



## Donald L. Gaita

September 14, 1958 - November 17, 2024

Donald L. Gaita, 66 years old, passed away on November 17, 2024, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on September 14, 1958, in Norwalk, Connecticut, where he spent most of his young life. He moved to Danbury, Connecticut, and graduated from Henry Abbott Tech as a top-notch electrician.

In May of 1979, Donald married his first wife, Mary Beth (Dombroski) Knight. Together they bought a home in Bethel, Connecticut and raised their two daughters, Diana and Amanda. Later, Donald and Mary Beth divorced. In 2000, Donald moved to Florida, where he met his wife, Lori, of 24 years and they enjoyed all that Florida had to offer.

Throughout Donald's life, he was one to put the utmost dedication into each of his hobbies, proving himself to be an extraordinary and fearless outdoorsman. From hunting, fishing and camping to developing highly specialized survival skills and a full appreciation of nature, he was a true enthusiast. Due to his passion for archery and the great outdoors, he became a founding member of New England Archers.

Donald's outgoing, charming, yet goofy personality brought laughs and positivity to those around him. He would do the most ridiculous things without a care in the world to help brighten someone's day.

He was predeceased by his parents, John and Anna Marie Gaita; brothers, Paul and John; and brothers-in-law, Sal Taliercio and Joseph DeRosa. He is survived by his wife, Lori; daughters, Diana Smith (Jay) and Amanda Gaita (Jennifer); stepchildren, Allison Cowen and Michael Verni; and two grandchildren, Mckenah and Gavin Smith. He is also survived by his siblings: Ann Taliercio, Vincent Gaita (Enza), Mary Ellen Athanasiou (Gus), Vanessa DeRosa, and Joseph Gaita (Sally), along with 17 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and nephews.

"I did it my way."

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation towards the Celebration of Life (TBD) to help us honor the life of Donald Gaita. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-donald-gaita-with-medical-expenses>

Celebration of Life details will be shared upon finalization.

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Gaita family So sorry to hear about Donald , he was a special man may he R.I.P. another guardian angel watching over your family..



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**Laurie A Calvin** - November 24, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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“ I worked at Howe furniture in the purchasing dept in the early 1980's, where his company Gaita electric did all the electrical work. He use to take Tony, Karen aka Carrie and myself out to lunch. Don was a great guy and very easy on the eyes. RIP my friend

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**Barbara Ledbetter** - November 24, 2024 at 07:14 PM