



## Donald Gene Mayer

December 17, 1942 - August 12, 2021

Donald G. Mayer of Mooresville, North Carolina, died on August 12, at age 78. Don was born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1942, to James and Julia Wagner Mayer. He graduated from Bogan High School. In 1965, he joined the Air Force, serving for four years, including one year in Korea, before his honorable discharge in 1969. He graduated from St. Joseph's College in Calumet City, Indiana with a degree in business administration, and he later earned a degree in transportation from the College of Advanced Traffic. His career included 12 years as a transportation analyst for Ford Motor Company and 24 years as traffic manager for Ingersoll-Rand in Davidson, North Carolina. He married Barbara Amann in 1971 at Sacred Heart Parish in Palos Hills, Illinois, and in 1982, they relocated to Mooresville. Don and Barbara were service-oriented, compassionate people. Don was active in several organizations, including the Knights of Columbus and The Men of St. Therese at St. Therese Catholic Church in Mooresville, the Transportation Education Association, The Charlotte Traffic Club and The Golden Boys. He was an accomplished photographer, and he worked at the soup kitchen and the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfasts. He enjoyed golf and horseback riding. He was predeceased by his mothers, Julia Helen Wagner Mayer and Mary Loretta Mills Mayer, his father, James H. Mayer, and brothers, Thomas and William Mayer. He is survived by brothers, James Michael Mayer and Michael J. Mayer and sisters, Kathleen Sparks, Margaret Lilly and Jeanne G. Powers; nieces and nephews, as well as many good friends.

A Memorial Mass will celebrate Don and wife, Barbara's life on Saturday, October 16, at

11 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church. The broadcast can be accessed LIVE from this page on our website: <https://sainttherese.net/mass-livestream>

This date commemorates their Golden 50-year anniversary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rescue Ranch, 1424 Turnersburg Hwy., Statesville, NC 28625 or St. Therese Catholic Church, 217 Brawley School Rd., Mooresville, NC 28117.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family of Donald Mayer. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Cemetery Details

## **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Therese Catholic Church  
217 Brawley School Road  
Mooresville, NC 28117

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ I met Don first at the Y IN Pilates class. He was the class clown, so friendly and funny. Then I meet him at St Therese’s Church. Where I am a parishioner. He will be greatly missed.

*Kenny McCarthy*

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**Kennetha McCARTHY** - August 19, 2021 at 09:45 AM

RR

“ Don was my mother's boss for 25 years and he was always so nice to me. I wouldn't know anything about Flight Simulator if it wasn't for him, as he started me out on the very first version while they were working late one night at Ingersoll-Rand. I will always remember his laugh and helping him pronounce "southern" words. I remember dog-sitting one time for him and Barbara as well. Very sad to hear of their loss.

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**Rob Readling** - August 18, 2021 at 10:17 PM

JM

“ Don was a humble guy who loved being of service. He worked at so many events at St. Therese that it would be hard to think of something that the Knights and MOST did that he was not a part of. He was a founding member of MOST ( The Men Of Saint Therese) and the groups only "habedasher". He provided all the logo clothing for the group. He was a KEY man in more ways than one. For years he would be at Donut Sunday at seven A.M. to let us in. Barbara and Don will be missed. I have this feeling that when they arrived at heavens gate the first thing Don said was " What do you need help with up here" that is the kind of guy he was Rest in peace and God's welcoming arms.

*Jack Madey*

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**Jack and Bernie Madey** - August 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM

BV

“ Don was the energizer bunny of St. Therese! He was involved in so many activities. I remember him with the MOST group (Men of St. Therese) with their Coffee and Donuts Sundays, among other times. He was always smiling and will be sorely missed by so many. May he rest in peace.

*Bob Van Voorhies*

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**Bob Van Voorhies** - August 16, 2021 at 09:32 PM