



DONALD ALFRED MACINNES

August 29, 1928 - January 14, 2021

Donald A MacInnes, Sr. of Miami, FL passed away on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at the age of 92. He died peacefully within his home surrounded by family which was his dearest wish. He is with our Lord now and the love of his life Esther Maria Gonzalez MacInnes, his wife of 64 years.

Don was born on August 29, 1928 to Henry A. MacInnes of Charleston, SC and Mary Leonard of Savannah, GA at Riverside Hospital in Miami, FL. He attended Shenandoah Elementary and Junior High School and Miami High School. He played football and was treasurer of Miami High Alumni Association for 10 years. He was the Chairman of the Class of 1947 Reunion every 5 years starting with the 40th through 65th. He attended the University of Florida from 1947-1952, 1954-55 and earned a Business degree with a major in Accounting. Don was a member of the Student Council, Sigma Nu Fraternity, and the Intramural Sports Chairman. He was voted the all-star touch football player 5 of 6 years played. He was elected to the Alumni Hall of Fame of the Sigma Nu Chapter. Don was the Past President of the UF Alumni Association of Dade County. Don loved his Florida Gators with an intensity and pride known to all. His wife Esther, all six of his children, numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews all attended UF with Papa (Uncle Don) as the Gator Patriarch.

Our father's accomplishments were many to say the least. He was a CPA and Partner with Ring, Mahoney and Arner (1955-1965) who merged with Lybrand Ross Brothers and Montgomery (1969-1985). The name was then changed to Coopers & Lybrand who merged with Price Waterhouse/Coopers. Upon retirement from the accounting firm, he joined the Ed Morse Automotive Group as VP and CFO. During his time there, from 1985 to 1999, the Group grew from 3 dealerships to 30 by his second retirement. Twice during that time, the Morse Group was the largest volume dealer group in the country. Don was also a member of the AICPA, FICPA and Past President of the Dade County Chapter 1975. We cannot overstate how much our Dad's Public Accounting and Ed Morse family loved and respected him. He was an inspiration to so many and enjoyed these friendships until the very end.

Don was a member of the Riviera Country Club and Past President (1984-1985). He was the past President of the Miami Kiwanis Club and Lt. Governor of 17th Division of Kiwanis Miami. This was the largest single Kiwanis Club in the world when he was President. He was a member of Epiphany Catholic Church and treasurer of the Home and School Association. Don was also the Past President of Christopher Columbus High School Parents Association (1978-1980). He was a dedicated coach of Khoury League Baseball for 15 years when his five sons played, and in later years, he coached his grandson Ryan with his son Hank. He was the Past President of the Inter-Professional Council of South Florida, Member of the Executive Association of Greater Miami, and the University Club of South Florida. He enjoyed being Treasurer of the Pinecrest Garden Club and was always well received as an auctioneer for the Annual Gilded Lilies luncheon. His service to our Community was great and he treasured the many relationships that he formed along the way.

Don was a military veteran, and we thank him for his service. He was a Retired Major in the USAR, United States Army after receiving a commission from ROTC at the University of Florida.

He married his beloved Esther Maria Gonzalez MacInnes in a double wedding with Esther's sister Gloria and Alan Tyson on August 17th, 1952. The ceremony was at the Gesu Catholic Church in Miami and at the time, it was the largest wedding that Miami had ever seen. Don is survived by many, including 6 children: Donald Alfred, Jr., David Alan (Maria), RobRoy McGregor (Brenda), Dennis Michael (Diane), Henry Alfred (Nicole), Ellen Marie (Anthony) and 15 Grandchildren: Chris (Missy), RobRoy, Jr. (Alex), Nathan, David Alan, Jr., Matthew, Colleen (Tony), James, Erin (Keith), Ginger, Jack, Sean, Ryan, Michael, Alexa, and Madison. 9 Great Grandchildren: Lily Anne, RobRoy III, Rylan, Riley, Brayden, Noah, Soren, Keith Lucas, and Rowan.

He always considered himself first as a father and family man of a large and loving family, and second as a CPA and businessman who provided for his family. Don always went out of his way to make others feel special and cared for. He left a lasting, uplifting impression on everyone he met.

We could not have asked for better parents. They epitomized family, Catholicism, love, hard work, and dedication. We are truly blessed to be a part of this family. The lessons he taught us and the examples he set for us, and there are so many, are the values we will pass on to our children. He is forever in our hearts and his legacy lives on in his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends. Although we are deeply saddened,

he will always be our “Papa.”

A Visitation at Van Orsdel Funeral Home, 4600 SW 8th Street, Coral Gables, FL will be held Thursday, January 28th from 3:30 to 6:30pm and a Mass at the Church of the Epiphany, 8235 SW 57th Ave, South Miami, FL on Friday, January 29th at 12:00pm. This is the link to livestream the service <https://youtu.be/EYIS3C22OGI>

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that contributions be made in honor of Donald A. MacInnes to the University of Florida Education Fund. Donations can be made via check payable to Gator Boosters, Inc. indicating such and mailed to Gator Boosters, Inc., Attn. Garrett Bell, PO Box 13796, Gainesville, FL 32604 or by phone call to Garrett Bell (352) 692-6023.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 03:30PM - 06:30PM

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Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services
4600 SW 8th St, Coral Gables, FL, US, 33134

JAN **Service with Webcasting** 05:30PM

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Van Orsdel Coral Gables Chapel
4600 S.W. 8 Street, Coral Gables, FL, US

JAN **Funeral Mass** 12:00PM

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Epiphany Catholic Church
8235 SW 57th Ave, miami, FL, US, 33143

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services - January 28 at 02:01 PM



“ A webcast video has been added.



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services - January 26 at 12:46 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. I am Gloria and Esther's cousin who sang at their wedding mass at Gesu Church. The obituary was very nice. He was very accomplished.
I know he made all of you very proud.

Sylvia Fernandez de Cordova Hernandez

Sylvia FdC Hernandez - January 28 at 05:19 PM



“ 98 files added to the album LifeTributes



Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services - January 28 at 12:52 PM



“ Mr and Mrs MacInnes were wonderful friends of my parents and the whole Cahill family. I have such wonderful memories of fun times with them. The parties where no matter the theme the colors were blue and orange, decorating the street with candles on Christmas Eve, and of course the Gator games I attended with them are just a few. I'm sorry I'm not able to be at the service in person, but please know I'm there in spirit. Cindy

Cindy Cahill - January 28 at 11:15 AM



“ To Ellen and Family: We are very sad to hear of Don's passing. We still miss Esther but now they can be together. They were wonderful friends. Our prayers are with you. Love, John and Helen Eustace and Family

Helen M Eustace - January 27 at 04:03 PM



“ O my. I am shocked as you would think that Don would continue caring for his extended family members and cheering for his beloved Gators, forever and ever.

Don was my mentor when I was a junior accountant where he was a senior CPA partner. He taught me the automotive business and much to my eventual surprise, his son Dennis, joined Gomes and Company CPAs for probably five years. Don taught me and I had the joyful appreciation of helping Dennis learn the automotive business, before my mentor hired Dennis to also go to Ed Morse Automotive.

My beloved wife Sue (deceased) also worked with Esther (deceased) on several Catholic Church projects.

Unfortunately, I am leaving town Thursday morning, returning Sunday night and will miss both services. Words cannot adequately express my thanks, appreciation, and admiration for knowing Donald MacInnes.

My God bless his entire family

Charlie Gomes CPA

Charles L Gomes - January 27 at 01:08 PM



“ Lynn Wille Fichman and Pat Vandenberg purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of DONALD ALFRED MACINNES.



Lynn Wille Fichman and Pat Vandenberg - January 27 at 10:07 AM



“ Don was a true gentleman, Honorable, kind, and thoughtful. He was so supportive of the Pinecrest Garden Club and the PGC projects, giving so much of his time and talent, as a former President and Treasurer, for numerous years. Always had an encouraging word and an ever present smile. He will be missed.
Pinecrest Garden Club

Pinecrest Garden Club - January 27 at 09:11 AM



“ Don and Esther were the heart and soul of our Pinecrest Garden Club. Many wonderful memories of meetings with Esthers wonderful food and Don 's support and contributions. They are greatly missed and loved. Barbara pareira

barbara pareira - January 26 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Mac Innes,
I met Don and Ester in 2004 at the Pinecrest Garden Club. Don became treasurer for the club and attended board meetings with all these ladies and enjoyed every moment. He was a kind, caring person and a loving person. He will be missed by all.
Candy McDonald



Candy McDonald - January 26 at 01:38 PM



“ Dearest Cousins,

Our deepest sympathy in the loss of our beloved Uncle Don. We will be with you in our thoughts and prayers as you honor his memory.

Much love, Lynda and Ron Smith

Lynda Smith - January 26 at 12:26 PM



“ Dear Mac Innes's, Your dad was a wonderful neighbor to the Cahill family and dear friend to our Mom and Dad. He had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. I have a picture of your Dad accidentally catching my bridal bouquet. It was perfect timing and I still laugh when I look at it. I wish I could join you all for services. Hopefully someday we can get together for a neighborhood reunion and share our Miami memories.
Love to you all.
Libby

Libby Cahill Szymanowicz - January 25 at 10:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of DONALD ALFRED MACINNES.



January 25 at 09:27 AM