



## Donald E. North

July 24, 1931 - December 24, 2018

Donald E. North, age 87, passed away on Monday, December 24, 2018 in Tallahassee, Florida.

A graduate of Florida State University, his love of writing guided his career which included press writer for the Associated Press and St. Petersburg Times and press secretary for the Florida Attorney General, Florida Secretary of State, Florida Department of Highway Safety and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Don was a licensed pilot, enjoyed riding his motorcycle and loved his green convertible sports car.

His military service included serving in the United States Coast Guard and the Army Reserve. He was deployed to Saudi Arabia in Operation Desert Storm and retired as a Captain in the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his mother Melba Nedrow and father Donald Showerman. He is survived by children Donald W. Showerman, Megan Jones, Mark North and Randall North and grandchildren Rorye, James, Courtney, Tanner, Emery, Grace and Caden, and great grandchild Hunter Lopez.

Graveside services will be held at Roselawn Cemetery, 843 Piedmont Drive, in Tallahassee, Florida on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 11 AM.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Forbes Funeral and Cremation Services, 2758 Coastal Hwy., Crawfordville, Florida 32327. 850-926-4407 Please sign the on-line guestbook at [www.forbesfuneralandcremationservices.com](http://www.forbesfuneralandcremationservices.com)

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“ As teenagers we referred to Don as, "Big Daddy." We were a little afraid of him as he did not suffer fools or adolescents lightly. He was a tough customer at times, like all of us. But he wanted his children to capitalize on their gifts and talents. He succeeded, as they are all fine adults.

He was far more generous than he let on. He gave me several fun jobs at the newspaper and shuttled carloads of kids to and from activities. I was fed many meals in the North household and was taken in when I needed to get away from my own home. I do not recall ever expressing any much deserved appreciation to him or Carol.

Big Daddy, I love you and hope you are at peace. By the way, you had a great sense of humor.

Love,  
Kemla

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