



Donald John Karabaich

November 6, 1929 - July 17, 2019

It is with great sadness and regret that we announce the passing of our beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Donald J Karabaich. Donald gently eased into eternal resting on July 17, 2019, with his family at his bedside. Donald, leaves behind his wife Heide of more than 53 years, his two children Andrea Karabaich McDonough, Donald P Karabaich, his son-in-law David J McDonough, Daughter-in-law Lauren Malavet Karabaich , grandchildren Lauren McDonough, Tyler Karabaich, David McDonough, Jr. , Nicole Karabaich, his brother Anthony Edward Karabaich, and many nieces and nephews.

Donald is preceded in death by sister Mildred Orlich, brother Joseph Karabaich, sister Anne Orlich, nephews Thomas Karabaich, Sylvester Celebrini, & Joseph Karabaich, and one of his greatest loves, his dog Dearie. Donald born of Croatian decent in 1929 to the parents of Joseph & Filomena. He returned to Croatia at a young age, only to return to the United States as a teenager. Donald started his career in the hotel industry as a hotel elevator operator in 1947, and led a story book career for more than 53 years. He retired as a celebrated employee from the St. Moritz Hotel in New York City. He rose through the ranks, while receiving industry accolades as the “Bellman of the Year” in 1975, where he was famed on the Merv Griffin Show & To Tell the Truth, while appearing in several television commercials. Donald lived in New York City, Croatia, Whitestone NY, Merrick Long Island, and recently moved to Summerville, SC.

Donald also served his country with distinguish and honor, as an Intelligence Officer with the United States Army from 1951-1953, during the Korean War. His love for his family was evident. Donald, better known as "Opa" was loved and will be missed by all his family members. Opa loved to watch golf, tennis, and Futbol, where his favorite team Croatia made it to the finals in 2018. His passion for gardening emanates from his love for fig trees, as he tended to many in his backyard. He enjoyed the many outings with his grandchildren. He also enjoyed the many worldwide travels throughout his lifetime, which included being the partner and model for the thousands of pictures that Heide (Omi) has taken throughout the years.

Family and friends are invited to attend his visitation on Friday, July 19, 2019 from 2 o'clock to 4 o'clock and 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home. Funeral service will be on Saturday, July 20, 2019 at 10 o'clock at James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Dorchester Memory Gardens, 11000 Dorchester Rd., Summerville, SC 29485.

Flowers will be accepted.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at www.jamesadyal.com.

ARRANGEMENTS BY JAMES A. DYAL FUNERAL HOME, 303 SOUTH MAIN STREET, SUMMERVILLE, SC 29483 (843)873-4040.

Cemetery Details

Dorchester Memory Gardens

11000 Dorchester Road
Summerville, SC 29485
<http://www.dorchestermemorygardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
(843) 873-4040
<https://www.jamesadyal.com>

Visitation

JUL 19. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JUL **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

James A. Dyal Funeral Home Chapel
303 S. Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483

Tribute Wall



“ *James A Dyal Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald John Karabaich*



James A Dyal Funeral Home - July 17, 2019 at 03:45 PM

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Absolutely beautiful tribute to a wonderful man and family! Love and prayers to you all!

Susan Leighton - July 18, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ *Donald John Karabaich*

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



July 19, 2019 at 06:31 PM

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“ *The Spada Family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



The Spada Family - July 19, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



July 19, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



July 19, 2019 at 11:41 AM

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“ *Caroline & Ross purchased the Summer's Light Bouquet for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



Caroline & Ross - July 19, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.



July 18, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness* was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.



July 18, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.



July 18, 2019 at 04:25 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.



July 18, 2019 at 04:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



July 18, 2019 at 03:23 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



July 18, 2019 at 02:09 PM



“ *Anthony (Eri) Karabaic and the Karabaic Family purchased the Rainbow Reflections Basket for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



Anthony (Eri) Karabaic and the Karabaic Family - July 18, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *The DeVito Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald John Karabaich.*



The DeVito Family - July 17, 2019 at 09:39 PM