. I keep in my heart good memories of our friendship and the good advices he gave me.

May God receive him and give strength to his loving family. I trust in God that one day we will be reunited, as we are just passing by on earth. Our home is in heaven next to our Father.

My deepest condolences to the family and friends.

Jeanette (Jeannie) Rivera de Mejia,
USDA, APHIS, PPQ, SITC Officer
Jacksonville, FL

Jeanette Rivera - February 07, 2014 at 08:41 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Adonis "Don" Christopher.



February 06, 2014 at 12:57 PM

CA

“ To Linda and Family - Lean on each other to help you through this most difficult time. Don, a husband, a father, a friend - may he be at peace with God.

Vechnaya Pamiat - Memory Eternal

Father Zachariah and Carol

Carol - February 06, 2014 at 06:50 AM

JP

Linda,

May the concern and sympathy of those who care help you through this difficult time. My wife and I recall meeting you and Don at Ollie's here in Hagerstown! Don was a real gentleman and wonderful colleague. He lectured me on the various Orthodox Churches here in the region and corrected some misconceptions I held. He was one fine instructor, naturalist, and instructor.

With heartfelt condolences,

Paz and John Patrterson

JP and Paz Patterson - February 08, 2014 at 06:33 AM

KC

Linda and Family,

Heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow. I worked with Don at the Professional Development Center. He was a wonderful and kind person. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

Kitty Channell

Kitty Channell - March 10, 2014 at 02:18 PM