



## Donald Sowell Sr.

July 28, 1945 - August 29, 2017

Donald Sowell, Sr., affectionately known as The Don, passed peacefully from this life in the comfort of his home the evening of August 29, 2017.

He was surrounded and supported by his loving family and friends during the last days of his life. Donald was born in Philadelphia, PA; but has been a resident of Richmond, Virginia since 1983.

The Don was known for his cup half full, positive attitude and charismatic approach to life. He was an Electrical Engineer with a passion for life, a 'can do' attitude and lots of personality to boot. Always willing to lend a hand. One of his most endearing traits was his ability to engage and talk to anyone. He leaves a lot of lasting memories and will be missed dearly.

Donald is survived by his wife, Shelia D. Sowell, his four daughters and two sons as well as his twenty-two grandchildren and one great granddaughter. His children are: Dawn Tillman (John - spouse), Sonya Fearington (Marland - spouse), Donald Sowell, Jr. (Andrea - spouse), Holly Ogundipe-Carolan (Francis - spouse), Nichole Darboe (Bobo - spouse) and Kyle Sowell.

His twenty two grandchildren are: Michelle, Taylor, Tori, Sierra, Summer, Jordan, Brian, Tristan, Amber, Cory, Justin, Fisayo (Keziah), Brooke, Motunrayo (Janet), Babajide (Francis, Jr.), Ayokunmi (Ethan), Katlyn, Skyler,

Bobo, Jr., Kyle, Jr., Ayla and great granddaughter - London.

"God...will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

- Revelations 21:3,4

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

SEP 5. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Sowell Sr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM

DS

“ *Sheila and Family,*

*I hope you remember us, my name is Dave Smith, my wife is Alexis (Lex).*

*I worked with Don @ the paper starting when we opened the new plant. We moved our family here from Florida that year. Don was instrumental in this major move in our lives.*

*Matter of fact...he's why we have lived in the Bon Air area for 25 yrs ! He was my mentor, as I was a just a 26 yr old kid, with a new family, new state, new job..WOW! We both remember fondly the weekend you had us up to the 'cabin'..Lex was pregnant with Krista..(she's 24 now) I worked with him for 6 yrs. and never forgot the impact that amazing man had on my life. His lessons, in our trade, in humor, in humility, in family love, in work ethic...everything that makes a man...I have never forgotten these...and have always striven to be that kind of man.*

*I was just watching television this afternoon, and his name came to me for no particular reason. I could not stop thinking of him. To the point I got up and googled him....I'm sorry that's how I learned of his death, and everyone's loss.*

*Even after all these years, I wept openly...for you and your family to please find the strength to heal after such a loss. He was a great man, and will ALWAYS be remembered.*

*Our sincere condolences,  
Dave and Alexis Smith*

*dsmith714@verizon.net*

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**Dave and Alexis Smith** - October 24, 2017 at 06:03 PM

MM

“ Hello Adrian and Donald Jr.  
This is Marilyn or Pinkey your old niehbor. So sorry to hear of your loss.  
Seems God is calling lots of our folks home around the same time this year.  
I just lost my baby brother around the same time you lost your dad. But never fear for we know that Gods love is beyond the grave and it concords death.  
Please know that you all are always in my prayers . I do pray for family loved ones and friends. You father must be proud of you Donald Jr. You are a good guy and Adrian is a good lady. Thank you for all the help and good friendship you gave me when i was you niehbor. Your fathers smiling on you. 🌹

Sincerely Pinkey.

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**Marilyn Maxey** - September 15, 2017 at 11:25 PM

DL

“ Our family will miss Donald; rest peacefully our friend  
DLee, Washington, DC

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**dianne lee** - September 07, 2017 at 08:09 PM

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“ YOUR POWERSECURE FAMILY purchased the  
Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Sowell  
Sr..



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**YOUR POWERSECURE FAMILY** - September 05, 2017 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Sowell Sr..*



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September 04, 2017 at 08:40 PM



“ *i do hereby express my heartfelt condolences to the SOWELL family for the passing away your husband, father, grandfather, brother,uncle, and above all a great man. May God grant you the fortitude and strength to bear the irreparable loss.*

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**larry howells** - September 03, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Sowell Sr..*



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September 03, 2017 at 01:01 PM



“ *I would like to express my deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear loved one. John t:28 29*

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**D Allen** - September 02, 2017 at 05:54 AM



“ 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 Funeral Homes** - August 31, 2017 at 03:11 PM