



# Donald Frank Brodersen

October 19, 1945 - June 15, 2025

Donald Frank Brodersen 79 years old, born October 19, 1945 and living in Guntersville, Alabama, went home to be with Jesus on Father's Day, June 15, 2025 in the care of Shepherd's Cove. He lived as a dedicated Christian and loved God and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Arab and a joint member at the First United Methodist Church in Gatlinburg. Don was a proud Veteran who served in the Vietnam War and retired in 1988 as an Ammunition Technician for the US Air Force. After his military service, he served as a civilian at the Tooele Army Depot in Utah, worked as an Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Anniston Army Depot and Foreign Military Sales Country Program Manager, United States Security Assistance Command in Huntsville, Alabama.

Don had a passion for Ford Mustangs and was a member of the Saleen Club of America. He was called "Donzilla" and enjoyed the Tail of the Dragon many times. He enjoyed spending time in the mountains of Gatlinburg, playing the guitar and singing karaoke, model trains and quality time with his friends and family.

Don is preceded in death by his parents Paul Peter Brodersen Sr and Ilse Schneidewind Brodersen of Arizona, and sisters Sonja Riley (Jerry) and Paulette Hall of Arizona.

He is survived by his wife of 34 wonderful years of marriage to Melissa Hughes Brodersen, three sons Ronald, Paul, and Donald and two daughters Morgan Alexandra Brodersen of Arab, Alabama and Mary Burger. Grand Daughters Kaile, Kelsey, Krista, Alexandra, and Britani. Grand Sons, Jacob, Zachary and Dylan and several great grand children.

A graveside memorial service will be held on June 21, 2025, 9 a.m. at Marshall Memorial Gardens in Albertville with full military honors.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Little Star Chihuahua Rescue of Montgomery, Alabama and the Appalachian Bear Rescue in Townsend, Tennessee.

# Cemetery Details

## Marshall Memorial Gardens

Guntersville, AL

# Previous Events

## Gravesaide

JUN 21. 9:00 AM (CT)

Marshall Memorial Gardens  
Guntersville, AL

# Tribute Wall

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“ Don is a great brother in-law, he was God Father of my daughter Tarah. Memories of him sitting on our porch in the 60's and 70's playing his guitar singing for the family. My friends made sure they would be there when he came home just to hear him. Riding in the convertible Mustang that was green to go to the drive-in with him and my sister Irene after he bought it. He also was a great artist in drawing which he always would draw pictures of Irene during their dating time and after they were married. Spent my summers with Don, Irene and nephews when they came back to the states after serving his overseas duties. My niece Mary came home with Don and Irene after serving his tour in the Philippines which our family was excited to have her to love. Ronald, Paul, Donald and Mary my heart goes out to you for the loss of your dad and prayers to your families. A brother in law who I'll miss and I feel sorry that my daughter didn't have the opportunity to remember him since he wasn't allowed to be around after his second marriage. We're going to miss you Don now that you're with God and happy to know that nothing will stop you from being with us now. Kathy Heuton Ellington



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**Kathy Heuton Ellington** - June 21, 2025 at 10:58 AM

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“ Don and Melissa were our neighbors once and then I was lucky enough to have them as members of my church in Gatlinburg. Don was a great person to be friends with. A wonderful disposition and always willing to help. We are saddened for this loss and will keep his family in our prayers.

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**Russell Glasgow** - June 17, 2025 at 12:16 PM