



Donald Clay Neville

November 16, 1932 - September 10, 2023

Donald Clay Neville, 90, passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023, in Libertyville. Born November 16, 1932, in Ridgway, IL, he was raised in Champaign-Urbana where he graduated from University Laboratory High School. At the University of Illinois, he was a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and received a BA in Anthropology and an MA in Urban Planning, the latter after serving in the US Army during the Korean War period. He married Jane Adams Roos in 1955. Don worked as an administrator at the University of Illinois in Urbana and in Chicago, and he and Jane raised their children in Champaign and later Evanston. Following Evanston, they lived for many years in Antioch, and relocated to Grayslake for the past decade. Prior to retirement, Don and Jane owned and operated the Neville-Sargent Gallery for many years, where they specialized first in contemporary art, and later antique prints and antiques.

Don sat on the board of the College of Lake County, was a member of the Appraisers Association of America and also the Rotary Club of Champaign. As a city planner, a key achievement was securing the property on which the Krannert Center was eventually developed. As a gallery owner, he enjoyed mentoring and cultivating new artists and seeing them flourish. He loved trees and animals and his hobbies were wide-ranging. He enjoyed cooking, gardening, boating, and traveling the world with his family. In recent years, Don enjoyed baking, reading, birdwatching, and watching tennis as well as Illini and Chicago Bears games. He will be missed by all his family, friends,

colleagues and many acquaintances.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jane Adams Roos Neville; two children, Abigail (Andres Sousa) Neville, John (Paula Metzger) Neville; by his four grandchildren, Kelsey, Fletcher, Andrea, and Andres; and two great-grandchildren, Mia Camila and Marcello.

He was preceded in death by his four siblings, Harriet, Howard, Charlotte, and Virginia.

A memorial service will be planned later. You may plant a tree in his name or donate to a memorial of your choice. For information, call (847) 362-3009. You may leave a memory for the family at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ So many fond memories. Don was a wonderful mentor. I will always remember the Neville Sargent days as among the most special times of my life. With love, Rick Boschulte.

Rick Boschulte - January 30, 2024 at 06:46 PM

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“ We are saddened by the loss of Don...we've been friends for over 80 years..
Don was so creative...he could do anything...we admired so much his positive attitude...we share some travels together...dined many times... what a chef he was... we send our love our sympathy and prayers for the family... Don was a great man....we will miss him so much.

Louis D. Liay - December 26, 2023 at 09:20 PM

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“ I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the extended Neville family. My connection to Don & Jane began in the 1980s through my friendship with Abby. Don always showed sincere interest in those around him & treated all with great respect. A true gentleman & wonderful role model. I will dearly miss him. Sincerely, Marty Schneider

Marty Schneider - December 16, 2023 at 10:52 AM

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“ So sorry, Jane. My thoughts are with you. Don must have known Joe who graduated from Uni High in '51. It's tough to lose a husband. Joe passed away 9/29/21. Sandra R Casserly

Sandra Racine Casserly - October 11, 2023 at 09:53 PM