



Donald D. St. Onge

April 9, 1940 - January 24, 2025

COLEBROOK – Donald D. St. Onge, 84, of Colebrook, passed away at his home on Friday, Jan. 24, 2025.

He was born at his family’s home in Goffstown, N.H., on April 9, 1940, one of 14 children to the late Elzear and Maria (Blanchette) St. Onge. Donald attended schools in Goffstown and went to work at a young age. He was a member of the N.H. National Guard for eight years, being briefly activated during the Bay of Pigs crisis in the early 1960s.

His career was as a coppersmith and sheet metal fabricator, and his skill and craftsmanship with metal was known far and wide. He worked for more than 40 years for Skyline Roofing in Manchester, and many of their customers would wait for their work to be done until Don was available to do it because his work was so meticulous. These places included UNH, the State House, and St. Anselm College.

In 1989, Don acquired his “camp” in Colebrook which he made his permanent home in 2018. He loved life in the north country where he could enjoy hunting and fishing, snowmobiling in the winter and riding his ATV in the summer.

His family was most important to him, and he loved to be with them. He was known to always be helping someone in need, was honest as could be, and

he always had a joke to tell. Don enjoyed being with his friends as well, and he loved visiting with them over a draft beer at his favorite haunts, which included the Colebrook Country Club, the Wilderness Lounge, Wayne's Lanes or the Legion in Canaan. When at home he would be found watching westerns on TV and listening to country-western music.

Don was a member of the American Legion, Jutras Post 43, in Manchester.

He is survived by his children, Donald R. St. Onge of Henniker, N.H., Maurice R. (wife Lisa) St. Onge, Paul R. (wife Corrine) St. Onge of Goffstown, and Phyllis M. (husband John) Burt of Goffstown; his siblings, Roger and Leo St. Onge of Goffstown, Priscilla Farlass of Weare, and Muriel Zeras of Boscawen; six grandchildren, Paul St. Onge Jr., Julianne Taylor, Kevin Poulin, Kara Poulin, Melissa Woodard, and Elizabeth Chancey; and seven great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by his wife, Gertrude, in 2014, and a son, Gerard in 2023; five brothers and five sisters.

There are no public calling hours. The family will celebrate Don's life at a later date.

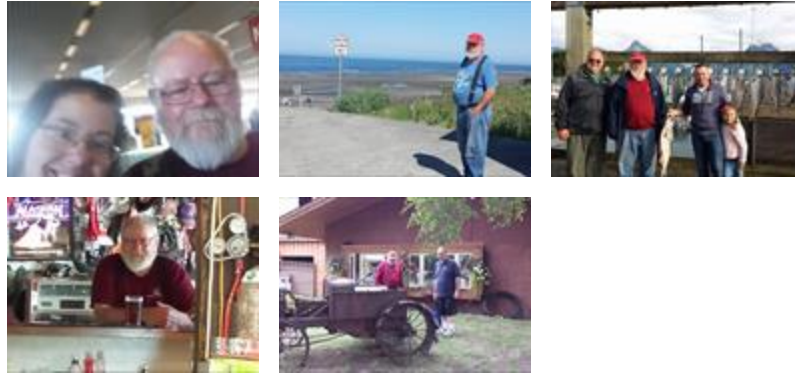
Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ 11 files added to the album photos



Phyllis Burt - January 31, 2025 at 11:11 AM

RB

“ So many memories hanging out in the valley awesome man rest in peace my friend till we meet again.

Richard Bissonnette - January 28, 2025 at 10:19 AM

RD

“ My condolences to the cousins and family. He is building Aunt Gert a pool in heaven right now! They are reunited once again. Thinking of you all.

Robert Dionne - January 27, 2025 at 04:22 PM

PS

“ I’m the oldest of 5 kids. I could write a book of memories. Some good, and some bad! I was no angel. Back in 2017 I bought my first side by side. I took a weeks vacation at the camp, to ride with my father. We rode every day and shared beers and shots at night. Just him and I. We talked about things that he never shared, as we don’t share our feelings in our family! As I’m writing this I’m getting emotional. He never showed that side of himself to me! You will be greatly missed! Say hi to mom and Gerry for me. I love you dad!

paul st.onge senior - January 26, 2025 at 03:13 PM

CP

“ I have so many fond childhood memories of Uncle Don. He was a true family man always putting them first. One memory I have is going to a body of water that he and matante owned, and he told me to make sure to put on some sneakers when going into the water, as there are many rocks that may hurt your little feet. He was always looking out for us little ones back then. Another is later, Dan and I were riding in the car with him going to the venue at cousin Charlie's wedding in PA and laughing so hard at his jokes that we were all crying. It was a great time with him. We will surely miss you Uncle Don. I hope you are enjoying a great reunion with Aunt Gert and cousin Jerry. Rest in peace now, your work here is complete. Dan and I send our love and deepest condolences to all who loved this wonderful man.

Colette and Dan Pouliot - January 26, 2025 at 02:06 PM