

Donald Ernest Hancock

September 13, 1952 - August 2, 2017

Saluda, SC

Colonel Donald Hancock Ret.

Donald Ernest Hancock, 64, died Wednesday, August 2, 2017 at Hospice Care of the Piedmont in Greenwood.

Born in Newberry County on September 13, 1952, he was the son of the late Charlie Ernest and Helen Ruth Price Hancock. Colonel Donald Hancock was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps in August of 1975. Active duty tours included Okinawa and subsequent deployment in the Western Pacific, deployment with the Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean Sea, Supply Officer for the Second Assault Amphibian Battalion, and Supply Officer for 1st Battalion, 10th Marines, Second Marine Division.

After his active duty discharge in 1982, Col Hancock served as a Platoon Commander, Delta Company, 4th Combat Engineers, 4th Marine Division, Knoxville, Tennessee through 1987. From 1987 to 1990, Col Hancock served as the Assistant Operations Officer, 4th Supply Battalion, 4th FSSG, Newport News, Virginia.

From 1990 to 1993, Col Hancock served sequentially as Logistics,

Operations, and Executive Officer with the Sassy Management Unit, 4th Supply Battalion, 4th FSSG, Raleigh, NC. In 1993, Col Hancock served as the 4th Supply Battalion Operations Officer, From 1995 - 1997, Col Hancock served as the Commanding Officer of the SMU in Raleigh.

From 1997 through 2003, Col Hancock served sequentially as Supply Officer, Logistics Operations Officer and Logistics Officer of the II Marine Expeditionary Force Augmentation Command Element (II MACE) at Camp Lejeune. Colonel Hancock was promoted to his present rank in March 2000. Upon mobilization in January, 2003, he served as the Officer-in-Charge of the Deployment Support Group until September 2004.

Col Hancock took command of the 4th FSSG Forward East in October of 2003. In September 2004, Colonel Hancock became the II MEF Forward Assistant Logistics Officer. He deployed to Iraq in January 2005.

Col Hancock held a B.A. in History from Georgia Southern, a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from University of Tennessee, and a M.B.A. from William and Mary.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star in lieu of second award, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. His formal schools include Reserve Command and Staff College, Reserve Amphibious Warfare School, Reserve Components National Security Course, and the Strategy and Policy Course from the Naval War College.

Col Hancock retired from Lucent Technologies in July 2001. He retired as Commanding Officer of 4th FSSG Forward East in 2005, completing thirty years of service.

Mr. Hancock had a strong love and devotion for Saluda County. He was Chairman of Saluda County Council, serving his second term, and was recently appointed Chairman of Upper Savannah Council of Governments. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 65, and the Lions Club.

He loved the Boy Scout program and as a child earned many awards including Eagle Scout. Upon his return to Saluda he served as a troop leader.

Surviving are two sisters, Charlyn Hancock Staubes of Saluda and Ann Hancock Coker (Richard) of Greenwood, three nephews, Keller Staubes (Nicole), Justin Coker, and Tyler Coker (Rebecca), a niece, Katie Staubes (Ricky Baturin), a great-niece, Emmalyn Staubes, two great-nephews, Nolan Coker and Tripp Staubes, and step-mother, Geneva Hancock.

Charlyn and Ann thank Dr. Ruiling Yuan, Sia Pickell, and Haley Schleicher of the Cancer Center and 7th floor Nursing Staff of Self Regional Healthcare, Hospice Care of the Piedmont, and Saluda County EMS for the loving care their brother received.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Saturday evening at Ramey Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held 4 p.m., Sunday, August 6, 2017 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. Interment will follow in West Travis Park Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Boy Scout Troop 555, 232 Carolina Bay Trail, Monetta, SC 29105.

Cemetery Details

West Travis Park Cemetery

300 Travis Avenue
Saluda, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Ramey Funeral Home
202 N Rudolph St
Saluda, SC 29138
(864) 445-2366

Funeral

AUG 6. 4:00 PM (ET)

Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church
101 N. Calhoun Street
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

CD

“ Charlyn and Ann, As a classmate of Don's, it is with great sadness to learn of his passing. He was a great American and outstanding patriot with his military service and then onto serve his beloved Saluda County with civic service. His legacy and memory will be cherished by all that knew him. You and your family should be very proud. Warmest regards, I remain yours truly, Clay Duffie

Clay Duffie - August 05, 2017 at 01:08 PM

PC

“ I was sorry to hear of Don's passing. We graduated from Saluda High together in 1970. I enjoyed visiting with him and other classmates at one of our reunions. We reflected upon life in Virginia - I have lived in Norfolk for 34 years and didn't know that Don was stationed in Newport News in the late 80s/early 90s. Please accept my condolences for your loss - he was a kind, thoughtful and accomplished man. He will be missed.
Pam Quattlebaum Combs

Pamela Q Combs - August 05, 2017 at 11:41 AM

JS

“ Charlyn & Ann, I am so sorry. Don was a true Southern gentleman. He has done so much for so many. He will definitely be missed. My love & prayers for each of yall. I am unable to attend due to my recent surgery but will be with y'all in spirit 🙏🙏🙏

Josie Turner Storey - August 05, 2017 at 09:47 AM

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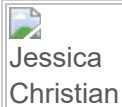
“ *Charlyn, may you and all your family members find peace in all the wonderful memories you had with Don! Thoughts and prayers are with you*

Diane Easterlin - August 05, 2017 at 09:37 AM



“ *Ann, I am thinking of you and your family. I pray that God gives you the strength and comfort you need.*

Bernetha Culbreath - August 04, 2017 at 07:30 PM



Jessica
Christian

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Hancock's passing. I appreciated his support of the Saluda County Library. He was a good man and Saluda will miss him.*

Jessica Thompson Christian

Jessica Christian - August 04, 2017 at 07:04 PM

PR

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I was recently in Saluda visiting my Mom. We took a long drive through the county, passed by the Hancock home place and thought of the family. I have great memories of Don as an energetic Scout with my friends that were a Scouts, and Don's overall outgoing personality. I am amazed at Don's accomplishments and feel very privileged to have known him. Don represented Saluda County well.*

Pat Rushton - August 04, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Ernest Hancock.*



August 04, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *Charlyn and Ann, I will surely miss Don. He was always so supportive of any and all endeavors that I undertook. He was truly one of a kind. This county and town will miss him but are better off because of his love and support for it. Thank you, Don.*

Ann Watkins - August 04, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *ANN we are so sorry to hear about your brother you and your family will be in our prayers you have our deepest sympathy Mildred n Ronald Reid*



Mildred Reid - August 04, 2017 at 05:00 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Don's passing. He was a very distinguished man that inspired many through his journey on this earth. It was evident that he loved his family and his community. Saluda is a better place for all Don has done . Our prayers and sympathy to all of the family.*

Trey,Gina, Reagan, LeeAnna and Ryan Fingerlin

Gina Fingerlin - August 04, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Donald Ernest Hancock.*



August 04, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *Nancy and Will purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Donald Ernest Hancock.*



Nancy and Will - August 04, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *We are thinking of you all with sympathy, Nancy and Will May (friends of Ann's)*

Nancy May - August 04, 2017 at 02:32 PM

RJ

“ I reported for Marine OCS in 1975. Immediately, I found three "brothers" among the group of newly minted Marines. We four became best friends; Don from South Carolina, John Nunn from Georgia, Jack King from North Carolina, and me the token Yankee from Ohio. Don was impressive in every matter of fact. It was evident that his parents had provided a positive loving home environment from which he matured from youth to manhood. As he had done in all previous endeavors, Don embraced his passion for the Marines, and served an exemplary career. I am grateful that I had the good fortune of having Don as one of my "Marine Brothers", and honor his service to his Country and his Community. Our thoughts and prayers are with Don's family.
Roger Jenkins

Roger Jenkins - August 04, 2017 at 02:23 PM

LB

“ My prayers for Don's family. Don and I went to school together and was the same age. May your family find comfort knowing God has you in His hands and forever will you be in peace.

Lynn Caughman Black - August 04, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Ernest Hancock.



August 04, 2017 at 06:10 AM

FJ

“ From Roger & Laura Jenkins purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Donald Ernest Hancock.



From Roger & Laura Jenkins - August 03, 2017 at 09:01 PM



“ Sorry to hear of Mr. Don's passing. I enjoyed talking to him everytime we met.
Monica Bradley, RDH

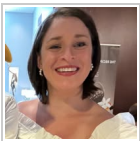
Monica Bradley - August 03, 2017 at 08:23 PM

John Hare

“ Sending thoughts and prayers to all of Don's family. He will be missed so much by all of us! Those of us who grew up with Don on the Ridge Spring Road have such wonderful memories of Don and all of our times together. Don's leadership in Saluda County government will be greatly missed. Love and support to all of Don's family.

John Hare

John Hare - August 03, 2017 at 07:37 PM



“ I didn't know Don very well, but saw him each year, the day after Christmas, at my family's reunion in Saluda. He was always a joy to talk to and I always looked forward to seeing him. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. His family will be in my prayers.

Jennie Williams - August 03, 2017 at 06:55 PM



“ I remember how thrilled I was when Don, home on summer break from college, coached a Little League team -- and let me serve as his assistant. We would drive to practices together in his little blue car (can't remember the make). He was a great coach, enthusiastic, always positive and very patient with the kids and his assistant. The kids loved him and had a great time playing for him. That was a special summer for me as well.

-- Frank DeLoache

Frank DeLoache - August 03, 2017 at 06:46 PM



“ Your Family are in Our Thoughts and Prayers.
Your FRIENDS at The Hardware Store.

Jerry - August 03, 2017 at 02:59 PM