



Donald G Perkins

December 11, 1952 - January 10, 2016

After a long, courageous battle with ALS, Donald G. Perkins died at home with his wife, Karen, and his fourteen year old son, Jason, by his side. The son of Mary and Gilbert Perkins, Don was born and grew-up in New England. After graduating from high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Army. Upon his discharge, Don was accepted into the Providence Police Academy, and then the Providence Police Department where he served for twenty years. He spent his first ten years in uniform in the traffic division and the mounted command. The remainder of Don's time in the department was spent in special operations and narcotics. Upon his retirement from the police department, Don earned his commercial pilot's license and owned and operated a skydiving center in New England. He made thousands of skydives, the most important one being with his future wife, Karen. Karen and Don moved to Sanibel Island, Florida fifteen years ago.

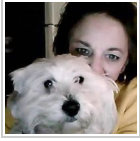
While living in Sanibel, Don continued his passion for flying. He especially enjoyed flying Karen and Jason on special trips to the Bahamas and vacation spots in Florida.

Don shared with his son, Jason, an active sports' life including running, biking and swimming. Don participated every year in the Captiva triathlon and completed a half marathon in Key West soon after being diagnosed with ALS. Don is being remembered for his caring, love and commitment to his wife and son as well as to his German shepherds.

Don's life will be honored and remembered. His passing will be observed

quietly by his family.

Tribute Wall



“ Today is Donald's birthday and I can't help remembering past birthdays we shared. He would be surprised by a gift, like he shouldn't get one. It was always something by Champion, a hoodie or sweats, the clothes he wore while jogging. I kinda get mad at God for Donald getting ALS. He was a guy who ate well, didn't drink hard booze, maybe a beer, if he was not flying or jumping, didn't smoke and never tried drugs, not even pot. So how does a very healthy, athletic man get such a horrific disease. And to suffer. I know his wife and son are very strong people cause I took care of my late husband who had a rare cancer. We struggled for over 2 years, but my Max gave up in 2010. So I know how hard it is to care for someone that you truly love. God Bless you, Donald and I hope u r in the Heavens skydiving to your hearts content. And, Karen, you must be a special gal for Donald to get married. He never wanted marriage cause he felt that his kirkiness was too much. So I know you loved him cause you put up with his crazy notions. I light a candle in honor of Donald and his family. God Bless

Paula Mete-Maxwell - December 11, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ Donald G Perkins

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ Donald G Perkins

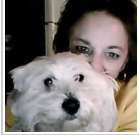
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Edward T Gazarek - December 22, 2016 at 07:26 PM



“ I knew Donald for years meeting him when hr took over police prosecutor n I handled the Providence Police drug unit (SIB) and we hung together everyday. During the work week, we ate breakfast and lunch every day. I also went up with him skydiving at Woodstock, Cy. . One year he called me at work an said u get the day off sure why not, meet me at your house n change clothes. So he wouldn't tell me where he went. We ended up driving on his motorcycle to Woodstock taking the cessna to Block Island for lunch and hung out at Ballard's on the beach then flew back to Woodstock and went motorcycle riding all night. its was my birthday.and that was gift to me man what a gift, a day I will never forget. What a guy he was, handsome. funny n a good guy to me daughter. Let her use a police dick undercover car for her road test n put his shotgun on the backseat, told the instructor he was her stepdad. Guy got the hint n passed my daughter with flying colors. Another thing Donald did, OMG sometimes he was such a sneak, lol- he asked me who my daughter was dating, i gave him name and dob and address, and he ran him thru' found out his dad was in jail; a big cocaine smuggler, Donald put an end to that relationship. The last time I saw Donald he took me to supper for drinks and a steak dinner, a few years before he left RI. Anyway I will always miss Donald he was my best friend, confidant and a little more; a best friend with benefittis and OMG we loved the benefits! Donald I will miss you forever n like the psychic that you sent me to, I will see you in eternity. My condolences ro his family, wife and son and his parents and siblings. Goodbye, my beloved friend. I hope you are with Pup and Zoe! .See you on the other side in eternity.

Paula Mete-Maxwell - September 14, 2016 at 05:46 PM



Rodney Caron

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. Lots of good memories from the airport days. He was a great guy.

Rodney Caron - March 02, 2016 at 07:27 PM

DC

“ Karen and Jason,
Our hearts are with you. Words cannot express. We always enjoyed chatting with Don at the bus stop about running, biking, and the dogs. He was so kind. What an amazing life he lived! We are so sorry.
Sincerely,
Dana and Scott Crater

Dana Crater - January 22, 2016 at 11:05 AM

SM

“ Karen and Jason,

Sorry to hear of Don's passing, He was a great friend. Have a lot of great memories from the Drop Zone and visiting you guys. Lots of fun times. God bless you both

The Marbenas Family

Steve Marbenas - January 15, 2016 at 11:13 PM

JM

“ Dear Perkins family, I am so sorry to hear of Dons Passing he was dear friend on the PPD and we both graduated together from the 44th recruit class together. Dons son should know he was one of the toughest and kindest police officers I ever knew. I have a graduation picture I will send to you both that I proudly display in my home. Again God speed my Brother. Jack Murray Ret. PPD.

Jack Murray - January 14, 2016 at 08:27 AM

JT

“ Karen,
I am so sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. I pray that God's peace and comfort surround you always.
Jeannie Trafford

Jeannie Trafford - January 12, 2016 at 01:41 PM