



## Donald Eugene Rose Jr.

November 1, 1948 - January 13, 2020

Donald Eugene Rose, Jr moved on to live with the Lord on Monday, January 13th, 2020 around 10:40 pm at Methodist Hospital in Germantown, TN. He was 71 years old.

Born on November 1, 1948 in Wichita, KS, he was the son of Martha Darlene Harmon and Donald Eugene Rose, Sr. He is survived by 3 daughters, Shelley Cooper (Johnny), Melissa Nemeth (Nicholas) & Jennifer Brunetz (Matthew), 2 stepsons Taylor Sargent & Alex Sargent, 5 grandsons Tyler, Ethan, Connor, Benjamin & Samuel, 2 granddaughters Kiersten & Sadie, 1 great-grandson, and a brother Joseph Charles Rose.

In his active years, Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, and socializing with family and friends. Don is a veteran of the United States Naval Reserve, and was honorably discharged in 1977. A graduate of Central High School, Don went to computer school and spent many years teaching computer languages before beginning a career with Federal Express. He was employed for over 30 years at FedEx, and retired in 2003.

Don was a very charitable person, always seeking ways to help people and groups in need. He was a big supporter of St Jude and the Ronald McDonald House. Don loved his family and friends dearly. He was loved by so many and will be missed more than can be expressed.

A celebration of his life will be held at TPC Southwind (8383 Tournament Dr) in the Azalea & Magnolia rooms on Saturday February 22nd from 1pm to 4pm as a come and go event. If you are unable to attend but would like to share a memory or reflection, please post in a comment on his obituary page at [smartcremationmemphis.com](http://smartcremationmemphis.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to St Jude or the Ronald McDonald House

# Tribute Wall

AD

“ Don Rose was a main stay for WMC Action News 5 in the mornings. He watched and would post every morning on my Facebook page, There were days he would make sure and ask if I was ok (I had the day off) and would ask me questions about people and various stories we covered. He cared so much about our product, our well being and what he was seeing.

However, I could tell he care more about us as people. He would send me direct messages asking about me, my family and if everything was okay while I was on vacation and taking my daughter on college visits. Through those messages he would tell me about his involvement with FedEx, The golf tournament and his observations in retired life.

When Jimmy Russell told me he passed away...it took the wind out of my sails. I wasn't right the whole day. I said a prayer for him right then and there. My thoughts and prayers are with you and his extended family. I am thankful to have known him and honored he watched us in the morning.

God Bless you all.

Andrew Douglas

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**Andrew Douglas** - February 12, 2020 at 10:46 AM

JM

“ After working with Don @FedEx for many years he was so special to always remember my Christmas Eve birthday with an electronic card, even after he retired! Great Guy & Good Friend who will be missed. Jo Meadows

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**Jo Meadows** - January 25, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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“ Don was Best Man at my wedding. Susan and I have been married 37 years. He did a great job! We all will miss him and his ingratiating smile.

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**Bob Lester** - January 24, 2020 at 11:58 AM



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**Melissa Nemeth** - February 05, 2020 at 03:15 PM

SM

“ Words cannot express how sorry we are for the passing of Don. We have been friends for over 30 years. We watched our kids grow up together, enjoyed all the laughter at cookouts and golf outings. We love you Don and we will hopefully see you on the other side. We will miss your laughter and quick wit. Most of all, we will miss your friendship. Rest In Peace my friend. Much love, Mick and Sue McKenna

Susan Mckenna - January 22, 2020 at 07:22 PM



Melissa Nemeth - February 05, 2020 at 03:15 PM

RM

“ A nextdoor neighbor, golfing buddy and friend, the good memories are too numerous to count. He enjoyed having people over for a party. The SuperBowl was always a huge event at his house. He enjoyed seeing others succeed. He got more excited about any good shot I might hit than he did about his own. He was a loving father proud of his greatest accomplishment in life.....his two girls. He will be missed, not just by his friends..... but by those he did not know who will have one less smiling face to lift their day and give them hope for a better future. He was one of a kind in so many ways.

Robert McCrary - January 22, 2020 at 01:50 PM



“ Thank you Don. Thank you for everything. Love you brother!

JimBo Cook - January 22, 2020 at 01:07 PM



“ I remember the first time Don and I met.

My bicycle was my primary mode of transportation at age 14 and I'd ridden it to the Rose house to meet a friend who was going to introduce me Melissa and JJ and maybe another friend or two. In order to look cool I wore my denim jacket (in late Spring). When Don and I were introduced he noticed the jacket and said, "Well, aren't you hot wearing that jacket on your bike?" I said not really and Don said, "Nice to meet you!"

Hard to believe that was 33 years ago!

ANDe Demetriou - January 22, 2020 at 12:44 PM

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*I will always remember Don as the guy with the cheerful hello and a smile everything I saw him at FedEx.*

*Mattie Williams*

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**Mattie Williams** - February 14, 2020 at 01:30 PM