



# Donald W. Devine

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**D**onald Whitelegg Devine of Leesburg VA, 84, died October 1, 2014

He is survived by his five children, Anne Camille Devine, Donald W. Devine Jr. (Nancy) and Walter Starr Ripley Devine, all of Loudoun County, Oliver Patrick Droit Devine of Washington, D.C. and Mary Devine Whitehorne (Les) of Virginia Beach, VA as well as eight grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Born March 16, 1930 in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was preceded in death by his parents Anne Whitelegg and Maj. Gen. John Matthew Devine as well as his siblings, John Austin Devine, Ruth Devine Finlay and Dorothy Devine Wurster.

He graduated from Yale University in 1952, served as an Army lieutenant in the Korean War until 1954 and graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1958, where he was editor of the Law Review.

In 1954 on a blind date arranged by his father he met the love of his life, Patricia Ann Ripley. They were married 50 years. She died in 2006.

In his 58 years in Leesburg Don was president of the Rotary Club, co-founder of the Loudoun Association for Retarded Citizens and was the County's Commonwealth's Attorney from 1971 until 1979, when he became a federal judge in Washington, D.C. He was a lifelong member of Saint John's Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus there.

The family received friends from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA. Those who wish to gather with the family are welcome from 12:00 to 1:00 pm on Friday, October 10, 2014 at the funeral home.



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A funeral mass began at 1:30 PM on Friday at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church, 55 Oak Crest Manor in Leesburg.

Burial followed in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Leesburg, with a reception after at Glenfiddich House, 205 N. King St., in Leesburg.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Blue Ridge Speech & Hearing, 19465 Deerfield Ave, Suite 201, Leesburg, VA 20176, or to the Southern Poverty Law Center, 400 Washington Ave., Montgomery, AL 36104.


Please share condolences with the family [www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com](http://www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com).

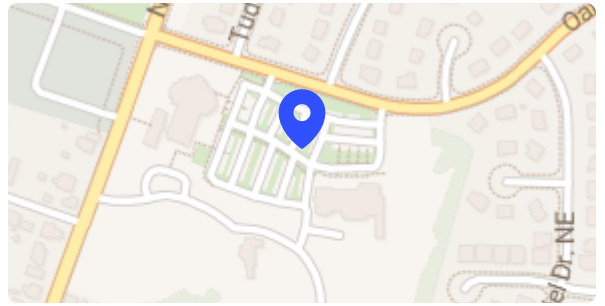


## Events

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### Cemetery Details

 **St. John's Catholic Cemetery**  
101 Oak Crest Manor, Leesburg VA 20176





## Tribute Wall

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**Loudoun Funeral Chapels** shared a **Tribute Video**.



October 9 at 6:25 AM



**Senator Charlie Waddell** posted:

To the family of my friend Don Devine, You have my deepest sympathy on your loss. I have known Don for over half century and in addition to our friendship we were fellow public officials for many years. I remember asking Don for his support when I first ran for the Virginia State Senate in 1971 and he said, "Charlie you have it but what can I do"? I replied "Don, you know so many 'old' Loudoun folks that you can just mention me favorably in your circles." Don replied, "well Charlie, I'll be chairman of the cocktail circuit for you". (ha) I also vividly remember his race for Commonwealth Attorney in 1975 against Jean Clements which ended in a tie vote and the name of the loser was pulled out of a hat in the Hamilton Precinct. Don won by one vote and this became the closest political contest in Loudoun history. Thereafter, we all pointed to this race when we were admonishing folks in our future campaigns that every vote counts. Don and his late wife were leaders in our community and loved by all with whom they came in contact. Don was an outstanding Commonwealth's Attorney and later served with distinction in the Federal Judiciary. In time Don's family and friends may become accustomed to not having him among us but we shall never forget his good and cheerful way of life. Charlie Waddell (Virginia Senator Retired)

October 8 at 10:36 AM



**Nora West Craven** posted:

Walter, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. I can see that your Dad was a great man and will be truly missed. Revel in all of the wonderful memories that you hold dear in your heart. The funniest ones are the best. Many blessings to you always. Nora West Craven

October 8 at 6:06 AM



**Leslie Finlay Fabricant** posted:

My dear Annie, Mary, Don, Walter and Oliver, We are all sad right along with you to have to say goodbye to your dad. Such happy childhood memories of Uncle Donny. He always made a kid feel good to be around him. I can easily picture him still, that quick grin and ready-for-fun chuckle. He will be missed by so many. Love and hugs, Leslie and family

October 8 at 5:56 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Blue & White Sympathy Basket to the Devine family.



October 7 at 10:35 AM



**Anonymous** sent a White Sympathy Baskets to the Devine family.



October 6 at 10:40 AM



**Media**

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TRIBUTE VIDEO

A JOURNEY  
*of*  
REMEMBRANCE

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The video thumbnail features a bright blue sky with white, fluffy clouds. The text 'A JOURNEY of REMEMBRANCE' is centered in a red, serif font, with 'of' in a smaller, cursive script. A white play button icon is overlaid on the text. In the bottom right corner, there is a QR code and a black button with the text 'SCAN TO WATCH' in white.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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