



## Donald N. Geize

February 6, 2014

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Donald N. Geize “Big Daddy Don” born in Philadelphia, PA on 6 August 1928 passed away 2 February 2014 at the age of 85.

When his National Guard unit mobilized he was stationed at Camp Atterbury Indiana. During visits to Indianapolis he met Alice who soon after became his wife. His Division was deployed to Germany and when discharged he returned to Indianapolis and was employed at the Chevrolet Truck and Body plant as an engineer. Alice and Don had two sons, Bill and Mark, that were born during their time in Indiana.

In 1972 Alice and Don decided to move to the Daytona Beach area. They became the owners of a charter fishing boat out of Ponce Inlet, the Viking. A couple years later they sold the boat and bought the Swayback Inn in Tomoka Estates. Don particularly enjoyed the nights of live entertainment as he possessed a great singing voice and loved belting out “the good old country songs”. He was known for years to take the stage when asked at several local spots such as Fritze’s Old Timers, The Quarterdeck and the Ormond Eagles Aerie 3800 joining friends like Daddy Rabbit, Richard “C Note” Markley, Harmonica Dale, Gary Stewart, Danny King and many more. He was once humorously given the unofficial title of “Mayor of Tomoka Mistakes”.

Don was preceded in death by his father Emil; mother Elma; wife Alice; son Mark; Sister Yvonne and his beloved pets Max, Kiki and Mr. Fries. Survivors include his son Bill; Brother Winston “Slug” (Clara) Geize; granddaughters Allison, Sandra and Jennafer; Great grandchildren Drayden, Elisa, Lyric and Anthony; nephews Bobby and Terry; daughter in law Janet, and dear friend of over 40 years Virginia Schuknecht.

There will a scattering of his ashes along with his beloved pets in one of his favorite childhood locations at a later date.

BTW- Slug as I made my last round over Daytona Beach before flying to the other side; I

swooped down close to the Main Street Pier and there he was Ferdinand the Bull, guess I got the last word in on that after all.

Memorial donations may be made to Halifax Health Hospice of Volusia Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32129.

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

# Comments

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“ Dad was a son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. He always delighted in hearing how his grand kids and great grand kids were doing and the funny little things they did. A self educated man he became an engineer by completing a home correspondence course after getting his GED. Growing up during the Great Depression set the template for his life. He never had a credit card or a debit card, only used direct deposit because he was forced to. He truly loved his family but was not a touchy feely guy. I miss him and will for the rest of my life, he taught me so much. I hope he, mom and my little brother are celebrating together right now.

**Bill Geize** - March 09, 2014 at 04:55 PM

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“ What hope can we have for the dead? John 5:28,29 do not be amazed at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out.

**mrs. hinds** - March 09, 2014 at 10:11 AM

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“ Don was a very special friend and will be missed greatly. He always laughed when I joked about his perfect hair! It makes me so sad that he is not with us anymore. May he rest in peace with his loved ones.

**Margo Wethal** - February 09, 2014 at 10:08 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. I thought he was a kind and funny man. I've heard some stories ... I enjoyed spending time with him. I know he was loved and will be missed very much.

**Cindy DiDonato** - February 07, 2014 at 02:51 PM