



Domenick "Don" John Caporale

November 10, 1939 - January 2, 2021

Domenick "Don" John Caporale, 81, of Denton, TX, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2021 in Denton with his wife and children at his bedside. Don was born November 10, 1939 in Bronx, NY to Anthony and Mary Patricia (Riley) Caporale. He married Claudia DeCrescenzo on July 15, 1961 in Hollywood, FL.

Don was a long-time employee of Dean Foods and a member of the Dairy Association. He was actively involved in the Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora and organized the men's monthly breakfast and church events. Don liked to build model aircraft with his son, Ron during his youth, and building gingerbread houses with his granddaughter, Amanda. He liked singing, traveling, and listening to easy-listening music and was a fan of Johnny Mathis.

Don went by many names: to Claudia he was her "Mighty Mouse", the grandchildren called him "Pop-Pop", and everyone else knew him as the good guy "Cappy". Respected and loved by his associates, family, and friends—Don's kind nature, quick smile and hearty laugh—left an imprint on each soul. Don will be "missed."

Don is survived by his wife, Claudia of Denton, TX; son, Ronald Scott Caporale of Lubbock, TX; daughter, Renee Lynette Broca of Flower Mound,

TX; five grandchildren, Brittni Broca, Amanda Broca, Emily Caporale, Tyler Broca, and Audrey Caporale; two brothers, Anthony “Tony” Caporale, Jr. of Toms River, NJ and Dennis Caporale of Bronx, NY; and sister, Mary Julia Battaglia of Spring Hill, FL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Mary; and brother, Robert Caporale.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00AM, Friday, January 8, 2021 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX with Fr. John Martin officiating. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora, 222 W 6th Ave, Mount Dora, FL 32757 or to St. Jude at www.stjude.org/.

Arrangements are under the direction of Cindy Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Memorial

JAN 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey
400 South Highway 377
Aubrey, TX 76227
info@slaymemorial.com
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall

RB

“ *Dad's Tribute*

*My heart aches at the thought of you not walking through the door.
I'll miss the warm greeting of your hug and kiss even more.
Your gentle ways and silly gestures we shared between us two.
It's funny how moments and memorable times resonate through.
Our father-daughter relationship means more each passing day.
I pray you'll stay by my side along my life's way.
It's a rarity one is blessed to have a father such as you.
You've touched many lives with your love, warm smile and laugh so true.
I can't say I won't cry a tear or two.
Saying goodbye for now is the hardest thing for me to do.
I am so proud and honored to call you dad, for sure,
Because I know in my heart, I will forever be daddy's little girl.*

Renee Broca - January 10, 2021 at 04:04 PM

CC

A beautiful message from your heart. Yes, you'll always be "Dad's Little Girl." And you can be sure, he'll be by your side every day—in some way. Love, Mom

Claudia J Caporale - January 11, 2021 at 09:41 AM

PH

“ *We are so very sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed visits with Don. His laughter and stories always brought a smile. We love the Caporale family and are praying for you as you walk these difficult days. May sweet memories comfort you hearts.*

Paige Hyde - January 05, 2021 at 09:20 PM

MC

Thank you Paige! Love you bunches! 💕💕

Missy Caporale - January 09, 2021 at 01:02 PM

CB

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Don’s passing! We have so many wonderful memories of Don and Claudia when they lived in Lubbock. Our sincerest condolences and sympathies to Ron and his family. May you find comfort in the many wonderful memories. We send you our love.

Joseph and Connie Batrice

Connie and Joseph Batrice - January 05, 2021 at 08:30 PM

MC

Thank you so much! Big hugs to you all!

Missy Caporale - January 09, 2021 at 01:03 PM

BW

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album




Bruce & Jane Werner - January 05, 2021 at 02:51 PM

PR

“ Don was a very loving, caring brother-in-law, best man at our wedding and special uncle to my family. He had an infectious laugh and loved to sing to Johnny Mathis. Always willing to help, he and my sister, Claudia came back from vacation and directly flew to Boise when my husband passed 6 years ago. He and Claudia helped us prepare, organize and Don presided over his memorial. He and other family members were instrumental in bringing the whole family together in Florida for a memorable Thanksgiving .He's been a blessing to us and for that, my family and I will always be grateful.



Priscilla - January 04, 2021 at 11:20 PM

 Kathy
Korody
Artuso

“ Dearest Claudia and your beloved family,
We are sending our love and deepest sympathy to you all. You and Don were the best neighbors ever!! Don missed his calling as a horticulturist and always kept us neighbors on our toes to keep up with your beautiful landscaping! Don was always willing to lend a hand and share a warm, loving smile! May he rest in the arms of our Lord and may your cherished memories bring you comfort. All our love, Kathy, Dennis and Joey Artuso

Kathy Korody Artuso - January 04, 2021 at 11:16 PM

MF

“ Don was a man who always greeted you with a warm smile and a truly friendly manner. He was a gentleman and clearly had a kind heart and gracious ways. I'm glad he was my friend.
Mary Flynn

Mary Flynn - January 04, 2021 at 09:14 PM

AL

Always kind, always caring, always helpful, always loyal to his family & friends, always loving, sincere, compassionate, responsible, reliable, not judgemental, ready to enjoy life, a wonderful father & husband & so much more. We love you & will miss you always. Andrea, Roger & the Lux family.

Andrea Lux - January 04, 2021 at 10:28 PM

JS

*We first met Claudia when we moved to Mount Dora in 2001 and she arranged our rental and subsequent purchase of our house in Country Club of Mount Dora. We have been good friends to Don & Claudia ever since. Don was one of the nicest people I know. He was kind, good natured, very friendly, fun loving, adventurist and always made me feel special. I considered Don my best friend. He was very active in our Church heading up our Men's Group. He would head up activities and I would be his wingman. Claudia & Don and Nancy and myself loved to go to Italian restaurants. Don enjoyed it all but was truly an expert on pizza! Don loved our dog, Lizzie, and we loved Ginger. The four of us went to both a Barbara Streisand Tribute and a John Denver Tribute and Don went up on stage and made us all laugh. We love you, Don - you were very special and we are blessed to know you and Claudia
John & Nancy Sullivan*

John Sullivan - January 05, 2021 at 12:17 AM

SY

Heaven gained an extra special angel. Uncle Don, my godfather, was the kindest soul that I have ever known. There was no other like him. He was so warm, giving, accepting and patient. He always had such a fun and positive energy about him. I will always remember him dancing the Tarantella at my wedding, playing in the pool with my kids and cutting up with both my dad and my husband.

While my heart is broken, I am comforted to know that he is no longer suffering. We wish we could be with all of you now but please know that we share your grief. I choose to believe that Uncle Don and my dad are reunited, laughing and having a good time.

RIP Uncle Don. You will be sorely missed. Sending all of our love and prayers for your strength and peace.

*The Yinger family,
Stephanie, Johnny, Jonah and Harper*

stephanie Yinger - January 05, 2021 at 06:59 AM

BR

Dear Claudia and Family, Don was simply one heck of a guy! We, like the Sullivans, first met Don & Claudia when we moved to Mt. Dora in 2005. They became our first and best friends until they moved to Texas - a day we hated to see come - but we understood what pulled them there.

Don was sincere, honest, funny, persistent, fun to be with. and a hard worker - among other positive traits. When he said he was going to do something with regard to the church, and in regard to his job too, you could bank on it being done! I'll never forget how hard he worked on the church parking effort during Mt. Dora festivals, raising thousands of dollars on many weekends for Mission. And, boy oh boy, could he pack those cars in! I think we ended with at least 1 1/2 cars in each space.

I know you have heard it before, and probably said it yourself, Don is definitely in a better place, and the suffering he endured his final weeks has ended. He is waiting for you, Claudia, so you can be a team again. Blessings and love, Jane and Bruce Werner

Bruce - January 05, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JL

Dear Claudia and family - we were so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Don was a lovely man and I know you had a wonderfully happy marriage. We were so lucky to have met you both when we were on holiday in Mount Dora Country Club and then returned each Nov/Dec for so many years. It was lovely to meet up with you both in London when you did the UK trip in June 2018. So many memories.

*With our love and prayers to you, Ginger and your family.
Jill and Chris Locke, Maidenhead, England.*

Jill Locke - January 07, 2021 at 08:56 AM