



Donald B. Foshey

September 22, 1956 - August 12, 2020

Donald Bruce Foshey, age 63, of Royal Oak, passed away on August 12, 2020 at the Ascension Macomb-Oakland St. John Hospital in Madison Heights. He was born to Melvin and Margaret "Peggy" Foshey on September 22, 1956 in Detroit Michigan.

Don went to Henry Ford High School and graduated in 1974. He then went on to be a student at Wayne State University for several years landing a job there at the library in 1977 and worked his way through many facets of the University. He ultimately worked up to the position of Administrative Assistant II in the Division of Laboratory Animal Resources where he remained until his passing. Don served as a very dedicated and proud member to his Local 1979 Union at Wayne State University. Even serving as the Vice President for a period of time.

Don was known for his drive to acquire knowledge. He was like a living encyclopedia, especially when it came to Civil War, Titanic, Egyptian, political, and movie history. When Don would meet people, he loved to learn things about them and even the ancestry behind them.

Because of this passion for knowledge, Don loved playing trivia games—his favorite being undoubtedly “Jeopardy.” He was a social butterfly among his friends to say the least. Don made people laugh and feel very comfortable around him. He enjoyed being a good host for game nights and movie nights. And he especially loved making people happy at Christmas time, by hosting a Christmas dinner and making sure EVERYBODY there had a gift from Santa.

He and Scott were also world travelers who were fortunate enough to visit St. Petersburg, Russia, Finland, Amsterdam, the Bahamas, and Uddevalla, Sweden, along with a variety of destinations around the United States.

Donald was the loving husband of Scott Anderson. The couple met in 1996 and were married on August 16, 2014 in Minnesota. Dear brother of Joan (the late William) Bennett. Proud uncle of Jeffrey Bennett, Keith (Lori) Bennett, and great uncle of Matt (Nichole) Bennett, Mark Bennett, Brian Bennett, Ava Bennett, Skylar Bennett, John Bennett and (Chris), Meagan Bennett, and Kimberly Waldren. He was predeceased by his parents, Melvin and Margaret "Peggy" Foshey, and his in-laws, the late Jack and Donna Anderson. He will also be missed by his loving pets, Stormy and Pandora.

Visitation will take place Monday, August 17, 4 p.m. until time of service, 7 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak (4 blks E. of Woodward). Due to Covid-19 guidelines, attendees inside the funeral home will be limited to ten at any one time.

Memorial contributions to the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan are appreciated.

**Due to COVID-19 guidelines, please be advised that the funeral home is limited to 10 people in the visitation/service room at any given time. Also, masks are required to enter the building. The funeral will be webcast and the livestream will begin a few minutes prior to the funeral.

Share your memories at www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Royal Oak, MI 48067
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Funeral Service

AUG 17. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



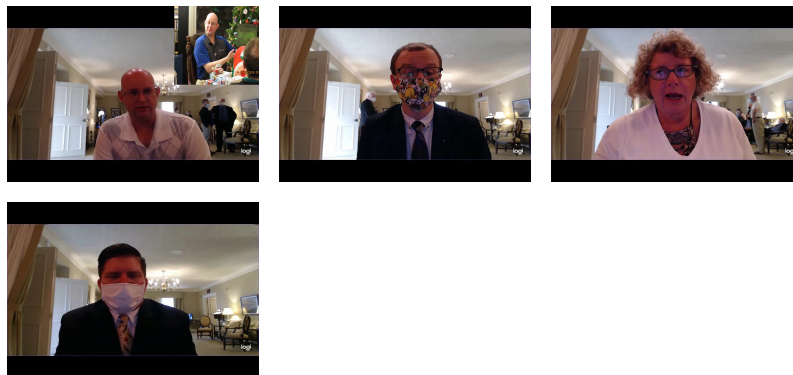
“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Donald B. Foshey*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - August 17, 2020 at 05:37 PM

SA

“ *4 files added to the album Stories told at the Funeral about Don*



Scott Anderson - August 11, 2021 at 10:22 PM

MI

“ My prayers are with the friends and family of Don Foshey. Don was always a nice person to talk to and full of humor and joy. Supporting Don with his technical needs always made me feel good, because of his patience and kindness. Don was a great person to know and will be truly missed.

*It was a pleasure to know you, Don.
Rest in Peace.*

Maurice Clark

Maurice Clark II - August 19, 2020 at 11:14 AM

BK

“ To Scott and Family: We were so very sorry to learn of Don's passing. Although we hadn't seen Don for many years, we will always remember him as a kind and generous man. It was always very interesting and enjoyable conversing with Don - he knew so much about so many topics - plus we definitely remember his wonderful sense of humor!

We hope reading all these beautiful tributes to Don will help bring you peace and serenity during this painful time.

Bob Merliss and Marty Kapff

Bob Merliss and Marty Kapff - August 17, 2020 at 07:40 PM

GE

“ I had the great privilege to work closely with Don at Wayne State and know that he will be missed terribly. I could always count on him for a smile, warm conversation, and a solid recommendation on a new board game to play with my kids. I loved chatting with him about his travels and I haven't know many people that were as kind and easy to talk to as Don. Scott and the rest of the family have my deepest sympathies and are in my thoughts and prayers.

Gerry - August 17, 2020 at 07:02 PM

KD

“ So very sorry for this loss. I will miss Don and his welcoming nature. Thoughts and prayers to Scott and all Don's friends and family

Kym Debler - August 17, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JH

“ My prayers and condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Don Foshey.

Janet Harris - August 17, 2020 at 04:51 PM

MJ

“ Sorry for your loss. I work at WSU with Don. I never met him, but I talk to him all the time. He was one of thy nicest people I've work with at the University. It bother me to hear of his passing. Praying for the family. Ms. Jones

Ms. Jones - August 17, 2020 at 04:20 PM

LH

“ My condolences to Scott and family. Don always made me laugh when he called me "Leelee." I will truly miss his witty humor and wonderful laugh. May you rest in peace. May your memory be eternal.

Lilly Hatzis - OVPR/WSU

Lilly Hatzis - August 17, 2020 at 04:14 PM

DR

“ Very saddened by the news of Mr. Foshey's passing. My prayers and deepest sympathies are with his family, friends and colleagues. Hugs of comfort to his DLAR team members.

- Dr. Roche, Faculty, EACPHS, Wayne State University.

Dr. Joseph A. Roche - August 17, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ It was a honor and privilege to serve along with on Don UAW P&A Local 1979 on the Executive Board for nearly seven years. He was a sweet and kind hearted man. He will be dearly miss. My prayers and condolences goes to Scott and the family.

Rest in Heavens, Don.

*Regina Irby
Wayne State University*

Regina Irby - August 17, 2020 at 12:10 PM

 Robert
Gowan

“ We will miss our dear, loving friend. Til we meet again. Robert and Andy

Robert Gowan - August 17, 2020 at 12:01 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald B. Foshey.*



August 17, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Don was a really nice guy. We chatted about his marriage and relationships and I got the sense that he was a happy guy. Don will be missed.*

Eric Upshaw - August 17, 2020 at 11:22 AM



“ *Don will be greatly missed. My condolences to Scott, his family and friends. I spent many a lunch hour in conversations with Don about crosswords, the historic novels he read and his love for movies and travel. Don had a quick dry witty sense of humor that often caught me off guard. He had a kind heart and cherished his connection with people in our department. He often brought me trinkets and thoughtful gifts during the holidays and after his travels, he knew what collections, books and movies I liked and his gifts showed it. I will miss Don.*

Linda - August 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM



“ *Much love and peace to Scott and the family. I worked with Don and spent our lunch time chatting about family, friends, current events, memories, trivia and life in general. He was always full of knowledge and open to learn more. He was thoughtful and kind to everyone around him. He will truly be missed, but not forgotten.*

Karen Dean-Christie - August 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM

SN

“ *My condolences to the family of Don. I enjoyed working with Don throughout the years. I will surely miss him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Stratford Newton - August 17, 2020 at 10:09 AM

SR

“ *I will miss your smile and chuckle at work. You always had the best gag gift at our Christmas parties. You were an amazing man. I was so sorry to hear of your passing. Wishing your family peace and comfort in these difficult times. Stephanie Rains*



Stephanie Rains - August 17, 2020 at 05:57 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald B. Foshey.*



August 16, 2020 at 08:14 PM

VW

“ Sympathy and prayers to Scott and the entire family. I worked with Don in the Division of Research. He was kind and giving. I admired how sharp he was when it came to history and trivia. If I was looking for a movie, Don most likely had it in his vast DVD collection. Every time Don went on vacation, he always brought back a souvenir for me, and a gift at Christmas time. He was very thoughtful. I'm going to miss his jokes, his smile and his giving heart. Rest in peace, Don.

"V Dub", or Alery (Don's nicknames for me) :)

Valerie Williams - August 16, 2020 at 08:07 PM

TZ

“ My sympathies to Scott and Don's family. I too worked with Don at WSU in the Development Department. He was witty, friendly and a joy to be around. Theresa Zajac

Theresa Zajac - August 16, 2020 at 06:25 PM

TL

“ Don was a wonderful host at his home, I was lucky enough to be part of some of his gaming nights. His compassion will be missed.

Godspeed.

Terry L.

Terry L. - August 16, 2020 at 02:11 PM

LR

“ I enjoyed working with Don. He was always friendly, pleasant and most helpful. He will be missed. I will keep his family in my thought and prayers.

Lynette Rae

Lynette A Rae - August 16, 2020 at 12:28 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald B. Foshey.



August 16, 2020 at 10:32 AM

RD

“ I would like to send my deepest sympathy to Don's family and friends. I had the pleasure of knowing Don from our work at Wayne State University. Every time I saw him he ways had a smile and a kind word. We have lost a very special man. RIP Don you will be missed. Ramona Douglas

Ramona J Douglas - August 15, 2020 at 08:16 PM

WH

“ *With Love Aelene and James Huseltine purchased the Condolence Snacks for the family of Donald B. Foshey.*



With Love Aelene and James Huseltine - August 15, 2020 at 08:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald B. Foshey.*



August 15, 2020 at 10:55 AM

BH

“ *I worked with Don at WSU. I remember him as always having facts about miscellaneous topics, bits of information to amaze those willing to listen. I remember him taking the test to appear on Jeopardy. He was an amazing man.*



Beth Harries - August 14, 2020 at 11:41 PM

MB

“ i would like to offer my condolences to Scott and all the family. Don was such a good man who always looked out for his friends, coworkers and his fellow union members. His is a great loss for all of us at P&A UAW Local 1979 and Wayne State University. He and I talked movies and union contracts cause he was a lot of fun and a great resource for his knowledge about negotiating. May you rest in peace my friend, chelle

Michelle Burns - August 14, 2020 at 08:58 PM

CH

“ Dear Scott, Joan, and Family..... I was lucky enough to know Don from our joint employment at Wayne State University. While we worked in different divisions, we were able to work on several special projects together over the years. Don's good nature, helpful and intelligent contributions, and dedication to help us reach our goals were always welcomed and appreciated. Even though I retired many years ago, I still have great memories of collaborating together to help others and make the university a better place. Kind Regards, Chuck



Chuck - August 14, 2020 at 08:51 PM

KK

“ Katie, Matt, Ben, Stephanie and the kids purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Donald B. Foshey.



Katie, Matt, Ben, Stephanie and the kids - August 14, 2020 at 05:50 PM