



## Donald Richard Foos

July 27, 1959 - August 2, 2016

Foos – Donald (Don) Richard Foos, age 57, passed away on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at his home in Atlanta, Georgia. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 in the Snellville Stateroom of the Tim Stewart Funeral Home.

He was born on July 27, 1959 in Toledo, Ohio and relocated to Atlanta in his late teens (1977). He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard H. Foos, and Eulalia L. Foos Grady. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law Mary Ann and Bill Nicholson (Lawrenceville Ga.), brother Douglas Foos (Kennesaw Ga.), niece Julie Nicholson (Anderson SC), nephew Michael Nicholson (Marietta Ga), several aunts and uncles, and a host of cousins. Don was a self-employed entrepreneur and a real Mr. Fix-It who liked to tinker with anything mechanical. He was the owner/operator of Pillbug, a drugstore delivery service for several years, and also owned rental properties. He was a British motorcycle collector, and a private pilot who enjoyed travel in his own small plane for several years. Don was “der Salvagemeister” who repurposed recycled materials to create unique light fixtures, resonating gongs (bells) sold at Inman Park Festivals, and other salvage art. He volunteered frequently, such as during the 1996 Olympics, Susan B. Komen 3 day walk, and at Centennial Olympic Park. ‘Oakdale Don’, as he was affectionately nicknamed by his neighbors, loved his neighborhood; he also enjoyed a good joke or prank, and had a story or two for every occasion. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to the charity of your choice in memory of Don. The family will

receive friends Wednesday August 24, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 PM at Tim  
Stewart Funeral Home, Snellville Chapel, 2246 Wisteria Dr., Snellville, GA  
30078. 770-979-5010 Please leave online condolences at [www.stewartfh.com](http://www.stewartfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Monroe  
209 South Hammond Drive  
Monroe, GA 30655  
(770) 267-2594  
info@stewartfh.com  
<https://www.stewartfh.com>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald Richard Foos*



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**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - August 16, 2016 at 01:56 PM



“ *Donald Richard Foos*

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October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to you in Don's passing. He was an exemplary volunteer at Centennial Olympic Park where I am the Visitor Center & Volunteer Coordinator. He was recognized twice during his five-year tenure as Volunteer of the Year. He will be truly missed.*

*Jennifer Tinker*



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**Jennifer Tinker** - August 23, 2016 at 02:52 PM

NE

“ We will never forget Don . . . the kind of guy that our daughter, Julie would be attracted to . . . something new every day . . . ideas for a better life & world . . . never ending . . . a creative individual that could bring life, laughter and even a profit to almost everything. We always looked forward to our annual Christmas gift. One year the exploding pen, this year the secret hiding place in an Ajax can. . . always something funny! He loved to Geocache . . . he was a Notary Public at one time . . . he always looked for something special to spend his \$20 birthday gift on & one year he used it to repair a homeless man's bike. Don was a great guy with a mind that never tired. We will miss his continued gift of life.  
Neve & Rex Erickson

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**Neva & Rex Erickson** - August 23, 2016 at 10:41 AM

JL

“ I met Don through Julie. Never a dull moment with him. He always was thinking of what to do next. I enjoyed visiting them in Atlanta. And will hold those memories with me forever.  
Don your spirit will live on.  
Peace be with you.

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**Jeanne Simons Lindsley** - August 19, 2016 at 07:46 AM

SC

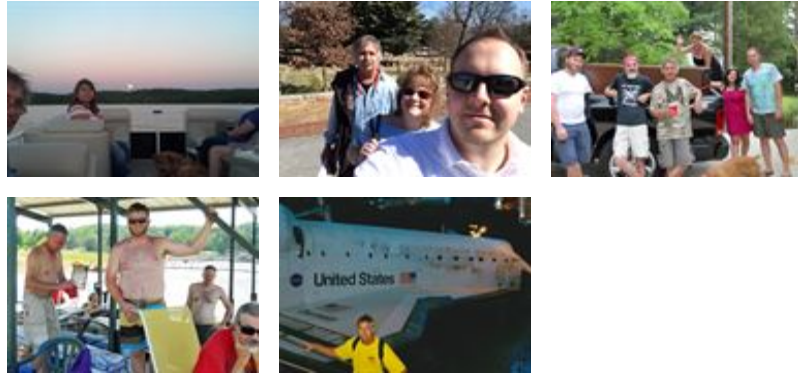
“ Hello~ So sorry for your loss. I knew Don through Julie Erickson and am the proud owner of one of his bells made from a repurposed fire extinguisher. He visited us in Cincinnati while organizing an Avon walk to combat breast cancer. What a true individual.

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**Sue Cohen** - August 17, 2016 at 05:42 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**Tim Stewart Funeral Home** - August 16, 2016 at 01:40 PM



“ SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT DON'S PASSING! SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES COME TO MIND OF GROWING UP WITH DON AND ALL THE GREAT FOOS FAMILY. TIME HAS SURE GONE BY FAST FOR ALL OF US! IT SOUNDS LIKE HE LIVED A GOOD LIFE DOWN IN GEORGIA. DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALL GARRY, GREG AND LINDA HITTS

**GARRY HITTS** - August 15, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ 23 files added to the album *New Album Name*



**Chris Billmaier** - August 13, 2016 at 08:47 AM

CB

“ Where do I begin?

*Thanks Don:*

*For always offering a welcome place to stay and visit  
4 wheeling in the Georgia red dirt and exploring the mountains to  
the north*

*2000 mile/2 week bike trips while living out of duffle and saddlebags  
Ferryboats to lighthouse views*

*Catching and cooking crabs over a campfire*

*From camping on the seashore to camping on a mountaintop*

*The Indy 500 experience (he didn't pace himself)*

*Celebrating our engagement*

*Standing by my side at our wedding*

*My kids' first airplane ride*

*Providing a destination for our first family vacation and treating us  
like family*

*For traveling hundreds of miles and bringing toys for the kids to the  
Billmaier Summerfest*

*To hangin' out at the swap meets at Mid-Ohio*

*Thanks for helping hit the reset button on life when I needed it most.*

*You took me places and allowed me to experience things that I  
otherwise never would have.*

*Thanks Don!*

*I truly enjoyed the ride!*

*Godspeed.*

*I truly valued his friendship and he will be greatly missed.*

*Chris, Cheryl, & Steve, Michelle, Nick Billmaier*

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**Chris Billmaier** - August 13, 2016 at 07:50 AM

IK

“ Don

*You will always be a big part of the Greater Norton Atlanta MC Club. In lieu of Flowers I will make a donation to the club. My sincere condolences to the family.*

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
And until we meet again may God hold u in the palm of his hand.  
Ian and Lorna Kennedy*



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**Ian and Lorna Kennedy** - August 08, 2016 at 11:58 AM

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**Ian and Lorna Kennedy** - August 08, 2016 at 11:56 AM

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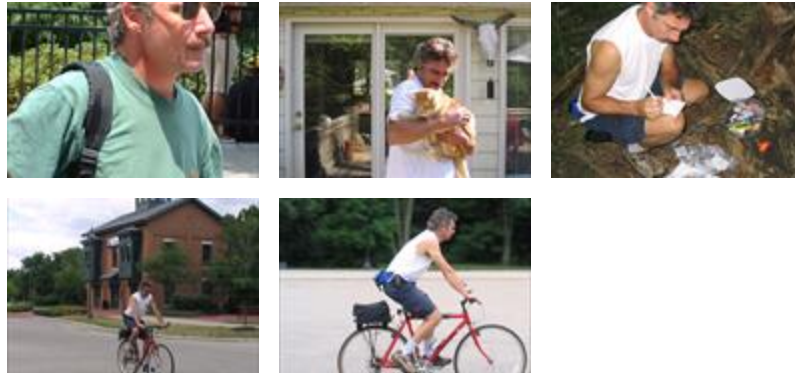
“ I came to know Don thru his participation in the Greater Atlanta Norton Owners Association. He was indeed quite the character. He always appeared upbeat and happy to see all of us. He came from nothing yet still had an airplane which he loved to fly for many years, owned quite a few bikes and even figured out how to power his bicycle with a small motor for running around town. We rallied and partied together, sharing many good times along the way. One of the things I remember was when he had his delivery service and placed a dummy in the passenger seat. He rigged up a way for this "ugly goon" to wave at passers by from the drivers seat. That was Don to me. Figuring his way thru life with a smile and a wave. God Speed, old friend..... you will be missed by many,

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**Gary Damm** - August 08, 2016 at 11:02 AM

EK

“ 29 files added to the album My Buddy over the years



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**Ed Kelb** - August 08, 2016 at 01:23 AM

EK

“ My best friend has left us. Don has been a free spirit throughout his life. From the time he was old enough to ride a bike, he spent his life exploring. By car, motorcycle and private plane he traveled this country and beyond. He started with nothing and lived an amazing life. Don built a successful delivery business, managed real estate and made his mark on the world without assistance from others. But success never changed Don. He was always grounded by the way he was raised. His unwavering friendship got me through many hard times. We did so many trips over the years that I lost count. At age 57, I have never known a world where I couldn't call my friend to talk and share some laughs. I miss him already. As his health deteriorated over the last year, I know the frustration he felt being unable to travel as he once did. You can't cage a free spirit. I am glad you suffer no more, old friend. I will never forget the last 50 years. Rest peacefully. -Ed Kelb-

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**Ed Kelb** - August 07, 2016 at 11:33 PM

R(

“ So sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. My memories of Donnie take me back to Grandpa and Grandma Foos' farm for family gatherings when we were kids. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Your cousin, Rose (Kirwen) Spaulding

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**Rose Spaulding (Kirwen)** - August 07, 2016 at 07:35 PM