



## Donald G. Chesebro

January 22, 2013

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Donald G. Chesebro, 73, of Hiawassee, GA, passed away Jan. 10, 2013, following a brief illness.

He is survived by Ruthanne, his soulmate and wife of 30 years. Don is also survived by two daughters, Robin Rielly and husband, Chris, granddaughter, Kate, Colchester, VT; Rebecca Nalevanko and husband, John, Canton, MI; stepdaughter, Chanda Woodside, and husband, Jon, granddaughter, Hayden of St. Augustine, FL; sister, Allison Bennett and husband, Bill, Albany, NY; niece, Susan Scofield and husband, Bob; nephew, Keith Bennett and wife, Sue; and niece Mary Lou Terko. Don was predeceased by his stepson, Brad Herala, of Orlando, FL, Dec. 8, 2012.

Don graduated from RPI, Troy, NY, in 1961 and joined General Electric. In 1965 he joined IBM in Poughkeepsie, NY and later that year moved to IBM, Essex Junction, VT, where he continued working until he retired in 1995. Don was instrumental in the development of new technology that helped carve a new path for IBM. He was very humble about his career accomplishments, and yet, his colleagues recognized his many contributions.

Anyone who knew Don would tell you in a heartbeat that he was one of the most sincere, gentle, considerate and ethical people they had ever known and always had a smile. Don had many interests; he was an accomplished sailor, loved the outdoors and was active in a hiking club, built houses for Habitat, along with designing and building three homes of his own. He was an avid reader, excellent cook and loved traveling. Don's zest for life and the curiosity of all things around him will be part of his legacy. His true legacy is the one he leaves for his family--his wisdom and love to his children, and the great love and respect which he and Ruthanne shared.

There will be a Memorial Service at The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hayesville, NC, where he and Ruthanne were blessed to have found loving and caring friends.

There will also be a Memorial Service in Burlington, VT in early summer. Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Donald G. Chesebro.

All arrangements are under the care of Heritage Funeral & Cremation Service, Port Orange, FL.

# Comments

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“ Ruthanne

We were heartbroken to read about Don's passing, and to read that you had recently lost your son as well. How devastating for you and your family. Please know that we lift you up in prayer, and will watch for details of the memorial service here this summer. Again, we are so sorry for your loss.

**Frank and Judy White** - February 05, 2013 at 07:31 PM

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“ We were shocked to hear about Don's passing. It was a pleasure being his colleague and friend during our years together at IBM. Our deepest sympathy. Cheryl and Connie Wexelblatt

**Connie and Cheryl Wexelblatt** - January 25, 2013 at 06:08 PM

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“ We were shocked and sorry to hear of Don's passing, he was definitely one of the good guys.. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Our deepest sympathy, Love, Tim and Rose

**Tim & Rose Manahan** - January 25, 2013 at 03:27 PM

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“ Ruthanne, We were so shocked and so sorry to hear about Don - our deepest sympathy go out to you and to the rest of his family. This is such a loss for you all. We enjoyed working with Don for many years and his knowledge was a source for many of his co-workers.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind, is not to die" -- Don will live in many hearts. Again, our love and deepest sympathy to you all. Bill and Rosie Oswald

**Bill & Rosie Oswald** - January 24, 2013 at 08:12 AM

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“ Ruthanne, Oey and I want to extend our deepest and most sincere condolences. I didn't know Don well nor did I know him long. But, I did know him to be a nice and good man. If there is ever anything we can do for you please feel free to ask.

Bob and Oey Benton

**Bob Benton** - January 23, 2013 at 11:30 AM

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“ Ruthanne, Robin, Becky and Chanda,

I am so sorry about your loss! I cant imagine the depth of your pain. I was in shock when I was told that Don had passed. My heart broke (again)! I am so happy that I got to see and spend time with Don (and family) last month, even though it wasn't under the ideal circumstance. I am proud to have known Don; he was a great man, husband and father! Again, my condolences to the whole family! Kevin Cousino

**Kevin** - January 22, 2013 at 09:31 PM