



Donald F. Hoskins

April 7, 1955 - July 20, 2023

Donald Floyd Hoskins passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023 in Overland Park, KS. He was born on April 7, 1955 in Libertyville, IL to Charles Maxwell Hoskins and Ruth Marie Rittler. He graduated from Libertyville High School in 1973 and the University of Illinois in 1977 with a degree in mechanical engineering. After graduation he moved to Queens, NY where he met his wife of 38 years, Bertha. They raised their two children Diana (36) and Brian (32) in Brooklyn, NY, later moving to Melbourne, FL.

He started his career in the macaroni industry following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather at DeFrancisci Machine Company (Demaco) in Brooklyn, designing and building industrial machines that made thousands of pounds of pasta per hour. Later, he moved to Melbourne with that company. He continued in the industry after Demaco dissolved, repairing many of the machines he designed, and selling new equipment at BDM.

Donald had a lifelong passion for photography and in recent years, more specifically bird photography. He enjoyed driving between Florida and Kansas City, finding any birdwatching spots on the way and would take thousands of photos that he enjoyed sharing with anyone he could. He was an avid wine lover who was partial to a good glass of petit verdot. He had always enjoyed exploring and traveling throughout the US as well as various countries. He and his daughter were able to travel abroad together on a few occasions,

sharing in their love of adventure. He was an incredibly proud grandfather and was able to have spent a lot of time with his only grandchild over the past year. Donald and his son bonded over their interests in computer games, anything mechanical, and often had long discussions about politics and world news.

Donald is survived by his wife, Bertha, son Brian, and daughter Diana (Kyle) Hardey, granddaughter Chloe Jean, brother Andy, and sisters Glenda (Jim) Rieck, and Martha (Lee) Schwartz, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He will be sorely missed by all.

Visitation will begin at 11am Saturday, July 29, 2023, until time of services at 1pm at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. Libertyville, IL. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to either the American Bird Conservancy www.abcbirds.org or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation www.jdrf.org.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be hosted by his cousins Jamie Sloan and Jennifer Morales at 1101 Fair Oaks Ave, Oak Park, IL following the services.

Arrangements are by the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **29**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Donald's Family,

I am so sorry to hear this news. I had the pleasure of Donald being one of my favorite customers for many years. He had a great dry sense of humor and was always fair to deal with. Donnie Hollaway told me about this today and I am very much stunned and saddened.

My thoughts are with you in this difficult time.

I will miss him.

*Larry Foster
Brewer Machine and Gear*

Larry Foster - August 04, 2023 at 03:25 PM

PW

“ *Dear Hoskins*

We are so sorry to hear this news. we felt so blessed to have spent some quality time with Donald at the family reunion a couple of years ago. Donald had just come from visiting his daughter and was excited to share the exquisite wines she had gifted to him. He had many stories about both children and his fun times with them as well as raving about his wife's cooking! He seemed like a man who was more than pleased with his life and was thrilled about where he was and what he was doing

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I have admired Donald from a very young age, probably because I could count on excitement and adventure on any trip Libertyville. Whether it be blowing up the chem lab in the basement, or exploding a crater in the back yard, I was always in awe of his abilities.

He had the kindest heart, an infectious smile, a fabulous spirit of adventure, and great sense of humor. I am so glad that we got to spend a fun weekend with him and his siblings in Wisconsin. He was always a lot of fun.

Pete and Heidi Woods

Pete Woods - July 30, 2023 at 01:48 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 28, 2023 at 10:52 PM

WC

“ *With Love, the Harlan Cousins purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



With Love, the Harlan Cousins - July 28, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 28, 2023 at 01:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald F. Hoskins.*

July 28, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Donald F. Hoskins



Steven R Hultgren - July 27, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.



July 27, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.



July 27, 2023 at 08:47 AM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 27, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Donald was a good friend of many years. He will be missed by all*

tim lambert - July 27, 2023 at 08:14 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 26, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald F. Hoskins.*

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“ *The Freund family sends our condolences to the Hoskins family. The families were friends while living in Libertyville. Don was very kind, considerate, and friendly just like the entire Hoskins family.*

Denise and Ken Freund - July 26, 2023 at 06:39 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald F. Hoskins.

July 26, 2023 at 03:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.



July 25, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.



July 25, 2023 at 04:38 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



David W Woods - July 25, 2023 at 04:33 PM

DH

“ 4 files added to the album *Donald F. Hoskins*



Diana Hoskins - July 25, 2023 at 02:22 PM

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“ 10 files added to the album *Donald F. Hoskins*



Diana Hoskins - July 25, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *Donald F. Hoskins*.



July 25, 2023 at 01:29 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Donald F. Hoskins.*



July 24, 2023 at 05:13 PM



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