



Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq.

November 3, 1943 - September 18, 2021

Donald Howie was born November 3, 1943 in Concord, NC to Lester George Howie and Bertina Robinson Howie. He was the first in the family to earn a college degree. During the turbulent 1960s, Don attended Drew University in Madison, NJ, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with honors, in 1965. He continued his education, earning a Juris Doctor from Yale University in 1971 and a Master of Arts degree in Philosophy from Brandeis University in 1971. While pursuing his education, Don was active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

Don enjoyed teaching and in 1970, was appointed Chairman of the Black Studies Program at Stony Brook University. He later taught courses in law enforcement at Trenton State University while pursuing graduate studies at Princeton University. As a graduate student, he also taught Philosophy courses to undergraduate students at Princeton. At the same time, Don began a more rigorous pursuit of his legal career. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1975 and the New York bar in 1987. He was also admitted to practice in several higher courts: the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1988) and the US District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1992). Don was well respected in the local community and in 1995, was appointed Assistant Village Justice for the Patchogue Village Court.

Don was married to attorney Barbara Howie and together they started their own legal practice in Patchogue, Howie & Howie, Esqs. They served many clients in the New York metropolitan area. In his later years, Don enjoyed traveling with his wife Barbara and spending time with his grandchildren.

Don is survived by his wife, Barbara Howie; son, Razi Howie (Lynn); stepdaughter, Melissa Schuchman; four grandchildren - Camus Howie, Bethene Howie, Alyssa Bittrolff, Timothy Bittrolff; brother, Derek Johnson (Susan); sister, Beth Johnson; uncle, Buford Howie; niece, Kira Johnson; nephew, Dillon Johnson; cousins Alfreta Jones, Connie Lewis, Tina Dixon, Jonathan Howie, Mona Williams, Willia Morrison, Wilma Sumler, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Cemetery

Private Cremation

85 Medford Avenue
Patchogue, NY, 11772

Events

OCT **Memorial Service** 02:00PM - 04:00PM

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Robertaccio Funeral Home - Patchogue
85 Medford Avenue, Patchogue, NY, US, 11772

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc. - October 02 at 11:17 AM



“ Condolence to Barbara and family. The tribute was beautifully done and reflects a life well lived and the love shared. I only had the pleasure to meet Don in person once or twice and he had a way of making you feel so comfortable and always ready for conversation. RIP



Althea VanNoy - October 17 at 06:05 PM



“ Will miss you Don. But have many memories that I won't forget. Rest In Peace.

rosalie carroza - October 08 at 03:37 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Beth Johnson - October 06 at 07:38 PM



“ What a great tribute to a wonderful and fulfilling life. Much to be proud of. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Michele and Michael Neary - October 06 at 03:58 PM



“ A beautiful tribute with the wonder of fond memories of Wayne. Our heartfelt condolences to Barbara, Beth, Derek and the family. Love & Prayers, Harold and Tonya Miles

Tonya Miles - October 03 at 10:50 AM



“ that was beautifully done ...

Lauren - October 03 at 07:39 AM



“ My condolences to my dear friend Barbara and family. Don/Uncle Don is gone too soon. I will miss his wit and kindness. He welcomed everyone. Walking into a room you would not be able to tell who Don just met a few minutes prior from whom he knew for a lifetime. I remember when I took Carl over to the house for Barbara and Don to meet him and Don spoke with Carl like they were old friends. He will be dearly missed and he will live on in our memories. Keachea Dixon Ellis & Carl Ellis

Keachea Dixon - October 01 at 10:13 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



October 01 at 09:55 AM



“ Don and Gabaga, I have learned of you both about 15 years ago when I came to America. It was always fun to spend time together right from the start. I remember Christmas parties at your house, oh how meaningful and nice it was to sit in your living room and converse with Don about anything and everything. Many times you visited our family in Jersey, you were inseparable and always a joy to be around. Since early on Don has encouraged and uplifted me and told me not to worry, when I just started to learn English language and had hard time expressing myself. Despite all that he was always attentive and helpful. Keen on giving thoughtful insight and make you crack a smile no matter how you feel. He had a good memory, always remembered to call with Barbara to wish a Happy Birthday. Don was always kind and caring, he was very intelligent and a such gentlemen to Barbara, such a good role model. I am so glad that you both were at my wedding and meet our first born son Ivan! Oh how quickly time has past, and so sad Don you did not get to meet Iakov. You are surely will be dearly missed by all of us!!!



Aleksey & Helena Enikeev - October 01 at 09:14 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



October 01 at 09:10 AM



“ Leah Fletcher purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



Leah Fletcher - September 30 at 07:38 PM



“ Herb & Susan Stocknoff
It's been several years since we first met Don. Barbara and Susan are cousins and arranged to meet for dinner out on LI. Can't exactly explain it, maybe because we born 8 days apart and both kids of THE CITY but we began talking that night and never stopped. Whether it was politics, teaching, religion, theatre, music, kids, grandchildren, sports just about anything. Speaking of sports, did Don love the ponies!!!

One afternoon we were watching the races on tv at Don's house and as the horses are coming into the stretch Don is screaming exhorting his pick. I turned to him and said you know your horse can't hear you. He turned gave me this incredulous look and then that famous Don smile. Barbara roared with laughter and a moment later so did we.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing him all know the kindness of heart, the warm smile, the brilliant intellect, the depth of his friendship and most of all his love and devotion to Barbara. Weren't we all lucky.

Rest In Peace my brother
Herby

Herb Stocknoff - September 29 at 05:31 PM



“ Bessie and Harold Turner purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



Bessie and Harold Turner - September 29 at 12:06 PM



“ Big D, our angel, there is so much I want to say and yet all I have now is tears. Last message I received from you on O's birthday said:
Be still- even as your times come faster than you can see or comprehend. In time- your grace, space, & blessings only expand existence. Nobody can stop you. You are better for all that you have shared, loved, dared.
Keep your head up! If anybody's got this, Prinzcs AVS you do. If anybody was made for transcending this,
Lady AVS you are. Just look @ the wonderful start you got. Bishkek Amerika Rome Being In The World
doNjoB
You are right Big D, I will keep my head up and make you proud!
Thank you for loving me and helping me see myself through your eyes!
Love, Prinzcs AVS with babies E and O

Anastasia Safarian - September 28 at 06:09 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



September 27 at 11:32 PM



“ The Aotani & Carroza families purchased the Ringed by Love for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



Karen M Carroza - September 27 at 07:48 PM



“ Barbara and Don, Don and Barbara. Sounds like Russian jingle bells. You both have always brought so much joy and happiness to our life. Our best American friends, so American and unexplainably so Russian at the same time – our group of friends and family is only complete when you are among us. We’ve had the best times of our lives with you. So many fond memories! So many smiles! So much laughter! Thinking of Don, we see his attentive eyes, patiently listening to what we are trying to explain in our broken English, then a long pause, then a thoughtful answer with a straight face, which sounds very solemn and serious, until it gets to the very end, where it culminates in a witty remark, or a punchline, and then the brightest smile, and the explosion of laughter. Don, we miss you so much! Barbara and Don, Don and Barbara. We cannot, and we refuse to, think of you separately.

Regina Vakser - September 27 at 05:51 PM



“ I had the great pleasure to meet Don when Barbara and I were both involved with BPW and then EPW. His intelligence and graciousness was immediately evident. And because I’ve been a client of Barbara’s over the years we could never be friends. My heart goes out to everyone who was his friend and loved one and who benefited from the generosity of spirit, integrity, love and kindness he was known for. Barbara says one of his passions was to support the education of young people so in honor of this and in his name I have donated to The Harlem Children’s Zone.
<https://hcz.org/>
Their mission:
“Harlem Children's Zone (HCZ) is an innovative and unique community-based organization, offering education, social-service and community-building programs to children and families since 1970. HCZ has experienced incredible growth - from the number of children we serve to the breadth of our services. But one thing has stayed the same: the agency's whatever it takes attitude when it comes to helping children to succeed. Today, HCZ continues to offer innovative, efficiently run programs that are aimed at doing nothing less than breaking the cycle of generational poverty for the thousands of children and families it serves...”

Pat Giancontieri - September 26 at 02:34 PM



“ Grandpa Don.”

A mild mannered and gentle man who was taken so unexpectedly from his family and friends.

We shall miss sitting around the table having discussions about life, listening to heart felt stories of days gone by and his words of wisdom. Seeing his stern face last for no more than a second before breaking into a smile and deep chuckle.

And our deepest sympathy to "Nana Barbara" who always stood by his side, supporting and fighting for his health until the bitter end.

Camus, Bethene and Debbie.

Debbie Howie - September 26 at 12:34 AM



“ I am heart broken.
An unexplainable loss.
It just won't be the same without his witt and humor.
Most importantly his humanity.
His memory will stay with us forever.
My deepest condolences to Barbara.

Mikael Safarian - September 25 at 01:28 PM



“ We are grateful to have known Don, to have laughed with him and shared stimulating conversations. We are so glad that he and Barbara found each other, and so, so sorry that he is gone.

Anita Cohen & Marty Van Lith - September 25 at 09:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq..



September 24 at 03:20 PM



“ Dear Don.

You've been a part of my life for as long as I can remember and it doesn't seem real that you are no longer here.

We didn't always see eye-to-eye and there were times that although we lived in the same house, we didn't acknowledge one another as we passed each other in the hallway.

I often wondered why you would drive right past me, Lauren and Anne as we walked home in the middle of the day cutting out of school. I resented that you were home to answer calls from the school's attendance office or to get the post card informing my mother I was not in school e other parents were at work and my friends never go caught.

I couldn't understand why my loud rap music bothered you so much. You were only studying for some dumb test. I think you called it the bar exam. What was the big deal? A little loud music never hurt anyone right? I couldn't comprehend what you found appealing about the "noise" of Miles Davis blaring from your precious stereo that Razi and I were not allowed to touch. I admit, I still can't comprehend what you liked about that "music".

Everyone thought you were such a nice guy but they didn't know you like I did. They didn't have to witness you licking the top of the grape juice bottle like Razi and I did on so many occasions, just so we wouldn't drink any of the almighty juice. They didn't hear you asking me why my eyes were so red at the dinner table, clearly trying to get me in trouble. They didn't know that when I was 17 you gave me a dictionary for Christmas.

Who does that?

But then something changed. As I grew into adulthood my respect for you and my recognition of the role you played in my life also grew. I came to understand how difficult it must have been for you to keep quiet watching me head down the wrong path; how hard it was for you to stand by and watch me make bad decisions without ever overstepping the invisible boundaries that only "step-families" know exist.

I came to enjoy our conversations about the controversy du jour. You challenged me to formulate and articulate opinions about things that I would never have given a second thought. The never-ending debates we had about important things-is it a bald-faced lie or a bold-faced lie? These would go on for hours and you never seemed to tire of exchange. You would continue on about these things sometimes days later. A brilliant mind never stops thinking...

I came to see what others saw in you all along. All the tings I thought you did to get under my skin were really things you did to help me. Maybe you would drive past us but I recently learned you would pick Anne up from school when she was sick I came to realize that you were always there to support me and talk sense into me when I

was being irrational. I came to see what a remarkable person you were; to know that no matter what, you had my back. There became no doubt in my mind you always had my best interest at heart; that I could trust you with anything; that you would never break that trust or judge me.

I can't recall a time where I heard you speak negatively about anyone. You touched many people's lives. Anyone who met you, no matter how brief a time, immediately saw in you what took me so long to see. Perhaps too long...

I'm glad you were a part of my life and I will miss you.

Melissa

PS: I never did thank you for that dictionary-so thanks...for everything

Melissa - September 24 at 02:14 PM



“ Don held such a special place in our lives. He was such a unique individual, larger than life, full of laughter, that roared sometimes like a lion. We went to him for advice on everything, he was such a helpful and intelligent man. And was advocate for so many people in need. We have so many wonderful memories, our trips to England, Las Vegas and the Indian dinners. So many great times we shared with Barbara and Don. We feel truly blessed to have known him, and know his beautiful spirit lives on. We will miss his birthday phone calls and his warm smile! God bless Susan, Jim, Andrea, James and Graham Richeson X

Susan and Jimmy Richeson - September 24 at 01:09 PM



“ Don Howie, a friend , a very smart, and brilliant Man. Always kind, and thoughtful. My Dad's BEST friend. He would always say, if Don is your friend, that's all you need. He loved you Barbara, and the love and care you gave him exceptional. I will always remember all the great times we had, and the great advice you shared. Don you were the GREATEST FRIEND .

Jeanne Geraine - September 24 at 11:57 AM



“ My deepest sympathies and love to you and your family, Barbara. Don was a very special person and he will be sorely missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you

Fern Simes - September 24 at 10:32 AM



“ Rick and I send our deepest condolences to Barbara and the entire family. I was fortunate to have met Don when I was in Law School with Barbara. When I first met him, I was so impressed with how smart he was. Over the years, I truly appreciated his great sense of humor and I always loved to hear Barbara speaking so fondly of him. He will be missed by all he knew him.



Donna Planty - September 24 at 09:44 AM



“ Don was a outstanding guy, so kind , understanding, and Intelligent. Great sense of humor. A Special friend to me and all my family. My Fathers BEST Friend. My Dad would always say. if you have Don Howie for your friend, that's all you need .Barbara he loved you so much , and he was always so thankful for the Great Love and care you gave him. Don you will be missed , but you will always be remembered with respect and LOVE my Dear Friend

Jeanne Geraine - September 24 at 07:41 AM



“ Mona Williams lit a candle in memory of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq.



Mona Williams - September 23 at 10:47 PM



“ Sending sympathy to all Don's family , he will be sorely missed, especially by his wife Barbara who was always there for him .She really devoted herself to his recovery when he had his heart transplant ,giving him more years to celebrate life with friends and family.So very sorry for your loss..

Robin Keenan - September 23 at 10:06 PM



“ My deepest heartfelt condolences to you and your family.
Traveling with BPW: Don was our chaperone! He will be missed. RIP Don



sonia Wolf - September 23 at 09:14 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Lester Wayne Howie.



September 23 at 08:44 PM



“ Sending lots of love! Such an inspiring, beautiful soul; you will be missed Don!



Jordan Ma'kayla - September 23 at 10:08 AM



“ Mona Williams lit a candle in memory of Donald Lester Wayne Howie, Esq.



Mona Williams - September 22 at 10:56 PM