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Don was born on October 19, 1949 in Farmington, Maine. He was the youngest of five boys. Glenn and Margaret Heath adopted Don and his brother, Steve when Don was four. Don and Steve were reunited with their three other brothers in 2013.

Don is predeceased by his father, Glenn Heath and his mother, Margaret Knapp Heath. He is survived by his son, Derek Heath of Tallahassee, Derek's mother and Don's friend, Brenda Rowan, four brothers; Steve Heath of Farmington Maine (Eric, Jenn and Wanda)

Bill Daly (Phyllis) of Fenwick, MI; Bob Cadigan of Flagstaff, AZ; Dick Cadigan (Beverly) of New Gloucester, ME; his beloved grand puppy and constant companion, Magnum; as well as several nieces and nephews and many friends

Don made The Franklin Journal and Farmington Chronicle on 02/15/1957 as the first-grade checker champion. He went on to be a chess player as well. Don played basketball for Farmington High and was the Captain of the Junior Varsity Team. He also played softball for Farmington High and worked for his family's mens clothing business.

Don moved to Florida in the late seventies where he met and married Brenda in 1979 (Derek was born in 1982). Don worked for Booker Drilling on off shore oil rigs in the 80's as a crane operator and we always had all the grouper we wanted as they would fish off the oil rig. The rig was 75 miles out in the gulf and he'd reel in plenty of giants.

He missed being home so left the drilling business and worked as route/salesman for several years until he started his own business, Don Heath Transportation. He handled personal transportation as well as some state and private business transportation. He was well known throughout Tallahassee and transported many people to get them home safely. He had an extensive client list and he always gave it a special touch. He would send happy wishes to many former clients via text



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during the holidays and special occasions. He loved what he did and truly cared about people. He operated his transport business until he retired in 2015.

Don coached flag football for a period while Derek played. Don was a great father from the very beginning of Derek's life and was always very involved. Don set an example of how women should be treated and demanded that of his son. Don was loyal, generous and so very kind. Don lives on in Derek and will be forever missed. He has been such a huge part of our everyday life, it's daunting to see into the future without him. But we know God will make a way.

So many people have reached out and shared memories with Derek. They all have the same thoughts... he was trustworthy, kind, helpful, a mentor, a leader, a man of values and ethics, and someone who impacted so many lives during his time on earth. A memorial service will be held at Canopy Roads Baptist, 925 Bannerman Rd., on March 17th at 11:00am.




Events


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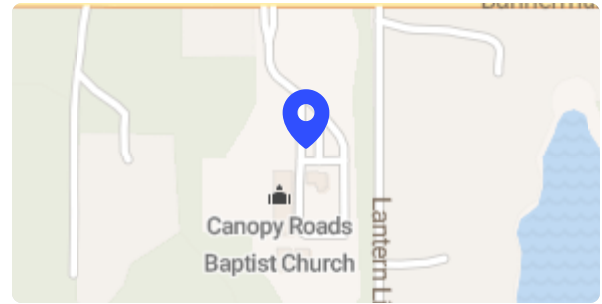
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, March 17, 2018

 11:00 AM ET

 **Canopy Roads Baptist Church**
925 Bannerman Rd., Tallahassee FL 32312





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SM

Sila Miller posted:

My first memory of Don is when he worked for Big Bend Transit. He and I just picked up like we'd known each other all our lives. He was always passionate about a cause and could and would talk your head off about it. One morning I was standing at a bus stop near my home waiting on a city bus. As I watched in disbelief, the bus passed me by, going the wrong way. Needless to say, I was frustrated at missing the bus—another 40-minute wait for the next one and I'd never make my appointment now. All of a sudden, I heard my name being called. Who else was it but Don! He said he'd seen it all, and insisted he'd take me to wherever I needed to go and absolutely wouldn't take no for an answer. The last time we spoke, he was laughing about some of our shared memories and regaling me with tales of his rehabilitation. He indeed leaves a void and this world is better for having him as a part of it. Rest easy, my friend!

March 15 at 7:19 AM

BG

Becky Goss lit a candle in honor of Donald .



March 13 at 6:30 PM

AL

Aunt Ann Little lit a candle in honor of Donald .



March 11 at 7:28 AM



Brenda posted:

I met Don when I was 17 years old, and 40 years later; he has remained and will always be family. Looking back through the pictures our life was spent with each other's family and we devoted our entire life to Derek as a team. He would call me at work and ask me to come outside and he would pull up with doughnuts for staff. I remember one time he called me outside in 2009 and he said to me. "Brenda Lee, you guys are moving offices across town and I think u need a newer car and I'm going to buy you one". Well, of course I said, thank you so much and that's very sweet of you, but NO you are not buying me a car. So, he said, " you can participate or not, but that's what I'm going to do". We went back and forth a bit, then he smiled a huge smile and he said " I won Fantasy 5"!!!!!! I still insisted no, but he, in true Don fashion, wouldn't take no for an answer. I'm still driving the Nissan Altima he bought me. Everyone was amazed that an "ex-husband would do such a thing", but this man, as Derek said in a post... always put me in a pedestal and treated me wonderfully. He set a standard very high for me where men were concerned and no one could ever measure up. It was not for the "things", it was for how he treated me, always. I have a voice mail from November 2017, after my eye surgery and I wasn't allowed to drive, he was at Academy Sports buying Derek birthday and Christmas presents and said if I needed him to do anything because I couldn't drive, he would. He took Big Bend Transit to Academy and was offering, as always to help me. This family of three have spent all holidays together for years and annual vacations as well. I will love him forever and miss him so very much. Fly high Don and know we love you so very much. B

March 10 at 1:28 PM



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TH

Tiffany Heath posted:

Dad (Pops), I'm not ready to say goodbye. We should have had so much more time. But life can be cruel sometimes like it has been for you, getting dealt one bad hand (foot) after another. Yet you never let this phase you and I never heard you complain, because you were entirely altruistic in all that you'd do. It's hard to face the reality that our time has run out, there's so much I didn't get to thank you for or tell you how much you've helped me out. You were the greatest father-in-law for years that I had the chance to call you mine. You always made me feel loved, as if I was your own, you loved me and my girls unconditionally and always made us feel special and making us happy was the key. You have a heart of gold, one of the sweetest men I've ever met. You loved your family more than anything and the kindness and care you have given Derek now reflects in his own life, I can easily see you through him and for that I will always be grateful. Grateful you have taught him what it means to have manners and how to treat a lady. You have taught him how to be a man and how to be strong, but also when it's time to be weak. Thank you for always pushing him for brighter and better things. You have taught him the persistence of hard work and the value of a dollar. The lessons he has learned from you has shaped him into the man he is now and I cannot thank you enough for raising the amazing man of my dreams. Your support meant the world to me when I went on the wrong path, and I wanted to thank you for being a big part of my life and for being the best father in law and grandpa a girl could have. we are truly blessed! I can never repay for all of the treasures you have given. And I will will never forget the love I felt from you. Thank you for being you and thank you for loving me too! You will always be missed until we see you again! I love you Pops! Love Tiff

March 8 at 11:01 AM

TL

Tommy Lewis posted:

I just remembered this. Don had regulars. Many became his friends. Also some famous people and dignitaries he shuttled around. One night he got Bill Cosby to call Tiffany! She was asleep and missed it but he left her a VM. Had him call Tiff not Derek. He loved you Tiff. Told me so when I visited him.

March 10 at 3:58 AM



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DH

Derek Heath posted:

To my Daddy (aka POPS) My heart breaks every time I see a picture of you or reminisce about your life. But These same things mend the voids as well. You would be so proud of Mom. She has stepped up in true Brenda lee fashion trying to keep me from falling apart. I want you to know that you are my hero Dad. I've never known a stronger and courageous man. nor have I ever met a more kind and generous soul. I know in my heart by the Grace of God, that you survived what should have killed you in 2015/16 to rekindle a relationship with our savior Jesus Christ. I watched you put my mother on a pedestal that peered above all others. I will never forget that. You always put me ahead of yourself and we're the best Dad A boy/man could ever hope for. My life will never be the same with out you and it will always be better because of you. I promise to look out for our boy Magnum for you. Scout those lakes and rivers and find us a good spot. I'll see you again Pops. I love you to the moon and back again.

March 9 at 7:15 PM

TL

Tommy Lewis March 10 at 3:53 AM

Don, you raised your boy right. I know you're proud and know he's gonna be fine. Thanks be to Jesus

DG

David Goins lit a candle in honor of Donald .



March 9 at 5:04 AM

JG

Jo Ann Goins lit a candle in honor of Donald .



March 9 at 5:02 AM

TB

Toni Beagles posted:

Such a loving man Mr Heath was. He and Ms Brenda raised a one of a kind man themselves. I know for a fact that he was proud to call Derek his son. He was so very blessed to have Derek and Brenda there to help him in his times of need. He will be so missed but what better place to be than with our Father in Heaven! May God wrap his loving arms around this family and help them to heal. Sending all of my love and prayers. -Tate

March 8 at 5:53 PM



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Jo Ann Goins posted:

Don Heath, was a awesome man, son, son in law, husband, and father, He was one of the most soft spoken men and so gentle, he will be missed but not forgotten, I for one feel so blessed to have him a part of our family, may you rest in peace Don. Love you dearly!

March 8 at 3:56 PM



Brenda posted:

Heaven needed a hero and Don was just that. He was my friend and family and I will miss him so very much, but he is at rest and pain free now and for that I'm so grateful. I love you Don. B

March 8 at 11:04 AM



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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