



Donald Wayne Orwick

November 23, 2019

Donald Wayne Orwick passed away at home in the peaceful presence of his wife and daughters on November 23rd, 2019, at the age of sixty-six years old.

His family knew him as the strong, compassionate head of the household who walked in great faith and lived his life as a Christ-like example. He was the rock of the family and the connecting force who created a legacy of love.

Also known as Don and Donnie, those who knew him remember his dress shirts and ties, his funny jokes, his comforting hugs, and his love for eating hearty meals. Don's discernment and wisdom for people and difficult situations made those he knew feel both safe in his presence and unconditionally accepted.

As the head chaplain at the Medical Center of the Rockies for over a decade, he left his mark on this community by selflessly serving the patients, doctors, nurses, and staff. Don genuinely loved his job and was passionate about going to work every day.

In the town of Louisville, Kentucky, he was born to the late LeRoy, Sr., and Mildred Orwick. Don was also preceded in death by his sister, Marlene Hechmer (John), and his brother, LeRoy, Jr. (Patricia).

Don is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Debbie; his devoted children, Bryony Rowe (Rob), Britony Orwick, Bethony Warner (Kevin), and Brandony Lesser (Brian); and his cherished grandchildren, Bryson Orwick, Avery Rowe, Brooklyn Warner, Deakon Warner, Elyn Lesser, Ireland Warner, Bristol Lesser, Bailey Warner, and Cora Lesser.

He was raised with his dear siblings, Darlene "Gitzie" McDonald (Gene "Mac"), Ronnie, Kenny (Susie), and Marty (Sara) Orwick and was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Celebration of Life

December 14, 2019 10:00

(Reception to Follow)

Timberline Church

2908 S Timberline Rd.

Ft. Collins, CO 80525

For More Info: 970-482-2221

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 14. 10:00 AM (MT)

Timberline Church - Fort Collins Main Campus
2908 S Timberline Road
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Tribute Wall



“ Donald Wayne Orwick

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Don's passing. I worked with him at Celestica and found him to be such a gentle natured, good humored (having good humor) and caring person (and it was genuine, coming straight from within). The world could certainly use more people like him!

Ed Richman

Edward Richman - August 11, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Wayne Orwick.



December 13, 2019 at 01:16 AM



“ Always a smile to share with my patients and kind words of support for me and my colleagues. Always willing to spend time with providers and patients. As both a provider and a patient I have been blessed by his prayers and kind words. What a legacy of love and faith Don has shared with so many. You will be missed!



Natalie Rochester - December 11, 2019 at 10:05 PM

TC

“ Don had a very caring and loving nature. He always greeted me with a smile while being colleagues at MCR. We spent many passing moments talking about his family, and my kiddos. He was such a support to us in the ICU during many difficult times. You will be missed.



Trin Chapin - December 10, 2019 at 02:12 PM

KS

“ Don was such a gentle and very heartwarming person to be around. I remember running into him in the halls at MCR, and he would always have a smile and a hello to say. I was privileged to draw his blood work while he was a patient, and even though he was the patient in the hospital, he would comfort me through our discussion with what was going on in my life! He will be greatly missed, but as someone else said, Heaven gained a genuine and heartwarming Angel. Blessings to the family in this time. RIP Don. It was my privilege to work with you.



Kristin Sloan - December 10, 2019 at 01:53 PM

KS

“ Kristin Sloan lit a candle in memory of Donald Wayne Orwick



Kristin Sloan - December 10, 2019 at 01:48 PM

AG

“ I was so sorry to hear of Don’s passing. He was always my friend and confidant when we worked together at MCR and I always appreciated his wisdom and humor. He was a special person, and I will always be better for having known him. My condolences to his family, love and prayers to all of you.

Alison Gagnon - December 08, 2019 at 12:48 PM

UP

“ Debbie,
So sorry to hear about Don’s passing. Please accept our prayers and condolences. Don was always, always at all your recitals and I remember him as a caring, always smiling gentleman. May he Rest In Peace.

Usha, Lalit, Chinmay and Shreya Pandit

Usha Pandit - December 07, 2019 at 03:56 PM

TT

“ The Ortho Neuro Spine Unit Nursing Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Wayne Orwick.



The Ortho Neuro Spine Unit Nursing Team - December 05, 2019 at 01:51 PM

BC

“ Don was a friend of mine at Medical Center of the Rockies where we shared our Christian faith. Don was always the man to lift someone's spirits when they were low and had a very encouraging nature about him. He was perfect as a hospital chaplain and cared deeply for anyone needing help. His corny jokes kept us all laughing! I will miss him and am glad I will see him again in the next life.

Bob Casey - December 05, 2019 at 11:42 AM

MW

“ I worked with Don at MCR. He was always kind and positive. He would always go out of his way to help me if I couldn't figure something. Condolences to his family.

Matt Wolf - December 04, 2019 at 03:37 PM

CL

“ Very sad to hear Donnie's passing. He was my best friend and teammate. A smile that wouldn't quit a friendship that never bent Thanks for all the fishing adventure all the great golf. Thanks for all the memories

Chris Lacy - December 04, 2019 at 02:59 PM

KR

“ I will remember Don for his smile, kindness, and sense of humor! Over the course of many years, I had multiple conversations with Don at MCR. I always admired the genuine care, concern, and compassion that he provided to grieving families following the death of a loved one. It's a privilege to have known Don and to see the many lives that he helped to heal over the years.
Kim Robuck

Kim Robuck - December 03, 2019 at 06:16 PM

KO

“ Don was a wonderful man who brought laughter and comfort to so many people. He will be deeply missed. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. Katherine Orozco

Katherine Orozco - December 03, 2019 at 04:17 PM

KS

“ Debbie, So sorry to hear about Don's passing. Please accept my condolences. I enjoyed the time your family spent in Leesburg. Don was a kind, joyful man and I enjoyed getting to know you.

Kay Simmons - December 03, 2019 at 10:47 AM

JU

“ I have never met a more selfless and giving person. Don was an awesome mix of compassion and humor. His smile was infectious and his presence instantly put people at ease. Don was a special friend and amazing co-worker. Saying that he will be missed is such an understatement. I miss his corny jokes already.

My heartfelt sympathies go out to Debbie, the girls, and the rest of the Orwick family.

Julie - December 02, 2019 at 05:44 PM

 Gary
Black

“ Linda and I send our love, prayers, and condolences to Debbie and the family. We thought the world of Donnie and will always cherish our teen years together at Shively Christian in Louisville, KY.

Gary and Linda Black

Gary Black - December 02, 2019 at 04:05 PM

GR

“ *Donnie and I where friends back in the 60"s we grew up together ran and played together we where like brothers back then, there where 3 families always around Orwicks the Ruccios and the Rhodes. RIP My Friend !!!!!*

GARY RHODES - December 02, 2019 at 03:56 PM

MW

“ *Pastor Don was always there when we needed him! During my husband's various stays, Pastor Don was there with his love, and great sense of humor! We were able to keep in touch with him whenever we were at MCR for various meetings. What a dear God-fearing man! He loved his family and all he served! He will be greatly missed! Pastor Don will always have a very special place in our hearts!*

Our love and sincere condolences to your family.

Ron and Marcie Woolworth

Marcie Woolworth - December 02, 2019 at 02:20 PM

KK

“ Don was ALWAYS there for anyone in need of anything, even just a smile to brighten your day. He was very devoted to his position as Head Chaplin at MCR. I remember when it was very icy and windy one day he was on his way out and the valet had closed early (my car was parked by valet as I was using a walker at the time and had been at PT appointment) I got my key but was trying to figure out how to get to my car..... Don asked for my key and went and got it up to the circle drive for me so I would not fall. He was the sweetest man I have every had the opportunity to work with. His gentle voice and sincere prayers calmed many patients that I had him pray with prior to surgery. He will be missed and always will hold a special place in my heart. The Heavens have gained a most genuine and gentle ANGEL and I know that he will be within the minds and hearts of all he has touched during his many years on earth. My sincere sympathy and prayers go out to his wife and entire family during for their deep loss.

Kim Kahn RN MCR OR

Kim Kahn - December 02, 2019 at 12:14 PM

DS

“ I looked forward to seeing and talking with Don every time that I visited the sick at MCR. He will be sorely missed by everyone, including me. You are all in my prayers. May God bless you and keep you very close during this difficult time.

Dennis Spencer

Dennis Spencer - December 01, 2019 at 07:08 PM

RF

“ I've loved my cousin Donnie since we first met probably 65 years ago. Our overnight visits and trips to our local amusement park are the stuff of legend in my memory.

He was the best.

Ray Foushee - December 01, 2019 at 07:03 PM

LK

“ Don was a very nice man and would always be so very nice. My heart goes out to his whole family! My husband and I will keep you in our prayers at this difficult time.

Laura and Phil King

Laura & Phil King - December 01, 2019 at 12:19 PM

AD

“ I worked with Don at MCR. He helped people everyday. In people's darkest times Don was there to help them through. He was steady, had his feet on the ground, and always gave hope and kindness. Also he would he me feel better about being a Bengals fan! I am very sorry for your loss and will miss Don.

Anthony Doing - December 01, 2019 at 10:33 AM

RL

“ Have known Donnie for 60yrs, we went to grade school and high school together. Played baseball, basketball and football. Always one of the best friend's I had!! Sorry for never getting to meet his children, if you are anything like your Mother and Father you are well respected! Sorry for your lost and ours!! 🙏

Rodney Lindauer - November 30, 2019 at 08:28 PM

HE

“ He loved anyone who walked into his house as if they were his family. No person has shown the love of Christ more than Mr. Orwick. Thanks for your wisdom, your laughter, and your model of love of neighbor. You've left a legacy of people who follow what you preached.

Heather - November 30, 2019 at 09:41 AM

AP

“ Don presided at my wife's funeral, and he was very supportive. I remember Don saying, "I'll drink any kind of soft drink, as long as it has real sugar."
The world has lost a wonderful, caring, and righteous man, and I have lost a friend. I hope God will let me see him again someday.
Arnie

Arnie Phillips - November 29, 2019 at 11:55 PM

RI

“ Don accomplished a feat I didn't think possible - he removed my mom's fear of dying. Thank you, Don, for the compassion and love you shared with so many.

Riley - November 29, 2019 at 03:46 PM

AN

“ So very sorry to hear of Don's passing. I worked with him at MCR and I always remember him as a kind and gentle person. He will be missed.



Andrea - November 29, 2019 at 11:51 AM