



# Donald Paul Firment

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**D**onald Paul Firment, 65, died peacefully in his sleep in The Villages, FL on January 2, 2018.

Don was born September, 24, 1952, in Dayton, Ohio, where he met and married Vicki (Wood) his wife of 42 years. Don joined the Dayton Fire Department as a Firefighter and served the community there from 1978- 1986.

Don then moved with his family to Georgia. He joined the Gwinnett County Fire Department as a Firefighter/EMT. After retiring in 2007, Don and Vicki went on the road trip of their lives. For the next six years, they traveled the country, on the back of their Harleys, before moving to The Villages, FL. There Don was an active member of the community, participating in the Convertible Club, Fernandina and Friends Social Club, Dunedin Social Club, Parrot Head Club, Fun Time Social, and Fernandina Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife Vicki, his children, Jeremy and Sarah (Ishmen Dorsey), his grandchildren, Kayla, McKenzie, Khloe and Meshe, his mother, Eleanor Firment, sisters, Linda Zalusky (Jim), and Debbie Bertke (Jerry). He is preceded in death by his father, Paul Firment and his brother, Kevin Firment.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, January 13, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Eisenhower Recreation Center in The Villages, FL. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity in Don's name.



## Tribute Wall

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FD

**Felix Diner** posted:

My memories of Don are golfing with him and his son Jeremy. His way of being was one in which you enjoyed playing, having lunch and laughing with him. You will be missed!!!!!!I know you are going to HEAVEN, but as we said "coming from The Villages, you might be a little disappointed" Hope when my time come to meet you there for a round of golf and beer!Sympathies to the family. Felix Diner

January 10 at 1:00 PM

DM

**Debbie Morgan** January 13 at 5:45 AM

Sorry for your loss. Don will be sorely missed. We love you all and will be praying for you and your family. Debbie Heckman-Morgan

MS

**Matthew Strope** posted:

Don and I bumped into one another more than a few times on opposite shifts at Gwinnett Fire. When I knew he was at a house that needed an overtime man I always volunteered to work that extra shift. Why? Well, I liked to be fed well, and Don was such a good cook he was always excused from dishes (even though he kept a tidy kitchen along the way) but mostly because he was a quietly competent Firefighter, and could be relied on in the clutch. And while I modeled my mustache after his, it never quite made the grade - A great mustache is often a firefighter's 'trademark'.So, for now, we've heard him called into quarters, and we take a moment to recall him fondly, blacken our badges and doff our helmets in a heartfelt salute. Go and grab a chair on the porch brother, we'll all be along soon enough, but for now, rest awhile.God bless Don's family and friends as they navigate these tough tough waters and find strength in one another and the love of God. There is a saying: "A ship in harbor is safe, but that's not what ships are for" - Don's adventures in life remind us to find an adventure, grab a hold of it with both hands and to enjoy it, and life, to its fullest. Rest in peace now brother.

January 10 at 5:02 AM

SD

**Sarah Firment Dorsey** January 11 at 8:02 AM

Well said and yes my dad deserves a salute!! God bless



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**Sarah Firment Dorsey** posted:

Wow! Heaven has gained a amazing husband, father, poppie, brother, son, and friend. I'm still in shock 😞 my dad was a hard, passionate worker. He always had at one or two jobs on the side of being a firefighter. And if he wasn't on the clock somewhere, he was at home in the garage, yard or basement doing/fixing something. He always made sure me and my brother Jeremy had the best of everything. His hard work paid off. And he also deserved everything he had. He was always in good spirits. And always joking just to see someone smile. His heart was pure. I have so many memories I can't say them all but here is a few Family vacations The tree house we had when we lived on Woodside Dr. Father/daughter dances and Harley rides. We NEVER missed Unfortunately I am disabled. And a fixed income doesn't go very far, so he was always there to help me & his granddaughters financially. As well as physically getting me back and forth to the doctor, he built a ramp for my house, and has been there to help me and my husband move SEVERAL times! And I am blessed as well honored to have him as my dad, and Poppie to my 3 amazing girls. We will truly miss you dad 😞 But I make a PROMISE to stay strong for Kayla, McKenzie and Khloe. And also fight and stay positive through my muscle disease. I love you, we will meet again, and until then thank you for watching over Mom & the rest of us

January 10 at 12:00 AM

RP

**Richard Prairie** posted:

My memories of Don are golfing and bowling with him. His personality was one in which you enjoyed being with him. His laughter and stories kept a smile on people's faces. We will meet again one day. Don't know what God's plan is for you, but I'm sure it is a good one. Sympathies to the family. Rich p

January 9 at 4:14 PM

SM

**Steve Mc** posted:

May The Road Rise to Meet You Don, May the Wind Be Ever at Your back, And Until We Meet again Old Friend, May the Good Lord Hold You Tightly in the Palms of His Hands. Always the smile, Always the laughter. Sincere sympathies to the family. Steve McCHS 1970

January 9 at 10:58 AM



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SW

**Steve Worthy** posted:

I have only good memories of Don. We worked together on several occasions when he would fill in on my shift. Always ready to do anything he was asked, very polite and easy going. He was a great firefighter. Everyone talks about his great cooking (at it was good!), but when I think of Don I remember he was always smiling and had a positive attitude toward everything. Wish I had known him better, but the time I did spend with him was quality time. He was a great guy, and a free spirit. Prayers for the family. I know he will be missed. Steve Worthy GCFD Retired

January 9 at 9:39 AM



**Harry-Donna Martin** posted:

RIP you will be missed

January 9 at 9:07 AM

RD

**Rod Dawson** posted:

The perfect fireman's mustache. Yes, Don has the perfect fireman's mustache. I once counted how many times Don groomed his mustache while on shift. I believe it was around 254 times. Always making sure every hair was in the right place. Don was a caring man. He cared equally for the veteran firefighter on shift or the brand new rookie who always seemed to be in the way. I remember countless missed meals where Don was sure to make you a plate, which was waiting for you when you got back to the house. Don had such a great sense of humor. I will miss that most of all. You could always count on him to cheer up the mood. Lord knows, we all needed that from time to time at the Fire House. Miss you my friend.....

January 9 at 9:02 AM

EM

**Ed Mcgrath** posted:

Don & I met in Gwinnett's recruit school in 1986. We were both from Ohio and hit it off right away. I really liked Don's outlook, his way of putting things in perspective and his great sense of humor. He laughed so easily. My deepest condolences to Don's family. He was a great guy. Ed McGrath

January 9 at 6:55 AM



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**Linda Shook** posted:

So many memories. Short trips, vacations, tall tales by Don. He was a one of a kind guy and I will miss him as so many others will. Don made the best grits and was always up for a party. Love you Don and I will miss you. God Bless You Vicki, my dear friend. I need to come for a visit this spring, if you'll have me. I'm filled with sadness and sorrow for Dons entire family. Love to all of you. Linda Shook

January 8 at 7:44 PM



**Roger & Nancy** posted:

We weren't in our new home 2 hours when there was a knock on our door....Don & Vicky, "just stopping by for a quick hello and to welcome you to our neighborhood". The first impression was the right impression....how blessed we are to have them as "next-door-neighbors!! It just doesn't seem right, not to see Don, out "putzin'" around in the yard, taking the time to talk. The day before he passed, we saw him planting flowers for Vicky. Inverary Avenue isn't the same without that Fu Manchu! We miss you, Don!

January 8 at 6:22 PM



**Mike McMahon** January 9 at 5:44 PM

Other than his cooking, which was second to none. I remember that laugh of his. He always had a smile and some funny comment.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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