



Donald E. Sauer

February 26, 1931 - June 6, 2022

Donald Edward Sauer, age 91, died June 6th, with his family by his side. He was born in 1931 to parents Edward and Julia Sauer in the Bronx, New York City. After graduating from Mount Saint Michael Academy, he received his BA in Industrial Security at Manhattan College.

During his career, he worked as an investigator for several governmental and private industries. He worked for the US Treasury Department before traveling to Japan in 1958 to work for the Office of Naval Investigation. There, he met his future wife Joanne Marie Lamey, a Navy nurse. They were married in 1960 at US Naval Base, Yokosuka, Japan. After marrying, he continued to work as an investigator and security manager stateside for United Airlines, Bechtel Corporation, and the Champlin Petroleum Refinery while raising five children.

Throughout his life he was an avid NY Yankees fan, a loving father, and a great baseball coach.

Don was predeceased by his first wife Joanne. He is survived his children Jeanne, Mary, Julie, Dan, and Mike, grandchildren Lauren, Tristan, Colin, Christopher, Lola, and Maren, and great-grandchildren Andrew and Joanna. Don spent the last seven years in Florida married to his current wife Rita (Synan) Langan. He is mourned by her children, Mary, Michael, Sheila, Vincent, Brian, Patricia, Kathleen. Don will be remembered for his kindness,

incredible generosity to many charities, sense of humor, and appetite for food and life.

Mass will be held at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church in Estero, Florida on June 17, 2022, at 11am.

Internment at a later date will be at Miromar National Cemetery, San Diego, CA.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Navy Nurse Corps Association (NNCA).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Miromar National Cemetery

San Diego, CA

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *Donald E. Sauer*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Don joked about being a “sour kraut” – he was anything but. He was a pious man who loved life, family, friends, Smithwicks Red Ale & the New York Yankees. He brought much joy to our family and will be greatly missed.*



Save me some Callahans, Don! Until then...

Mary Langan - June 10, 2022 at 08:23 PM



Don was an elementary school classmate of mine at St. Brendan's in the Bronx. He went off to Mount St. Michael High School and I headed for Cardinal Hayes High School. Alas, I lost track of him after that. Until today. But the photo you show here in this obit is identical to my grade-school memory of young Don Sauer. That smile hadn't changed in all those years! May he Rest in Peace.

John Nason - June 16, 2022 at 05:14 PM