



Donald C. Gras

April 13, 1932 - January 18, 2022

Donald C. Gras, 89, of Birch Lane, Gloversville, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam.

He was born in Otego, NY on April 13, 1932 a son of George and Thelma Eckerson Gras and was a 1950 graduate of Hartwick High School. Don lived in Mt. Vision before moving to Amsterdam in 1968. He later moved to Gloversville.

Mr. Gras was employed as a manager at Agway, Inc. in Amsterdam for thirty-five years, retiring in 1987. After retiring, he worked with his son at 4 Corner Tire in Perth.

Don was a huge auto racing fan and enjoyed attending car races, especially at the Fonda Speedway. He also enjoyed traveling in his RV with his wife.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Donald III; and a great-grandson, Donald IV.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Barney Gras, whom he married on March 30, 1952; three children, Donald Gras, Ronald (Joanne) Gras, and Joanne (David) White; two sisters, Shirley Montemurro and Betsy Robinson; three grandchildren, Alicia Gras, Deanna (Dave) Jennings, and Kyle (Erin) Gras; four great-grandchildren, Emma, Justice, Nadia, and Dean; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday from 1 – 3 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown followed by a funeral service at 3 with Rev. Dr. Bonnie

Orth, officiating. In accordance with current health guidelines, facial coverings and social distancing are required. Burial will be in the spring at Mount Vision Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Fonda Museum, in care of the funeral home.

UPDATE SPRING BURIAL INFORMATION:

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Mt. Vision Cemetery, Mt. Vision, NY (Laurens/Otsego).

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Funeral Service

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Graveside Service

MAY 19. 1:00 PM.

Mount Vision Cemetery

Tribute Wall

TH

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of Don. The world is a better place because he was here. His sense of humor, his smile...*

Tracy Hidde - January 24, 2022 at 10:53 AM

CI

“ *Ah, Dear Uncle .. I will miss you so. I love knowing that you knew everyone from everywhere for always. You lived a life of generosity and kindness -- everyone remembered for a story, a connection, an event when you were recognized. It's no surprise to me that you'd be in a store and someone remembers you from back in the day - Mount Vision, Hartwick, Otego, and beyond. You left beautiful memories in your wake. And you inherited your mom's sense of family and I thank you for teaching that to the generations that follow – we've got it covered now; we promise to make you proud. Love you immeasurably, 'til we see you again. Cindy and Paul*

Cindy - January 22, 2022 at 06:32 PM

LM

“ *To the entire Gras Family,
My condolences for your loss. He was a kind and thoughtful man. I always thought of him as a mentor and still use some of the lessons he taught me. God speed.
Larry Morini*

Larry Morini - January 21, 2022 at 04:36 PM

LM

“ Wilma, Don, Ron, and Joanne, I am so, so sorry to learn of Don's passing. We have always stayed in touch since our Agway days. He was the best boss I ever had. I will miss him and the e-mails we shared. Sending prayers your way.

Leona (Davis) Mosher

Leona Mosher - January 21, 2022 at 02:00 PM

SG

“ Sean, Dave, Jeff, & Tom Grimes purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Donald C. Gras.



Sean, Dave, Jeff, & Tom Grimes - January 21, 2022 at 10:21 AM

TC

“ I'm going to miss talking with Don. Fortunately, I saw him at the Saratoga Automobile Museum during the Lost Speedway presentation in November. We always chatted before during or after the races at Fonda Speedway or wherever we would see each other.

Tom Coughlin - January 21, 2022 at 06:36 AM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Donald C. Gras.



January 20, 2022 at 07:30 PM

DM

“ I am so sorry to here of Dons passing he was one of the nicest men I ever knew he will be missed by all who knew him. Doug&Debbie Miller

Doug and Deb Miller - January 20, 2022 at 07:06 PM

PH

“ Our condolences to the entire Gras family on the loss of Don. He was the nicest man and I am sure will be missed by all. Oue thoughts are with you at this difficult time. Love, Pat and Don Holt

Pat holt - January 19, 2022 at 06:08 PM

JH

“ Our deepest thoughts of sympathy and further condolences are with you, Ron,Joann and Kyle Gras and your families during this difficult time.

RIP to your Dad & Grandfather

Jeff Holt and Christine (a/k/a Mom)

Jeff and Christine Holt - January 19, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Donald C. Gras.



January 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM

AG

“ *Don will be missed by all of his extended family. His wealth of family knowledge, photography and cars has been the subject of many conversations. He will always be in our hearts and memories. Love RB, Jim, Bruce and Ann Grass*

Ann Grass - January 19, 2022 at 11:09 AM

AD

“ *Allene , Karen ,LeeAnn ,Eric DeBeauchamp purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Donald C. Gras.*



Allene , Karen ,LeeAnn ,Eric DeBeauchamp - January 19, 2022 at 09:04 AM