



Donald Van Britt

May 31, 1946 - July 18, 2025

A life well played Donald Van “Van” Britt, age 79, of Snellville, Georgia, passed peacefully on Friday, July 18, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. Born on May 31, 1946, Van was a seventh-generation Gwinnett County native with deep roots in the community he cherished. He grew up in the Button Gwinnett Hotel on the square in Lawrenceville, which was owned and operated by his parents, Hugh and Lois (Peevy) Britt. From an early age, Van was known for his strength of character and adventurous spirit. He was a dedicated Boy Scout through high school, participating in numerous jamborees and embodying the values of leadership, service, and integrity that would follow him throughout his life. A proud 1964 graduate of Central Gwinnett High School, Van was a gifted athlete and a state champion in basketball, baseball, and football. He went on to attend Furman University, where he played football and discovered a lifelong passion for golf. His Uncle Hollis gave him his first set of clubs and introduced him to the game that would become one of his greatest joys. Van and Frankie, his high school sweetheart and wife of 59 years, shared a love that anchored their family and stood the test of time. Van's early professional life included real estate development and insurance sales, followed by his role helping to operate the family businesses, V&J Catering and V&J Cafeteria, named after him and his brother, Jeff. In 1980, Van combined his love for golf with his business experience by becoming co-owner of Summit Chase Country Club. In 1995, he bought out his partner, and the Britt family legacy in the golf industry was

firmly established. He was a champion for the growth of the game through junior golf by supporting many local high school golf teams, the Middle School Golf League, and any junior interested in learning the game. He established commitment to all local schools in the community to provide support whenever needed. At some point, every member of the Britt family worked at “the club,” and for Don and Adrienne, it became a lifelong career. Summit Chase was more than a business—it was a family home, a local institution, and a part of Van’s heart. Van also had a deep appreciation for games of chance, with a special knack for blackjack and craps. He and Frankie made many memories together traveling to Las Vegas, Tunica, and other favorite spots, where they soaked in the shows, lights, laughter, and excitement. Van was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Lois Peevy Britt. He is survived by his devoted wife, Frankie Britt of Snellville; his children, Don and Charlene Britt of Loganville, Adrienne and Ron Levesque of Loganville, and Dusty Britt of Snellville; his brother, Jeff Britt of Flowery Branch; his grandchildren, Alicia Kanouff, CJ Rousseau, Mackenzie Britt, Xander Rousseau, and Grayson Britt; and his great-grandchildren, Brayden Johnson, Ryan Mohr, Emma Mohr, Evan Kanouff, and CJ “#5” Rousseau. Van will be remembered for his steady hand, quick wit, love of the game, and deep devotion to his family. Whether he was walking the fairway, telling a story, rolling the dice, or sitting on his porch watching the birds with his dog Missy, he did it all with grace, humor, and heart. His legacy lives on in every life he touched—and in the stories that will be told for generations to come. A memorial service will be held at 4:00 PM on Friday, July 25, 2025, at the Lawrenceville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, with Preacher Mickey Oliver officiating. The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 24 from 2:00–4:00 PM and 6:00–8:00 PM, and again on Friday, July 25 from 2:00–4:00 PM. Arrangements by Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 300 Simonton Road SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-466-1544. Please sign the online guest registry at www.stewartfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Visitation

JUL 24. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046

Visitation

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

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(770) 962-3100

Memorial Service

JUL 25. 4:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Van Britt*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 04:26 PM

AC

“ *Our family met the Britt Family in 1987 . We were lucky to live directly across the street from the county club and our children were also welcomed by Britt's. We were able to take advantage amenities of the “club in the country” . Van was one of the smartest business man I knew. Honest and direct . I had several trips to the casino world with Van who was well versed in the games of chance and we enjoyed many fun memories. I will always remember a quote Van told me. “ There are many free things in Vegas and I cannot afford any of them” Van was quick to say. All who knew Van was the big bear that you knew not to poke and the same bear that took dedication to helping those underserved with big bear hugs . Van was a successful person who took pride in making Summit Chase a family focused club . He maintained high standards and kept the club a welcomed establishment for all the members and community. He will be missed but well remembered. Jackie, Don, Adrienne and Dusty.. you were lucky to have a challenging and lovely Dad as Van. Prayers are with you . The Coughlin Family.*

AL COUGHLIN - July 26, 2025 at 07:34 AM

DB

“ David and Traci Britt purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Donald Van Britt.



David and Traci Britt - July 24, 2025 at 03:56 PM

LB

“ So sorry to see this, I don't look at these pages often but prayers for his family,

Linda Moon Brown - July 24, 2025 at 02:05 PM

PT

“ Patricia (Oakes) Taylor purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald Van Britt.



Patricia (Oakes) Taylor - July 24, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Van Britt.

July 24, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.



July 24, 2025 at 09:35 AM

MF

“ *Michael and Denise Borgia and families purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



Michael and Denise Borgia and families - July 24, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



July 24, 2025 at 05:42 AM

CA

“ *I was 15 when I worked for Van at Windy Hill in the pro shop, Later we played pick up basketball in the Central gym. I still remember he and Wayne Adams stuck me in the basket of the rebound machine and ran it up as high as it would go because of my "bony elbows", Later I joined Summitt Chase and we connected again for many years. He taught me many things growing up, most were useful, others just fun!!! Going to miss him!*

charles anderson - July 23, 2025 at 08:42 PM

BF

“ Billy & Melinda Franklin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald Van Britt.



Billy & Melinda Franklin - July 23, 2025 at 07:22 PM

TF

“ The Carters and Bradford Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Van Britt.



The Carters and Bradford Family - July 23, 2025 at 04:43 PM

SA

“ Snellville Tourism and Trade Association planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Van Britt.

Snellville Tourism and Trade Association - July 23, 2025 at 04:28 PM

SA

“ Snellville Tourism and Trade Association purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald Van Britt.



Snellville Tourism and Trade Association - July 23, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ 92 files added to the album Life Tributes



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - July 23, 2025 at 04:23 PM



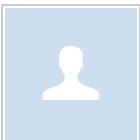
“ Sorry to hear of his passing. Knew him for over 40 years and as a member of Summit Chase for 30 years. He will be missed.

Kevin Coyle - July 23, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Van Britt.

July 23, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.



July 23, 2025 at 11:03 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



July 23, 2025 at 10:25 AM



“ *Tracy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald Van Britt.*

Tracy M. - July 23, 2025 at 08:48 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



July 22, 2025 at 11:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



July 22, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald Van Britt.*

July 22, 2025 at 08:36 PM

JB

“ Van introduced me to the game of golf and wagering. We were partners at Windy Hill , Pine Ridge and on to Summit Chase. We also became partners on the tennis court at Summit Chase playing in many ALTA matches. The casino trips will always be cherished We had not spent a lot of time together in the last few years but two days a year there was always a call. May 31st I called on his birthday and October 25th he called on my birthday. I will certainly miss that call in October. Rest well Brother. I love you.

Jeff Britt - July 22, 2025 at 08:35 PM

SK

“ Van was my long time friend and golf buddy. Standard group was Van,Don,Marc against Scott and Brewer. A lot of fun and some great wagering, I spent a hour with Van last Tuesday and we talked all the good times . Thank you for being my friend

Scott Kennedy

Scott Kennedy - July 22, 2025 at 12:33 PM

TS

“ Prayers to his wife; Frankie, Don Britt and all of the Britt family for their loss! Van was a very nice man and built a community club that everyone enjoyed going to, and me and my family did for years! It was so family friendly that you never felt out of place. I miss it so much. The last time I seen Van, he said after it closed, he would almost cry when he would go by there. He missed it so much, because “he was” Summit Chase! He was a good friend to Bud Hay as well as he was to many. He will be truly missed. Terri Starr

Terri Starr - July 22, 2025 at 09:54 AM

TB

“ *Tony and Dianne Britt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Donald Van Britt.*



Tony and Dianne Britt - July 21, 2025 at 08:34 PM