



## Donald L. Hankins

January 17, 1964 - January 3, 2021

Donald L. "Don" Hankins, 56, passed away on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at his home in Gurnee, IL. He was born January 17, 1964 in Great Lakes and had been a resident of Gurnee for the past 30 years. Don was a graduate of Columbia College in Chicago and received his Masters degree at Northern Illinois University. Don was a videographer and the owner of VDO Productions.

Surviving is his wife of 29 years, Linda Hankins; 2 sons, Tyler and Connor Hankins; parents, Diane Hankins and Glenn (Pat) Hankins; brother, Jim Hankins and brothers-in-law, Jerry (Kristy) Paddack and Ryan (Sarah) Paddack.

Due to the current pandemic, the family has decided to have a celebration of life at a later date. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at [www.burnettdane.com](http://www.burnettdane.com).

# Tribute Wall

KK

“ I was hoping to contact Don for an upcoming wedding and just came across this terrible news. Don was a delight to work with at our daughter’s wedding. He later came to my rescue when I was working on another project. I often ran into him at parties while he was filming and always mentioned how much we enjoyed working with him. Sending heartfelt condolences to the family on this tragic loss. I hope that your happy memories continue to sustain you through the difficult times. Fondly, Karen Kaplan

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**karen Kaplan** - March 20, 2022 at 11:47 PM

DM

“ My condolences about Don, I just found out! I had been in touch with him a couple years ago to find out if my video was saved from the fire, but we kept missing each other. He said he had some from back then...if anyone can please find out, it was 4-20-01 for the Earley wedding. Either way I'd like to know, as we've had recent deaths and would really like to have anything at all. Please contact me at [dmariebooth3@gmail.com](mailto:dmariebooth3@gmail.com) or 331-431-1244. Thank you

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**dmariebooth3@gmail.com** - March 07, 2022 at 01:09 PM

CA

“ We are so saddened to hear this news. We were customers of Don's and, most recently, he filmed our daughter's bat mitzvah and created a stunning montage to show at the party. He was so patient with us while selecting the photos and, when he showed me the final product in Starbucks one day, I cried. It was so beautifully done. Don was a genuinely kind man and so talented at what he loved to do. May he rest in peace. May his memory be a blessing.

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**Claire Abrams** - February 11, 2021 at 03:45 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I met Don thru MainStreet. He was an avid supporter of the program. I always admired his enthusiasm for the organization and Libertyville. My prayers r with your family.

Pam Hume - January 08, 2021 at 09:22 PM

JP

“ Hankins Family - I had the great pleasure of getting to know Don through Larry and Patty Mix and their Joey's Angels golf fundraiser. He was always so upbeat with boundless energy, and just great to be around! Please try to take comfort knowing he is now in a good place. Stay strong. My deepest condolences.

Jeff Porter

Jeff Porter - January 06, 2021 at 01:33 PM

DM

So sorry to hear about Don...is anyone still running VDO? I got married before the fire, and never received a video. He was going to look in his files...if anyone sees this and knows, please contact me at [dmariebooth3@gmail.com](mailto:dmariebooth3@gmail.com). it was for the Kevin and Debbie Earley wedding on 2001. Or call me at 331-431-1244. Thank you.

[dmariebooth3@gmail.com](mailto:dmariebooth3@gmail.com) - March 07, 2022 at 01:03 PM

 Patty Mullen Mix

“ Dear Linda and boys, We are so sorry for the loss of Don. He was one of the best and a bright light in this dim world. Don was part of our Joey's Angels Family since day one in 1996. Our outings were always so much fun with him, they will not be the same without him. He will be missed and forever in our hearts.

Larry & Patty Mix and Joey's Angels

Patty Mullen Mix - January 06, 2021 at 11:09 AM