



## Donald E. Driver, Sr.

August 18, 1942 - February 6, 2026

DONALD ELLIOT DRIVER, SR., age 83, went home to be with the Lord on February 6, 2026. He was born on August 18, 1942, in Gloucester, Virginia to Harvey Dallas Driver and Elizabeth Whiting Booth. Donald lived a life marked by faith, service, hard work, and deep devotion to family. Donald spent his childhood in Baltimore, Maryland, and graduated from Douglass High School. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy prior to attending college, demonstrating honor, discipline, and integrity. He later graduated in 1972 from Morgan State University with a degree in Business Administration. He had a long and successful career with Exxon Corporation as a Senior Marketing Engineer and was known for his professionalism and masterful negotiating skills.

On August 24, 1963, Donald married the love of his life, Kathleen Dailey Driver, beginning a marriage that spanned more than six decades and stood as a testament to enduring love, faith, and partnership. To his children, he was an amazing father and exemplified perseverance through every adversity.

Deeply committed to his family, Donald also believed in giving back to his community--coaching baseball and basketball through his children's Boys and Girls Club teams, mentoring young athletes with patience, encouragement, and humor. He served on school PTA boards, always advocating for children and education.

Later in life, his servant's heart led him to work within the prison system, supporting continuing education and prison reform efforts, believing strongly in redemption, opportunity, and second chances. In retirement, he and his wife, Kathleen, built their dream home on the York River in Gloucester, a place that brought them great peace and joy and where many cherished family memories were made. A devoted man of faith, Donald was ordained as a deacon at Shepherdsville Baptist Church, a church built by his forefathers in 1883, where he sang joyfully in the church choir, sharing his love of music and worship with the congregation. He served faithfully with humility and duty, guiding others by his example. Later, Donald and Kathleen relocated back to Maryland, settling in Owings Mills, where they joined the congregation of Emmaus Missionary Baptist Church.

Donald had a genuine love for life's simple joys. He loved to play golf, recording a hole-in-one at Forest Park Golf Course in Baltimore. He was an impeccable dresser, always proud of his Sunday best. He also loved to cook steaming crabs from the York River, making his oyster stew, custard pies, and pound cakes, a passion continued by his son, Keith, an accomplished chef. He loved music and would often burst into song or his signature dance.

Known for his quick wit, humor, and natural charisma, Donald had a way of lighting up a room. His stories, laughter, and warm presence drew people in, and he formed deep, lasting connections wherever he went. Whether through a perfectly timed joke or a kind word, he made people feel seen and valued.

Donald was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend. He is survived by his beloved wife, Kathleen Driver; his children, Donald Driver Jr. (Michika), Kathy Knox, Donna Chapital (Alvin), Keith Driver (Jaime), and Derrek Driver; his grandchildren, twins Dallas Driver and Donald Driver III (Asha), Gideon Driver, Ariana Knox, Isabella Knox, Sophia Knox,

twins Alvin Chapital IV and Addison Chapital, and Kaia Driver; and his namesake great-grandson, Donald Driver IV.

He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Eleanor Hunt, Anna Dailey, Lorraine Dailey, Jocelyn Dailey; his close first cousin, Barbara Lemon; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends whom he dearly adored.

Donald will be remembered for his quiet strength, unwavering faith, generosity, quick humor, and love of family. His legacy lives on in the lives he touched, the communities he served, the traditions he nurtured, and the generations he inspired.

# Cemetery Details

## Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road  
Owings Mills, MD

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

FEB **19**. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. – Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110

## Wake

FEB **20**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Emmaus Missionary Baptist Church  
9928 Lyons Mill Rd.  
Owings Mills, MD 21117

## Funeral Service

FEB **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to you and your family, Donna. Sending you all my love and prayers.* ”



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**Melissa Madian** - February 23 at 11:02 AM

EC

“ *Sending you infinite love as you honor and remember your father and his beautiful spirit. I'll never forget that smile and his fierce pride for his family whom I met through my dear sweet friend, Donna, so many years ago. I know his love and kindness have left an enduring mark on so many lives. Rest in Peace.* ”

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**Erika Curry** - February 19 at 03:52 PM

SL

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of Brother Driver, Sr. It was such a privilege to have had the opportunity to fellowship with him alongside Sister Driver at Emmaus Missionary Baptist Church. I will always remember his kind nature and his "dapper" style of dress. May God's peace, comfort and unending love be with the family during this trying time.* ”



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**Shawn Lane** - February 18 at 03:49 PM

WD

“ Praying for peace, strength, and comfort for the family. Tamara and I send our deepest condolences. May God comfort and keep you during this difficult time. We are grateful for the time we shared during our visits to Gloucester. Donald’s wisdom, faith, and sense of humor left a lasting impression on us. He will truly be missed.

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**Wayne Driver** - February 18 at 08:38 AM

PB

“ On behalf of Emmaus Missionary Baptist Church, we extend our heartfelt condolences. May you find comfort in the memories that still shine, strength in the love that remains, and hope in the promise that this is not the end of the story. God is close to the brokenhearted, and He will walk with you one step at a time. You are not alone, as we are honored to assist you in any way we can.

- Pastor B.M. Hite

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**Pastor B** - February 17 at 01:04 PM

DG

“ May God comfort the family during this time. I Love you all ~ so honored to have known Mr. Driver through my dear friend, Donna! A sweet fun loving man that loved people and loved life! You will be missed! Rest in Peace. ❤️

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**Danielle Gamble** - February 14 at 11:04 PM

MC

“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love, and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

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**March Life Tribute Center** - February 09 at 01:28 PM