



Donald William Maphis

January 11, 1932 - May 17, 2024

Donald (Don) William Maphis of Daleville, VA passed away peacefully and triumphantly on May 17, 2024.

Don was born on January 11, 1932 in Romney, W.Va. to the late Catherine Baker and Issac William Maphis. He served in the US Marine Corps as Drill Instructor, marrying his childhood sweetheart, Sue, during his time of service. After Earning his M.A. in physical education from West Virginia University, Don spent many happy and fulfilling years coaching football at Clark Co. HS in VA and later at Catawba College in Salisbury, NC; also holding positions of Dean of Students and educator. He is remembered for cherishing God, family, and his football players! Don carried a large presence in his life, holding the beloved names of Dad, Coach, and best Granddad in the world! Don was a life long learner himself and remained a positive role model for all those in his life. He was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church in Salisbury and Bedford UMC in VA.

Preceding him in death and waiting to welcome him Home are his first wife Sue Pancake, second wife Massie Cargill, and daughter-in-law Jackie Maphis.

Family surviving, loving, and missing him are sons, Scott Maphis and wife Mary Jo of Salisbury, NC; Sam Maphis of Lexington, NC; and daughter Rande Maphis Maynard of Augusta, GA; and because he was lucky enough to have

2 families: Nancy Cargill and husband Bill Wilkes, Jay Cargill and wife Sharon, Bill Cargill and wife Lisa, Jim Cargill and wife Mary Beth. Don was so very proud of his grandchildren Laura Maphis, Anna Maphis, Scott Maynard, Kelley Maynard (Taylor Beatty), and a great grandson, Liam Maynard. They were the twinkle in his eye and the delight in his laugh.

Following the hugs and kisses at the end of every family visit, Granddad always concluded his goodbyes with “Peace”, and so it goes

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2024 from 10-11AM in the mausoleum at Rowan Memorial Park. Services will follow at Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury, NC at 11:00am.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer’s Association at <https://act.alz.org>.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Maphis family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall

JZ

“ I was Blessed to be coached by Coach Maphis in the early 60's and also to have him as at true friend after that. He stopped many times to visit my wife(also a Catawba graduate) and me here in the Shenandoah Valley on his trips to visit Family in West Virginia .A very special person in our lives.

Joe Zatpotoczny - May 22, 2024 at 10:20 PM

SM

Thanks for your kind words Joe. ~ Scott, Sam, and Rande Maphis

Scott Maphis - May 27, 2024 at 10:19 AM

MB

“ Coach Maphis was the most important influence on my husband, Larry Beightol. He taught Larry that fundamentals were the most important thing that a football player needed to know. Larry practiced Coach Maphis's philosophy through his 43 years of coaching football. Coach Maphis was a legend to the men that he coached and they never forgot him.

Marian Beightol - May 22, 2024 at 11:50 AM

SM

We appreciate your kind words Marian. ~ Scott, Sam, and Rande Maphis

Scott Maphis - May 27, 2024 at 10:23 AM

PL

“ I wonder if "Coach" knew how many lives he touched. He sat the bar high as a coach and set the example of what a live well lived was. Rest in peace, Coach. You are remembered. Phyllis Little

phyllis hefner little - May 21, 2024 at 03:40 PM

SM

Thank you so much for coming to see us at Dad's service and for your kind words Phyllis ~ Scott, Sam, and Rande Maphis

Scott Maphis - May 27, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LM

“ I was one of Coach Maphis's Boys on the football team @ Catawba from 1960 – 1964. I believe Coach came to Catawba during the fall of my sophomore year. I feel very privileged to have been a part of those very special years and I have to tell you what a great inspiration he has been in my life. I am so proud to have been “one of his boys”. He gave me confidence in myself and made me feel I could do anything I set my mind to. He did that by believing in me. I've carried that with me throughout my life and have tried to instill that sense of self-worth, character and confidence into my kids, my grandchildren, my work and all that I do. I now watch my kids/grandkids striving to be the best they can be at whatever they do and do the right thing- that came from the foundation he laid for me on the practice field at Catawba....so Thank You, Coach, for doing what you did and being who you were- your legacy carries on.

Lee "Butch" Moore - May 21, 2024 at 02:01 PM

SM

Thank you so much for your kind words Butch. ~ Scott, Sam, and Rande Maphis

Scott Maphis - May 27, 2024 at 10:42 AM

BN

“ Bill, Lisa, Jay, Sharon, Bill, Nancy purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Donald William Maphis.



Bill, Lisa, Jay, Sharon, Bill, Nancy - May 20, 2024 at 02:11 PM

MM

“ *Much Love, Tommy and Debbie Mason purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Donald William Maphis.*



Much Love, Tommy and Debbie Mason - May 20, 2024 at 12:27 PM

MM

“ *Much Love, Tommy and Debbie Mason planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald William Maphis.*

Much Love, Tommy and Debbie Mason - May 20, 2024 at 12:27 PM