



## Donald Ross Raymond

September 23, 1939 - October 14, 2016

Donald Ross Raymond, age 77 of Soddy Daisy died unexpectedly Friday evening, October 14, 2016 at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. Don was born in St. Albans, Vermont on September 23, 1939 to the late Donald and Lourine (Jure) Raymond.

Don had been a resident of Riverside, CA until 1954 when he moved to Vermont. In 1974 he moved to Tennessee living on Mowbray Mountain. He was a graduate of Enosburg (VT) High School, received his B.S. in Education from Johnson State College in Vermont and then earned his Master's Degree in Education at University of Tennessee, Chattanooga.

Don was an educator for over 50 years in Vermont, Tennessee, Kentucky, California and Georgia. He was also an actor in film, television and theatre. He was best known in Chattanooga as the "Nice Cars Guy" who was always getting a pie in the face. Don was a member of the Mile Straight Baptist Church in Soddy Daisy, the Chattanooga Film Society and the Montlake Property Owners Association. In 2007 he received the Educator of Distinction Award at the Jimmy Carter Center in Atlanta which was presented to him by Claes Nobel, senior member of the Nobel Peace Prize family.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Juanita "Marti" Raymond of Soddy Daisy, three sons, Don "Marty" Raymond, Gregory Raymond, Chandler Scott Raymond all of Chattanooga, three daughters, Deborah (Donald) Shirley of Lafayette, GA, Kim (Jim) Heard of Soddy Daisy and Jana (Tim) Lind of Ooltewah, TN, 19 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. He is also

survived by his sister, Nancy Courtney of Rialto, CA.

A Celebration of Life service will be held for Don on Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the funeral home chapel with his pastor, Dr. Al Goss officiating.

Please share your memories of Don on his online guest register at [www.vanderwallfh.com](http://www.vanderwallfh.com).

Memorial contributions may be given in Don's memory to Special Olympics.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton where they will receive friends Tuesday after 5:00pm.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 18. 5:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home  
164 Maple Street  
Dayton, TN

## Service

OCT 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Dayton, TN 37321  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - September 26, 2023 at 11:40 AM

BS

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

George and Violet Smith

Brad Smith - October 20, 2016 at 07:10 PM



FH

“ sorry for the loss of Mr. Raymond i remember him from Mile Straight church the family is in my prayers

Frank Hutcheson - October 19, 2016 at 09:46 AM



KS

“ *Debbie and family we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. I always thought very highly of Mr. Raymond  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you today and the days ahead.  
Dennis and Karen Shirley*

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**Karen Shirley** - October 18, 2016 at 05:27 PM

JE

“ *Jessica lit a candle in memory of Donald  
Ross Raymond*



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**Jessica** - October 18, 2016 at 02:29 PM



“ *Yes, he always had a smile. I'm sure he didn't feel like smiling all the time, but the smile was still there! I've been praying for Marti and the family.*

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**Jacky Lee Oswald Stevermer** - October 17, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *I will miss his smiling face sitting across from me every Sunday morning. Our prayers are with the family. We were blessed to have called him friend. Love, Roy and Kathy Hunsucker.*

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**Kathy Hunsucker** - October 17, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald Ross Raymond.



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October 17, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald Ross Raymond.



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October 17, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *Rick Williams lit a candle in memory of Donald Ross Raymond*



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**Rick Williams** - October 17, 2016 at 11:01 AM

TV

“ 12 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Tom Vanderwall** - October 17, 2016 at 10:46 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of *Donald Ross Raymond*.



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October 17, 2016 at 10:30 AM

BC

“ Don was my Best Friend (BFF) all during our years at Enosburg Falls High School. We lived in the same small town of West Berkshire, Vt. Remembering hanging at the bowling alley, the dance hall and Jay's camp at Lake Carmi. Swimming at Kidders Hole, drive-in movies, long talks into the early morning, school games, dances, the Senior Prom. And later in life looking forward to meeting at the class reunions. Don was so proud of his family starting with his Mom and Dad and then his beautiful, talented wife. Then children, and grandchildren and great grandchildren. We know Don is in a good place now. We send our condolences and prayers to Don's family and to all who knew and loved him. Bob Chaffee and Maureen

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**Bob Chaffee** - October 17, 2016 at 10:21 AM

EP

“ We are saddened to learn about Don's passing. We met Don this year at Ambiance. Don was dazzling - his love for teaching and passion for acting was extraordinary. We will miss Dons' beautiful smile; his laugh and wonderful stories.

*May Gods' peace be with Don's family.*

*Elizabeth, Michael & Lucca Pham*



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**Elizabeth Hilsabeck- Pham** - October 17, 2016 at 09:15 AM

JF

“ We will miss Don, his smile and his wit, but "to live is Christ and to die is gain." We have hope of meeting him again. We send you our deepest sympathies and greatest love from our family to yours.

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**JB Griffin and family** - October 17, 2016 at 08:22 AM

JC

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Don's passing. I worked with Don at North Gwinnett High School when he was teaching Special Ed. I used to love coming to his room in the morning and listening to his stories He was such a gentle soul and was so passionate about teaching his students important things other than academics. I will miss him; the world is a darker place without Mr. Raymond. Rest in Peace good man....



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**Joy Crowe** - October 17, 2016 at 07:27 AM

SW

“ I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Raymond at John P. Franklin Middle School in Chattanooga, TN. About 3 or 4 years ago we worked together at Washington Alternative School. Thanks for sharing him with us!

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**Shenika Walls** - October 16, 2016 at 07:22 PM

TK

“ It was an honor to teach with Mr Raymond at North Gwinnett High School. He was a true professional - he was always enthusiastic , he had compassion for his students and always had a great story to tell . He had a great sense of humor , something nice to say where you felt better about life after talking to him. A renaissance man, I loved to hear him talk about his experiences in life - and oh, what a wonderful life he lead. Thoughts and prayers to family and friends ...

*Tim King*

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**tim king** - October 16, 2016 at 06:55 PM



“ . purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Ross Raymond.



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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Ross Raymond.



October 16, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ Don was a very important member of our class of 57. He had a great sense of humor and was active in many curricula activities. We missed him at this years get-together and we were looking forward to seeing him next year at our 60th. A wonderful life taken too soon.

*My deepest sympathy to the family. He is certainly is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Monica Parent Racine*

Monica Racine - October 16, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ He was the best !!!! I remember walking into class to those analogy quizzes!!! We had the best time in his class!!!!

Melvina - October 16, 2016 at 12:18 PM