



## Donald Francis Withers

July 27, 1942 - January 7, 2025

Donald Francis Withers, 82, of Woodstock, GA, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2025. Born in Johnstown, PA, in 1942, Don led a life defined by devotion, integrity, and kindness.

Don graduated from the University of South Florida in 1963, embarking on a successful career as a Certified Public Accountant. Over the years, he built a reputation for excellence, ultimately becoming a partner at Coopers & Lybrand in 1975.

In 1972, Don married Peggy Wainwright, beginning a 52-year journey of unwavering love and partnership. Together, they raised two sons, Randy (49) and Casey (46), and maintained a wonderful relationship with Don's three daughters from his first marriage, Lory Koontz (58), Chantal Spencer (60), and Lisa Gannaway (54). Don's family grew to include sons-in-law Jeff Spencer and Edward Gannaway, and a daughter-in-law, Courtney Withers, all of whom he welcomed with open arms and love. Don was also the beloved grandfather of eight grandchildren—Kyle, A.J., Zack, Grace, Haley, Hudson, Camden, and Palmer—and one great-grandchild, Rowan, who will carry forward his legacy of warmth and wisdom.

Outside of his career, Don found joy in collecting model trains and dedicating his time to his church community. He also enjoyed many years of golf with "The Fabulous Golf Boys" (a name the group proudly gave themselves) in Jacksonville, Florida. Don was admired for his affable nature, quick wit, and steady demeanor. Thoughtful and steadfast, he made everyone feel valued

and respected.

Don's greatest legacy is the profound impact he had on the lives of those who knew him. As a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend, he embodied love, humor, and kindness in every relationship he cultivated.

A celebration of Don's life will be held on February 1, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Northside Chapel and Funeral Home in Roswell, GA. His family invites all who knew and loved him to join in honoring a life so beautifully lived and to attend a reception following the celebration at Casey and Courtney's home, 13010 Magnolia Crescent Drive, Roswell, Ga.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation - Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

FEB 1. 2:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I started in accounting in 1975 and Don was one of the first partners I worked with. It was always a pleasure to work with Don, he was approachable, thoughtful, considerate of his staff and had a very even temperament. I never knew of his fondness for model trains- thst would have been a common interest. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Monty Cash

Monty Cash - February 01, 2025 at 10:50 AM

PW

Thank you, Monty. He was certainly a special man to me!

Peggy W Withers - February 05, 2025 at 09:15 PM

SH

“ Sandy and Brenda Hansen purchased the Shimmering Silver Gift Tower for the family of Donald Francis Withers.



Sandy and Brenda Hansen - January 30, 2025 at 10:10 PM

EJ

“ Ervin and Judy purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald Francis Withers.



Ervin and Judy - January 30, 2025 at 10:54 AM

ES

“ Ellen & Bob Salas purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Donald Francis Withers.



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**Ellen & Bob Salas** - January 29, 2025 at 07:22 PM

TW

“ Tom and Konny Withers purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Donald Francis Withers.



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**Tom and Konny Withers** - January 28, 2025 at 07:27 PM

PA

“ Pamela A. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Francis Withers.

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**Pamela A.** - January 28, 2025 at 05:19 PM

DB

“ Dave & Angie Becker purchased the *Small Garden Dish* for the family of Donald Francis Withers.



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**Dave & Angie Becker** - January 24, 2025 at 04:13 PM

GM

“ Judy joins me in extending sympathies...what a loss! Don has always been held in highest esteem in my memories. He was fun, but smart. An accountant with whom one could trust with his wallet. I have never understood why Coopers parted company...cannot think of a more honorable man than Don. I'll never forget one Easter when Tom Hodson bought a couple bunny rabbits as a "gift" (to repay for earlier "gift" of chickens, if I recall correctly). Here we are standing in the Hays' front yard...out comes Don with the box that held the baby rabbits...puts the box in the yard and jumps on the box, smashing it to the ground...we all gasped. Then, with perfect timing, the boys came outside, each carrying a baby rabbit: the box was empty. A perfect response from Don...

So, as we are on the slippery slope being over 80 years old, we see the passing of people who meant much to us in our younger days...Don was one of those people...so long...you left a legacy of people who respected you and enjoyed being your neighbor!

Gary Muzzy

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**Gary Muzzy** - January 15, 2025 at 11:59 AM

PW

Gary, what a sweet tribute to my Don. Thank you. We (he) had so many good friends and he always included you and Judy among the best.

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**Peggy W Withers** - January 19, 2025 at 01:48 PM

WS

“ It was a pleasure and honor to care for and serve this wonderful family. Wendy Simmons RN, Inspire Hospice.

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**Wendy Simmons** - January 14, 2025 at 11:03 AM

PW

*Thank you, Wendy. Your organization is so caring and loving. I loved everyone I came into contact with. God bless you all.*

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**Peggy W Withers** - January 14, 2025 at 12:56 PM

JB

*Peggy, So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a great mentor and resource as I started my career at C&L. Thoughts and prayers for you and your sons.*

*Joan Blecha*

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**Joan Blecha** - January 18, 2025 at 09:42 AM

DL

*Peggy, Don was the partner at C&L that I worked most for right out of college. I was very green, and he patiently help me learn and grow in confidence. I'll be forever grateful for that guidance. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss.*

*Dave Leininger*

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**Dave Leininger** - January 18, 2025 at 10:46 AM

PW

*Joan, thank you for your sweet post. I appreciate your thoughts and prayers as we navigate this difficult time.*

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**Peggy W Withers** - January 19, 2025 at 01:51 PM

PW

*Dave, I remember you and so happy that you enjoyed a good relationship with Don... as did I for more than 52 years!*

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**Peggy W Withers** - January 19, 2025 at 02:19 PM