



Donald A. Nordlund

January 6, 1948 - January 8, 2021

Donald A. Nordlund, 74, of Cedar Park, passed away on January 8, 2021. Don was born to Howard and Clarabel (Gilson) Nordlund in Maryland on January 6, 1948 in Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. Don loved time with his family, hunting and fishing, traveling to other countries, music (especially Bob Dylan), live theatre, and making knives.

Don's love of travel began at an early age. The son of an Army man, he spent his early years at multiple army bases, including Munich, Germany. The family finally settled in Atlanta, Georgia where Don earned his Eagle Scout with a Boy Scout Troop and attended Therrell High School. Don was accepted to the University of Georgia in Athens where he received his Bachelor of Science in Forest Resources, and later his Masters in Science. He found a job as an entomologist working for USDA. His travels as an entomologist took him to many exciting countries around the world including Russia, Thailand, Columbia, Spain, and many more. An avid outdoorsman, he also took multiple hunting trips to Canada, Montana, and South Africa. Don retired in 2012 and moved to Cedar Park to be closer to his family.

Don also enjoyed being a craftsman. While in Georgia he began making knives in his workshop. He experimented with using wood, antler and other materials for handles. His leather craft skills excelled while making sheaths for the knives. He also spent much of his retirement volunteering to build sets for local theaters. Before moving to Texas, he volunteered for The Town and Gown Theatre in Athens, Georgia, a theatre he and his wife enjoyed season tickets to. Once in Cedar Park he volunteered for Way Off Broadway in Leander and the Palace Theater in Georgetown. One of his fondest memories was getting to ride the zipline at the Palace after their Tarzan production.

Don was preceded in death by his wife, Sheron Nordlund in 2010. In his memory he leaves behind his children Kimberly Ryan (Robert Ryan) and Yvette Nordlund (Kerry McMahan), both of Cedar Park; grandsons, Brendan Ryan, Casey Ryan and Hunter Ryan; and many, many relatives and friends across the globe.

Due to COVID-19, the family will be having a private memorial with immediate family only. In remembrance of Don, and in lieu of flowers, we would like to suggest donations to your local live theater or the Michael J Fox Parkinson's Foundation.

Tribute Wall



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October 05, 2023 at 10:58 AM



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September 26, 2023 at 10:57 PM



“ *Two very nice people who made a wonderful couple: Donnie and Sheron. I have fond memories of both from high school, and so sorry to hear that Donnie passed away this year. - H. Grace Fuller*

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