



Donald M. Reid

October 10, 1936 - April 11, 2016

Donald M. Reid, loving brother, caring mentor, and often, the last best hope for hundreds of youngsters who needed the firm and understanding hand of guidance, died on April 11, 2016. His lasting impact on the lives of these individuals cannot be measured. He will be remembered with affection, admiration and respect.

Don was raised in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. He was one of six siblings, the son of Andrew and Irene (Williams) Reid. Don was the twin of Thomas, and brother to four other siblings, including Robert (deceased), Carol (Kerr), Patrick and John. He graduated from St. Paul Catholic High School in Grosse Pointe. Following high school graduation, he entered the Dominican Order of the Roman Catholic Church, attending Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, where he was known as Brother Louis. For health reasons, Don returned to Michigan where he earned a bachelor of arts degree and a master of arts degree in psychology from the University of Detroit. He also received a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

His Roman Catholic faith was the foundation of Don's life and his work. He was immensely proud of his Irish heritage.

A favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews as well as grandnieces and grandnephews, Don faithfully remembered the important, special events in

their lives - birthdays, christenings, first communions, confirmations, graduations, and marriages. He was loved by each of them.

Don enriched the lives of those whose paths crossed his, either by happenstance or intent. He had an innate desire to help others that seemed never to be satisfied. He was especially sensitive to the needs of youngsters and took hundreds of them under his wing, guiding them to lead productive lives as adults. Many of them remain his close friends today.

His profession as a clinical psychologist led Don to the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland and Macomb Counties in the 1960s, where he was the impetus behind the Club's participation in national programs such as Youth of the Year and the Keystone Club, a leadership development program. Don was proud of the meetings he and "his youths" from the local community enjoyed in the Oval Office, twice with President Ronald Regan and once with President George H. W. Bush in connection with Youth of the Year programs. He served at the Club until the early 1990s.

For more than 20 years, Don was the school psychologist at the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Bloomfield Hills, where he "tested, counseled, advised, supported and encouraged so many" in the school community. He was still serving students and families at the school at the time of his death.

The legacy of this beloved brother, friend, counselor, and community leader will continue because of the foundation he established. And, while we all will be the poorer for Don Reid's absence, his presence will be felt for decades into the future.

Memorial gifts in honor of Don Reid may be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Oakland and Macomb Counties, 1545 E. Lincoln Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48067 or Assumption Grotto Catholic Church, 13770 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit,

MI 48205

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **14**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
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Visitation

APR **15**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Rosary

APR 15. 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Assumption Grotto Catholic Church
13770 Gratiot Avenue
Detroit, MI 48205

Tribute Wall

MI

“ I wish rest in peace for Don Reid, but he was not a great man. He was judge mental, unkind to children who were not his favorites, and probably someone who never should have been affiliated with the Boy and Girls Club. Old African proverb: The dead are only owed the truth

Mike - August 07, 2023 at 07:17 PM

RH

“ I met Donald in 1982 when I visited America from England on a youth exchange programme. I've never forgot Don, even though it was such a long time ago. He is one of only a hand full of people who treat me so well as a child. For that reason I will never forget him. A great kind wonderful man. RIP don

Richard Hughes - August 14, 2019 at 09:14 AM

SW

“ So sorry to hear this news. Mr. Reid was a great man - always a smile on his face, very kind and thoughtful. He was one of many at the Academy of the Sacret Heart who worked with me, my parents and other teachers to help me succeed as a student with learning disabilities. He will be greatly missed.

Sarah Watkins - April 17, 2016 at 07:36 AM

JB

“ Our family has been blessed to have known Don for the last 9 years. He was and is such a special person to us. We will miss your kindness and friendship, you are a special one Don. The Beesley Family.
Andy, Jill. Drew, Olivia, Will & Mikey

Jill Beesley - April 15, 2016 at 09:42 PM

EU

“ I have known Don for the best part of forty years. My first encounter with him is with my son Russ whom he counseled and helped me with for quite some time when Russ was in high school. He helped save my sanity more than once. One of the last times we had a lot of input with each other was when Megan attended and graduated from the alternative school at OTEC. He said he would do cartwheels across the stage when she graduated. Sadly, even though she did graduate in due to a lot of firmness and love he had for her and all the kids he interacted with, he did not cartwheel across the stage at the auditorium of the Dondero High School. (Claimed there wasn't enough room) I will always remember him as a generous, loving and caring human being that will be impossible to replace or to even want to replace. May God be with him and his family and his super large extended family I love you.

Ethlyn Unger - April 15, 2016 at 06:30 PM

BI

“ Don was the most kind, intelligent and sharing person I have ever known. He was able to help me grow to be the person I am today. I am ever so blessed to have had him in my life. He will always be in my heart and for ever in my mind as life continues on. I will miss him dearly and will never ever forget him. Bradley J Ather II

Bradley J. Ather II - April 15, 2016 at 01:37 PM

AS

“ Arlene and Roger Smith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald M. Reid.



Arlene and Roger Smith - April 15, 2016 at 08:07 AM

BR

“ Don was both a colleague and refuge when I taught at Sacred Heart. He loved to come and watch what my boys were up to in my classes. He'd just come in quietly and stand over by the sink smiling and taking it all in. When things got rocky, I could always go sit in his office and talk to him. Last year when I returned to work with the boys with my new novel, he was there again for me. Don was a rare man of compassion, wisdom and serenity. Peace and grace to you, my friend and to your family. Barbara J. Rebbeck

Barbara Rebbeck - April 15, 2016 at 06:13 AM

NL

“ Nancy Williams Lehnert sent a virtual gift in memory of Donald M. Reid



Nancy Williams Lehnert - April 15, 2016 at 04:51 AM

NL

don was one of my oldest boy cousins! :-) and his greeting was always a broadly smiling face!

Nancy Williams Lehnert - April 15, 2016 at 05:07 AM

RM

“ It's been years since I've seen Don as life drifts us down different avenues. I am very grateful to have been associated with such a kind man that taught me and others about life without judgement in his own way. While we lost track of our friendship the lessons learned have endured.
RIP and thank you.

ROBC member - April 15, 2016 at 12:34 AM

LA

“ *mr reid was a great man*

Lucas Arrowood - April 14, 2016 at 05:20 PM

SV

“ *Don was more than just my paper man. He delivered his used newspapers to my art room once he had a good stack for us. He was so thoughtful that way.*

He was always willing to share his gifts with me. Whether I had a concern about one of my students or one of my own children, Don was there to listen, learn, and lead me in the right direction.

Susan Volk - April 14, 2016 at 11:52 AM

DW

“ *Don shared so many lessons for us all to learn from. He was a true advocate for youth, a professional and a friend. He helped shape the Boys & Girls Clubs of America - Keystone Club program. More importantly he helped to positively shape thousands of young people over the years. He was and always will be a role model and mentor who will be looked upon with respect. Thank you my friend. You will be missed.*

Dave Wehrmeister - Boys & Girls Clubs of Toledo

dave wehrmeister - April 14, 2016 at 10:34 AM

AS

“ *I am so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. To say that he was an extraordinary individual is a huge understatement. His incredibly positive impact on my life and the lives of so many others will never be forgotten. Rest with the Lord, dear friend.*

Amy Simonelli - April 14, 2016 at 09:25 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald M. Reid.*



April 14, 2016 at 09:03 AM



“ *I send my condolences to Mr. Reid's family and friends. I am a lifer student at Academy of the Sacred Heart and Mr. Reid was an integral part of both my early years and my junior year of high school, as he helped me when I fell ill and had to be taken out of school. He will be truly missed in my heart, and I believe his spirit will live on in the school's mission of helping students do their best work.*

Clara Scott - April 14, 2016 at 08:00 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald M. Reid.*



April 13, 2016 at 11:04 PM

DT

“ I met Don at a Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Keystone Conference for the first time in 1987 and he immediately became one of my mentor to me when I was 16. Don and I shared numerous experiences together, from the conferences, being 5' away from the King and Queen of Spain while we were in San Francisco; he attending My high school graduation in Greenfield, Indiana in 1988; me visiting him in Royal Oak and attending Tiger games; he visiting me when I became Assistant Director of the Terre Haute Boys Club (Indiana) in 1995; conversations during my tenure as Executive Director at the BGC in Greenfield (2004-2015); and more. Don was a wonderful role model, club professional and friend. I appreciate and respect him for too numerous of items to mention. He has been a part of my life since 1987 and he will remain to be in my heart and mind until the day I see him again. Thank you for your mentorship and friendship to me and countless others, some I am aware of and most I am not. You will never be forgotten by all you have come into contact with. Thank you for sharing your precious life with all of us. My thoughts and prayers are with your family and friends. May you rest in peace.

Datren Turner - April 13, 2016 at 10:35 PM

AV

“ I used to enjoy seeing Mr. Reid roam the halls of Sacred Heart. He will be missed!

Ava - April 13, 2016 at 10:26 PM

RC

“ My condolences to Don's family. Don was such a special person. He was always so caring, thoughtful, with the most gentle heart. I am so thankful to have know Don and have the pleasure of working with him. He gave so much to others. He will be missed but never forgotten.

Robin Clements - April 13, 2016 at 02:46 PM

AP

Don was a very caring person and a wonderful person to consult with.. He will be missed.

Adam B. Plotnick, PhD - April 13, 2016 at 05:08 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Donald M. Reid.*



April 13, 2016 at 02:45 PM

JK

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Don at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. I loved Don Reid and I will miss him very much. Rest well dear Don in the arms of the Lord you loved so well. - John M. Knight*

John M. Knight - April 13, 2016 at 02:02 PM

HR

“ *Don Reid was a very special friend to me and members of my family during the years I worked at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. We continued our friendship after I retired through cards and letters. Don is much loved and I will miss this wonderful man! My prayers are with his family. Helen Ries and family*

Helen Ries - April 13, 2016 at 01:17 PM

JE

“ Don was a gentle soul with the gift of healing that he shared with all during his 25 years at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. He helped my son get the proper help with his learning difficulties and even when my son was working as an adult at school, he always had the time to stop and chat and ask how he was doing. His care for his clients never stopped after graduation! He will be remembered with kindness and love and gratefulness. Jen

jennifer - April 13, 2016 at 12:46 PM

JS

“ Don and I worked together for many years on the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Keystone Club program. He was a trooper who strongly believed in the BGCA movement and was always willing to step up and assist whenever asked. More than an associate, I considered Don to be a friend who will be missed.
John Stephan, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago

John Stephan - April 13, 2016 at 10:50 AM

MD

“ My condolences to the family. No one is ever totally prepared for the death of a loved one. May it comfort you to know God promises that the dead will live again.-Isaiah 26:19

Ms. Dee - April 13, 2016 at 07:42 AM

LA

“ Don was a blessing to all at The Academy of the Sacred Heart. His kindness and caring will be sorely missed by everyone; students, teachers, and families. Don was always ready to deeply listen to my concerns and offer wise advise. I will miss him.
Linda Shultz Anderson

Linda Shultz Anderson - April 13, 2016 at 06:28 AM

SS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Scott Salaske - April 12, 2016 at 06:48 PM

TK

Don has always been an inspiration to us through his warmth, kindness and thoughtful consideration in all our encounters with him. Our sincere condolence to his loving family.....he will be missed.

Tom and Rita Kraniak - April 13, 2016 at 09:34 AM

MW

to the family of Uncle Don Reid Joe and I wanted to express our sympathy, prayers and hugs to all the Reid family. Over the last twenty years, we have always enjoyed visiting with Uncle Don whenever we would come to visit Lori and Larry. He was always a very caring and holy man. We know that he now enjoys a special place in heaven and is watching over all of you. God bless you always

Mary Ann and Joseph Welly - April 14, 2016 at 01:16 PM