



## Donald P. Hughes

December 21, 1943 - October 9, 2022

"Grief is the price we pay for love"

Dave and I arrived early Sunday morning. The three of us sat quietly for some time. I could hear the church service outside his door in the commons area. Struggling to discern the passages being read, I propped open the door. Dad took one last breath and headed out for the church. He was late.

"The death of any loved parent is an incalculable blow. Because no one ever loves you like that again."

The morning sun was on his face as he headed out to church....leaving us to carry on the love of family.

"The gift our father gave us everyday of our lives was that he loved us."

There will be no formal funeral arrangements at this time. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to Alzheimer Research. Donate at [www.ALZ.org](http://www.ALZ.org) in the name of Donald P Hughes.

Dave and I spent Sunday looking at the lake listening to Neil Diamond really loud. Dad's three favorite things: Dave and I, looking at the lake and Neil Diamond.

Dad lived here at Riverside Lakes for 40 years and we have so many memories tied up here. Neighbors extend grace when you play your music too loud at 10 am or 3 am. Thank you to those of you that gave us our time together Sunday. To those who shared our moments on the water, we are eternally grateful.

We welcome your stories about our dad. The sweet, the funny... all of them. He loved to laugh. Can you hear his robust laugh like I do right now?

But please, before you go, post your favorite Neil Diamond song. Then go listen to it.  
Really loud. The neighbors won't mind.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald P. Hughes*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *When i was a little girl i always loved when he came over to my folks, be he treated me like I was his own! I loved his laugh and the sweet smell of his pipe... forever grateful for all the memories ❤️ Jenny*

**Jenny** - October 11, 2022 at 10:54 PM



*Captain Black Baybee!  
Your family has always been like family to us.  
Lake Life Love ❤️  
Love you Jenny!*

**Nicole Ericksen** - October 12, 2022 at 09:59 AM



“ *Don was one of my favorites to take care of. I have many good memories that I will always cherish. Bringing Molly to work with me to spend the day with Don, Molly didn't care for strangers but she loved Don from the beginning, playing ball or just sitting in his lap.  
Neil Diamond is one of my favorites as well, America, play me, forever in blue jeans, cherry cherry, love on the rocks, impossible to pick a favorite. My condolences to the family.  
Tammy*

**Tammy Sue** - October 11, 2022 at 10:48 PM



*Tammy  
Everyone deserves a caregiver like you. You stepped in so many times for us when we couldn't. Your loving kindness to our father is deeply appreciated. Thank you ❤️*

**Nicole Ericksen** - October 12, 2022 at 10:01 AM