



## Donald Eugene Dahlberg

August 27, 1928 - February 25, 2014

Donald Dahlberg , age 85, of Jupiter, died February 25, 2014. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, LaRue, a wonderfully talented daughter, Susan (Bill Brocker) of Jupiter, FL; two brothers, Richard (Carol) and Roger (Linda), a brother-in-law Dr. Ronald (Peggie) Hillegass, nieces, nephews and their families. He was predeceased by his son, Donald David. Mr. Dahlberg was born in Cadillac, MI on August 27, 1928, the son of Martin and Minnie Dahlberg, and grew up in and near Chicago, IL, primarily in the village of Northbrook. He attended Northbrook High School and received degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Northwestern University (Bachelor-1951) and Pennsylvania State University (Master-1955). While at Penn State he met his wonderful wife-to-be, LaRue, from Johnstown, PA.

He attended the Naval Officer Training School in Newport, RI and was commissioned an Ensign in 1955. During the next three and one –half years he attended various Navy Schools and served aboard the USS Renshaw (DDE 499) which was homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI. His duties included navigation and supervision of electronic equipment maintenance and radar tracking. During the last year and one-half of active duty he was assigned to the NASA Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, OH and conducted research on cryogenic seals for use in rocket engines. During this time he was promoted to full Lieutenant. After release from active duty in 1960, he joined Pratt & Whitney in West Palm Beach, FL. There he served as Project

Engineer for various company and government sponsored research programs including the first work on very high pressure rocket engines, high performance small gas turbine engines, and other advanced rocket and airbreathing engine programs. He retired in 1991.

Don developed an early interest in music through the guidance of his father who was a music educator and church organist. After starting briefly on violin, he learned to play a variety of brass instruments. For a number of years he played trombone in the half-time band performances at the All-Star football games held in Chicago. He also played trombone in the Palm Beach Symphonic Band. Barbershop style singing provided another musical outlet, both chorus and quartet. A highlight was singing in the West Palm Chapter of SPEBSQSA that placed third in 1966 International Competition in Chicago. Mr. Dahlberg also had an interest in sports including football and basketball in high school and in later years golf.

A memorial service will be held at Firsts Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach on Monday, March 03, 2014 at 3:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Community Foundation, 700 South Dixie Highway, Suite 200, West Palm Beach, FL 33401-9952, for the Don Dahlberg Memorial Scholarship Fund.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Eugene Dahlberg*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *LaRue and Susan, It has taken me a while to write because your pain has reminded me of my pain in loosing my mother. Please know that the day-to-day pain lessens although we never forget. Walk with God - one day at a time. Stephen and I are and will continue to pray for you.*

**Linda Ingalls - Houston, TX** - March 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about your dad Susan. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting him, he was a lucky man to have such an amazing daughter who was so good to him. I enjoyed reading about his interesting life. So glad that you had Bill in your life to help during this difficult time. I understand he was not only a great source of comfort to you but also to your dad. My deepest condolences to you and your family.*

**Kathi Kretzer - Jupiter, FL** - March 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Don and I played on the same football teams during high school in the early 40's. Don was a champion. He played right end on the championship teams here in Northbrook. He was a great blocker and pass catcher. Don was a wonderful high school classmate. I express my sympathy to his family. Coach Walter Sherman*

**Walter Sherman - Northbrook, IL** - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Don will truly be missed by all. He was a very kind and wonderful person.

*Love Rod and Sundie*

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**Rodney and Sundie Love - Jupiter, FL - Family Friends** - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ May the peace of God soothe your hearts. Sincerely.

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**A friend** - March 03, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Mrs. Dahlberg, Susan and Bill, I enjoyed reading your father's obituary. What a career he had! I had not known the details of his career and also enjoyed reading about his musical and sports activities. What a kind man, gracious always. I have always enjoyed our visits through the years. So glad he knew what a wonderful husband Susan married. My prayers and thoughts are with you and wish I could be at the funeral tomorrow. Love, Annette, Hong-Ta and family

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**A friend** - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Susan, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was so blessed to have your mom, you and Bill to comfort him for these past years. That must mean a lot to him. Love, Khiam

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**Khiam Drury - Houston, TX** - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear LaRue, Susan and Family. Please know that we are thinking of and praying for you during this very difficult time. We were always there for us during our difficult time so I hope it goes without saying that should you need anything we are there. Much love, The Dunlaps and Beavers. XXOO

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**Susan Dunlap - Jensen Beach, FL - Family** - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Susan: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. But, what a blessing that you could be near your parents these past years. I pray that God feels close to you right now.

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**Sherry Rice - Midland, TX** - March 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ To the Dahlberg family: My sincere condolences on the loss of Don. I have known him since the 1960's, when I worked for him at Pratt & Whitney. He was a good man to work for, always fair and honest in his dealings with others. I will miss seeing him at Old Eagles luncheons. Glenn Calvert

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**A friend** - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM