



## Donald J. Murray

October 6, 1935 - October 24, 2020

Albany-Donald Joseph Murray entered Eternal Life on Saturday, October 24, 2020 at Teresian House, Albany, NY.

Born in Albany, Don was the son of Grace Coffey Murray and Donald Guthrie Murray. Don grew up in Albany and although he was an only child, he grew to become a brother and uncle to the extended family of Coffey cousins both locally and abroad. Upon graduating from St. Joseph's Academy in Albany, Don furthered his education graduating from Mount St. Mary's College and St. Joseph's Seminary and College and served his Country as a Marine. Don was ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood in 1960 serving for over ten years in parishes in New York. In 1971 Don left the priesthood and went on to marry the love of his life, the former Rita Caraher in January of 1972 and began working for the State of New York as a Budget Analyst, retiring in 2000. Don and Rita spent thirty-four years together, splitting their time between their home in Troy, NY and their camp on Lake Elizabeth in Grafton, NY. Rita spent her final years at Teresian House in Albany where Don became a fixture. When Rita passed in 2006 Don began volunteering at Teresian House, where for the next ten years he provided transportation services for residents.

Don was predeceased by his wife Rita and parents. Survivors include a brother-in-law, Bill Miller of Glens Falls and his cousins Stephen and Robert

(Marian) Coffey and many other cousins of the extended Coffey family.

He will be remembered for his compassion, love of family, warmth and generosity. His family would like to especially thank the staff at Teresian House who provided him with excellent care, love and affection.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Don's family Thursday, October 29, 2020 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services will follow the visitation on Thursday at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. Parking Lot; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors at a time will be allowed in the church.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.LGFuneralHome.com](http://www.LGFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors  
208 North Allen Street  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 463-1566

## Service

OCT **29**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church  
607 Central Ave  
Albany, NY 12206

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was proud to 'stand' and honor Mr. Donald J. Murphy, a veteran and a hero! On behalf of myself and the Patriot Guard Riders organization, thank you for requesting our presence so that we may bestow Dignity, Honor and Respect to this Marine. Thank you too for your generous donation which will serve the needs of other veterans!

*Edward T. Czuchrey  
MSgt, USAF & NYANG  
Retired*

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**Ed Czuchrey, NY Patriot Guard RC - November 05, 2020 at 07:56 PM**

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“ I was very sorry to see that Don has died. My sincere condolences to all of you. I knew Don a long time ago, and hadn't seen him in many years, but still have fond memories of the guy. We were in the Marine Reserves together, and I remember spending a lot of time with him at Camp Le Jeune in the summer of 1959. Don was taking a year off from his seminary training, and thinking about continuing on to being ordained. We got along very well, and had a lot of fun, as well as serious conversations. He invited me and my wife to his Ordination mass at St. Joseph's church in 1960. I remember it well, and was so proud of him. I learned at the mass that Don had a very nice voice, as it was a high mass, and he sang very well. I lost track of him for several years, but did see him one more time after he left the priesthood. It was at large group meeting, and I didn't get a chance to talk to him. I wish I had.

Anyway, I just wanted you to know that someone outside his circle of friends and family was thinking about him. My best wishes to you all.

John Oates

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John Oates - October 28, 2020 at 03:17 PM