



# Donald Russell Dailey

OCT 6, 1927 - MAR 3, 2017



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"**D**uring a lifetime of aviation, I have experienced only one forced landing. It was not difficult. The dead-stick glide began at three thousand feet. There were several suitable fields from which to choose. Things worked out nicely. Yet I know that I have one more forced landing lurking and waiting for me out there. I believe that at this stage, i am ready for it. Perhaps there will be warning maybe not....We roll to a stop. I have no belt to loosen. I raise goggles and slowly climb out. Suddenly there is applause, then bear hugs and slaps on the back. 'Hey you old goat, you really slicked that one on!' I am with old friends.

On March 3rd, 2017, Donald R. Dailey's final touchdown came at the end of a gentle, peaceful glide, as he passed away in his sleep at the age of 89. ('The Final Touchdown' by Dutch Redfield)

Donald was a long time resident of Leesburg, VA. Predeceased by his parents, Harry L. Dailey and Sarah N. Dailey; his sons, Roy L. Dailey and Kent A. Dailey. Survived by his wife, Betty M. Dailey of Leesburg; daughter Dianne D. (Douglas) Raynor of Winston-Salem, NC; grandchildren, Stephen D. (Corban) Raynor of Winston-Salem, NC and Jenna M. Raynor of Savannah, GA.

Donald was born 10/6/27 in Orange, VA. He graduated from Lovettesville High and retired from Household Data Services where he worked as a Production Engineer. He served in the VA National Guard for eight years as a Communication Chief and Instructor. In addition he completed the District of Colombia apprenticeship program for journeyman television and radio repairman. Donald was a long time member of the Experimental Aircraft Association and Ham Radio Operator. A lifetime passion centered around airplanes was held by Donald including being a Private Pilot; building and flying radio controlled aircraft. He also served as an usher in his church, Leesburg United Methodist for many years.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 6th at Leesburg United Methodist Church 107 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA. with the Rev. Jim Wishmyer officiating. The family



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will receive friends and family prior to the service from 10-10:30 AM.

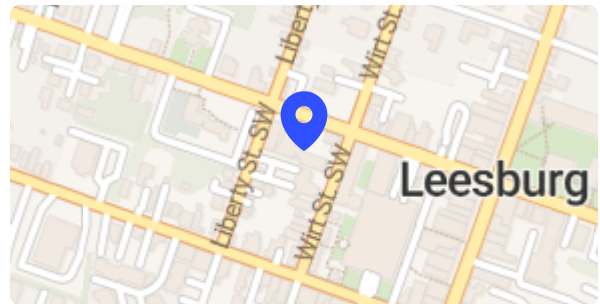
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Activities Dept. at Heritage Hall, 122 Morven Park are. NW, Leesburg, VA 20176 or Leesburg United Methodist Church at 107 W. Market St. Leesburg, Va 20176.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.loudounfuneralchapel.com](http://www.loudounfuneralchapel.com).






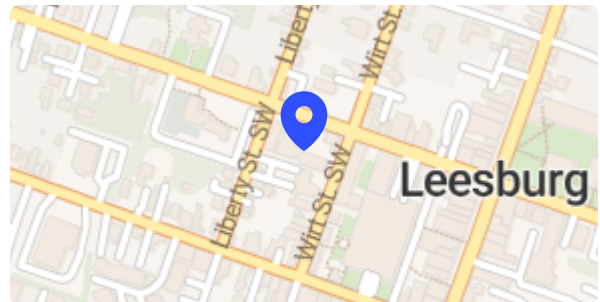
## Visitation

-  **Monday**, March 6, 2017
-  10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET
-  **Leesburg United Methodist Church**  
107 W Market St., Leesburg VA 20176




## Service

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## Cemetery Details

-  **Hillsboro Cemetery**  
15142 Hillsboro Road, Purcellville, VA





## Tribute Wall

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**Rose Fiske** lit a candle in honor of Donald.

To Betty & Family, I send Much Sympathy. May you find peace & comfort in your fond memories. Rose Fiske

March 9 at 4:17 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

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



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