



Donald Connelly Sr

March 22, 2018

Donald "Don" J. Connelly Sr, 77 of Cresskill, NJ passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving wife and family after a brave and courageous battle with cancer .

Donald was born in Bronx, NY on December 19, 1940 . He spent 40 years employed by Verizon Telephone Company . He served in the United States Army from 1959-1961. Donald was a jack of all trades and would always help out friends and family in need . He enjoyed spending time with his family , coaching his children in various sports and later in life his favorite thing to do was watch his grandchildren participate in their numerous sports and activities . Donald was an active retired member of the CWA & pioneer union as well as a lifetime member of the St. John's Knights of Columbus .

Donald was preceded in death by his father James Connelly & his mother Marguerite (Schutz) Connelly, brothers Gerard , Thomas & Kenneth Connelly, brother in law Thomas Duffy, sisters in law Rita & Marjorie Connelly and his father in law and mother in law Martin & Catherine Duffy.

Donald leaves behind his beloved wife of 53 years , Kathleen (Duffy), his four sons Donald Jr. & his wife Anna, Martin & his wife Patricia, John & his wife Victoria , Paul & his wife Juliane, and his two daughters Karen & her husband Anthony Schaffer, and Ellen & her husband Stephen Carmona. He was also

adored by his nineteen grandchildren , Sean , Joseph , Kali , Sydney, & Thomas Connelly; John , Jeremy, James & Joseph Connelly; Kaitlyn, Kourtney, Cassidy, Anthony & Krystina Schaffer; Emma, Catherine, & Lily Connelly; and Jennie & Connor Carmona.

Donald is also survived by his brothers James, Michael & his wife Nancy, Dennis & his wife Deborah and his sisters in law Marion Connelly, Terry Connelly , Anne Duffy, & Elizabeth Duffy as well as his Aunt Eleanor Kane, Virginia Schutz, and many nieces , nephews & dear friends .

Friends and family may come to celebrate his life at Barrett Funeral Home , Tenafly, NJ on Sunday March 25th from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. A mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish , Cresskill NJ at 10 am on Monday March 26, 2018, followed by interment at Hackensack Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as well as National Down Syndrome Society.

Cemetery Details

Hackensack Cemetery

323 Hackensack Ave
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 25. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
(201) 568-8043
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

Visitation

MAR 25. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home
148 Dean Dr
Tenafly, NJ 07670
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Funeral Mass

MAR **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Therese of Liseux Church
120 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Entombment

MAR **26** (ET)

Hackensack Cemetery
323 Hackensack Ave
Hackensack, NJ 07601

Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



March 26, 2018 at 08:19 AM



“ *I pray for peace and express my condolences to the Connelly Family.*

Hank Bell

Henry Bell - March 25, 2018 at 11:15 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



March 24, 2018 at 07:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



March 24, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



March 24, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ *With love, Daniela and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



With love, Daniela and family - March 24, 2018 at 01:44 AM



“ *A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Donald Connelly Sr.*



March 23, 2018 at 01:01 PM