



Mr. Donald Easte

January 4, 1948 - May 17, 2021

Donald Easte was born in Sherman Heights, Birmingham, Alabama on January 4, 1948 to Ada Belle Easte and Herbert McDaniel Sr., of Birmingham, Alabama and later graduated from Western Olin High School. In 1965, Donald moved to Chicago, IL, started working for Northwestern University (where he worked for 50 years until his death), and was drafted into the Vietnam War (he was officially and honorably discharged from military service in 1973). Donald met Adriane on a blind date in 1982 and the two were inseparable until his passing.

Donald, also known as Don, Railhead, and Farmer Brown to those who knew and loved him, found joy in the simple things in life. He loved life and enjoyed the company of family and friends, archery, baseball, football, carpentry, bowling, riding his bike, yard work, and he developed a brotherhood with his lifelong friend from Alabama Jimmy Durr and his work buddy Ed Button whom never forgot his birthdays. Don was not big on being in the spotlight and cultivated a relationship with nature that included sitting by the lake with his friend Jimmy Durr, going golfing with his friend Ed Button, or just sitting in his back yard barefoot listening to music.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents Ada Belle Easte and Herbert McDaniel Sr., and his sister Brenda Shahid. He departed on May 17, 2021, surrounded with love from his wife, daughter, his grandnieces, and

grandnephew. He departed with peace in his heart living life the way he wanted, as he always quoted, "I make the rules here today".

Donald leaves to cherish his memory with his Wife: Adriane Easte Sr., Daughter: Adriane Easte Jr., Uncles: Whatley (Susie) McDaniel and Wesley McDaniel, Brothers: Herbert (Lisa) Rashada, Charles (Henrietta) McDaniel, and Tyrone (Kathy) McDaniel, Sisters: Barbara Celestin and Sharon McDaniel-Miller, Grandnieces: Vernisha and Denise Cummings, Grandnephew: Vernon Cummings Jr., Relatives of the following families: Brantley, Brown, Cummings, Dillard, Foster, Harris, McDaniel, Northwestern University, Shahid, Smith, Tisdale, Turner, Woods, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and neighbors.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Easte*

October 04, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ *Andre paul and family send our deepest symphony to his family he was a wonderful co-worker to work and golf with*



andre - September 15, 2021 at 10:36 AM



“ *Don always went the extra mile helping my lab. He had such a positive attitude and always greeted everyone who passed by. We will miss him.*
Pablo P

Pablo - July 07, 2021 at 06:03 PM



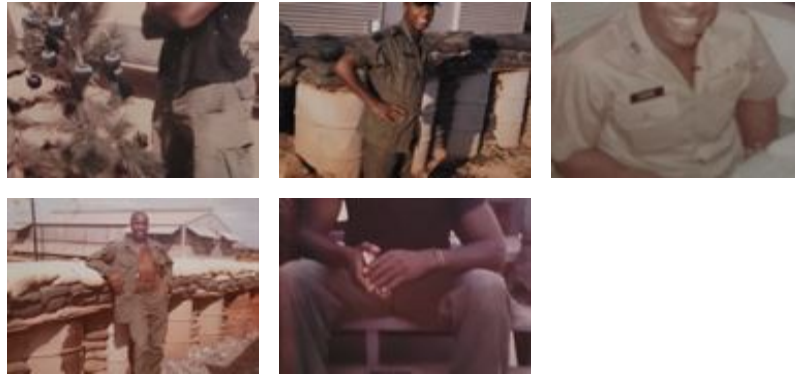
“ *Don helped us settling in to the new laboratory when we moved from St. Louis to Northwestern in late 2019. He took pride in his job and always went above and beyond. My lab wouldn't be running smoothly without his essential service. He brought positive energy to everyone surrounding him with his upbeat attitude and great kindness. I will miss the times when we argued over who was a better team between Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers. We are lucky to know Don and he will be greatly missed. -Yap Lab @ Northwestern.*



Frances Yap - May 27, 2021 at 09:48 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services - May 27, 2021 at 05:40 PM



“ *Anthony Woods purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.*



Anthony Woods - May 27, 2021 at 12:49 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.*



May 27, 2021 at 11:56 AM

LI

“ Anytime he came into our lab, he would always make sure to say "hi". He was a light spirit and I'm sad to not get to see his smile and chat with him in the lab. My condolences to Don's family and friends.

Linda - May 27, 2021 at 11:38 AM

FY

“ Don helped us to settle in when we moved our laboratory from Saint Louis in late 2019. He took pride in his job and always went above and beyond. He brought positive energy to everyone surrounding him with his upbeat and open-minded attitude. My group members had enjoyed the convenience of lab basics brought by Don's work. He will be greatly missed, and I will miss the times when we argued over who was the better team between Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers.

Frances Yap - May 26, 2021 at 05:02 PM

JM

“ Jacques & Maria purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.



Jacques & Maria - May 26, 2021 at 04:44 PM

VF

“ VETS IL/RO Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.



VETS IL/RO Family - May 26, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *Don had Wisdom, a Soldier, a Warrior, a Husband and Father, a man with many titles. But the title that stood out the biggest was being a Good friend. I would laugh so hard, when he spoke of his time in the service. God called our Good friend home to shine amongst the many other Angels. You will be missed Walking the Ward hallways at NU.*

Elsie Owen - May 26, 2021 at 10:02 AM

NS

“ *3 files added to the album Don at Northwestern U*



Nanette Susmarski - May 25, 2021 at 09:56 PM

TM

“ *Mr. Don you will truly be miss. I will miss seeing you every morning when I take my kids to school. You are such a great, Happy, loving man. Never had anything bad to say about anyone. Your smile was so contagious as you walk up and down the drive way. Everyone loved you. My heart aches to know your gone, but I know your with family and friends & my dad. May you continue to rest in peace. Love always Tina*



Tina Mourer - May 25, 2021 at 08:01 PM

RL

“ Don was a valued member of the department at Northwestern providing vital support for work in my laboratory. Without Don – we would have not been able to do our research. On top of his essential services – Don was kind and thoughtful and a delight to be around. I, as well as members of my laboratory, will greatly miss Don’s happy disposition, kindness, and his smiling face. Richard Longnecker

Richard Longnecker - May 25, 2021 at 08:50 AM

NM

“ Northwestern Department of Microbiology-Immunology purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.



Northwestern Department of Microbiology-Immunology - May 24, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.



May 24, 2021 at 09:29 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald Easte.



May 24, 2021 at 09:12 AM

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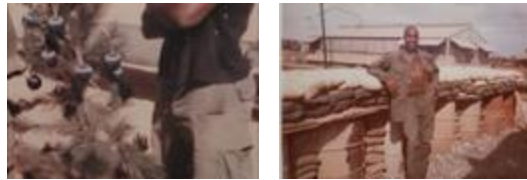
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DM

“ *My tears flow, my heart aches. We had to let you go Mr. Don, for your not ours to keep. The Lord called you home, and home you shall be. I know your in heaven with many friends and family. Pain free and having a party with Mr Ray. We have been neighbors for so long. Mr. Don and Ray spent many days chatting together. The kids loved Mr Don, we loved Mr. Don. He never had a negative thing to say about anyone. I remember the homecoming game he went to at Bremen high school with us. He had so much fun. He and Ray talked about that game the whole time. I truly wish I could have said good bye. I watched in sorrow as they brought you out that morning you left us. My heart aching for the family. Adriane & AD, my deepest condolences go out to you. I no this pain all to well. Just remember I'm here if you EVER need ANYTHING. Love you!!
Debbie Mourer*

Debbie Mourer - May 23, 2021 at 05:08 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



McCullough Funeral & Cremation Services - May 23, 2021 at 02:41 AM

KD

Don will be sorely missed by his coworkers at Northwestern. I affectionately referred to him as "THE DON", because he had the respect of everyone he knew at the medical school - from the Dean to the security guards. I worked close with Don and he was a beautiful soul with a gentle kind voice and a love for sports. Sincerely, Keith Davis, NU, FSM, BSA

Keith Davis - May 24, 2021 at 10:07 AM

EB

My Friend Don and family,

I didn't know you well but I'm grateful to know you. We had some good times and should have had more. I knew Don for 40 years and liked him from day one. He was a veteran a good husband and father and had a great laugh. I will miss him very much. He left me with great memories. Thanks buddy, Ed

Ed Button - May 24, 2021 at 05:13 PM

EO

Don was a Beautiful soul, who will be truly missed. He used to crack me up with his old war stories. He had so much wisdom. Still hard believe that you are gone. God called his Solider Home. Rest Easy My Friend..

Elsie Owen - May 25, 2021 at 01:33 PM

CL

Don will be missed by all his coworkers at Northwestern. He was always smiling, friendly, and kind. I will miss seeing him in the halls. My deepest condolences to his family.

Colleen De Luca, NU Basic Science Administration

Colleen De Luca - May 26, 2021 at 07:57 PM

HS

I worked with Don for over 33 years at Northwestern. He helped take care of our research lab and was always ready to discuss sports, any sports. He will be missed.

Hank Seifert - May 27, 2021 at 09:21 AM