



Donald Calkin

December 31, 1969 - July 19, 2009

Obituary of Donald Calkin Mr. Donald J. "Don" Calkin, age 66, of Ocala, Florida passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2009 at the Oak Hill Hospital , Brooksville, Florida. He was born in New York City and moved to Ocala in 2005 from Pittsgrove, New Jersey. As a 1975 graduate, he received his Masters Degree from Kean University, New Jersey and was a School Psychologist for over 30 years. Don loved bicycling, tennis, traveling, playing the guitar, folk music, reading and was an avid baseball fan, but most of all loved spending time with his loving family. He is survived by his beloved wife of (43) years, Anita Calkin of Ocala, FL.; his (2) daughters, Nancy Szczesniak of Carlisle, MA. and Wendy Mello of Pittsfield Township, MI; his mother, Henrietta Fay of Spring Hill, FL.; his brother, James F. Calkin of Anaheim, CA. and (4) grandchildren. A "Celebration of Life" Service will be held at 3:00 PM, Thursday, July 23, 2009 at Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce Chapel West, 6241 S.W. State Road 200, Ocala, FL., The family will receive friends at the Funeral Home (2 hours) prior to service time. The family requests donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the American Heart Association, in Memory of Mr. Donald J. "Don" Calkin.

Tribute Wall

TB

“ Dear Wendy, You and your family have been in our thoughts and prayers ever since Mara called. We are very sorry your father passed away. I enjoyed the few times I met and talked with him, once at your wedding and another time at your house in Montclair. Peace be with all of you. Love you, Tara, Jim & Dylan

Tara, Jim and Dylan Bratek - July 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Dear Wendy, AJ and I send our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. With Love, Teri and AJ Haugen

Teri Haugen - July 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Dear Nancy, Wendy & Family, Our thoughts are with you during these tough times. It is so difficult when someone we love is taken from us much too soon, but you will cherish the memories you have. Those will be with you forever. With love & sorrow, Marlon & Family

Marlon Lewis - July 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dear Wendy, Anita, Nancy and Family, I am so sorry for your loss, but I take great comfort in knowing that I will be there with you tomorrow to celebrate your Dad's life. I don't have words to express how I feel, but I know its hard. I can speak from my experience with my own Mom, and can only say, that it will get easier, and for me, I cherish the fact that I had her as long as I did. I have great memories of her and of your Dad, and your family in general. What comes to mind is all the meals I ate at your house-you all were always so generous with me. I also think of ice cream when I think of your Dad, and I think of his laugh too. I think about his guitar-thinking it was so cool that he played it and sang songs with you guys, and watching movies with him and your mom on your couch in the family room. I think about the pictures of you girls on the wall-especially the one of wendy and her blond pigtails. I also think about the way he cared about you guys. It was very clear that he was proud of you-he seemed to always want the very best for you. Again, I look forward to seeing all of you, and more importantly, I look forward to celebrating a wonderful life. He is no longer with us, but the memories will last forever. Love, Mara

Mara Sultan Worley - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Anita, Nancy, Wendy and families... Although we can't be with you at this time, please know that you have been and will continue to be in our thoughts. We've been remembering our times together which seem like yesterday...the camping trip to Skyline Drive, the trip to ranch at Lake George. I still sing the "Bumblebee" song to our grandchildren. Don was a person who enjoyed life and, because of that, brought joy to others. If he chose to do something...he dove in and gave it his all. To that end, I fondly remember seeing him take to the dance floor--often a memorable event. Nancy and Wendy...you are such a tribute to your folks...your dad was so proud of you...and Anita, you were his anchor. His love for you all and your families was always right there on his face, as well as in his words and actions. We are so sorry that the 'busy-ness" of life has kept us from visiting during the retirement years...but hope that each day was a good one. You all have a special place in our hearts...JoAnn Since his retirement, Don has been missed at Buena's Child Study Team. I was fortunate to know Don as both co-worker and friend. In the midst of his work, Don was always the consummate professional, a most knowledgeable and able psychologist, an advocate who worked hard for the best interests of his students. Sharing an office had its moments over the years-news of sports, opinions strenuously voiced, innumerable entertaining stories, and the occasional prank filled the "quiet" moments of the day. Although it was hard to see him leave, it was good to think of him enjoying the last few years. Everyone looked forward to Don's annual visits since. We all share in your loss...John

JoAnn and John Walsh - July 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ All the staff here at Roberts Funeral Home want to express our condolences to the family of Mr. Donald J. "Don" Calkin at this difficult time.

Rosemary Arthur - July 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM