



Donald Christie Murphy

February 25, 1944 - December 23, 2020

Donald Christie Murphy, a longtime resident of Rancho Palos Verdes, passed away on December 23, 2020 at the age of 76, after battling Covid-19.

Donald was born in Boston, MA on February 25, 1944, and grew up in Milton, MA. He was the youngest of four children born to David C. Murphy and Claire G. Maroney. His sister Jane Frances Burger and two brothers, Reverend David C. Murphy and Reverend Francis X. Murphy, preceded him in death.

Donald, affectionately called “Uncle Donny” by his many nieces and nephews, attended high school in the Boston area. He eventually moved west with the Murphy family, settling in Southern California, where he enjoyed the warm weather and taking community college classes. Donald was fond of daily walks, television sitcoms and keeping up with current events. He never missed a birthday, writing thoughtful letters and praying for each relative on his/her birthday. Donald was known for his generosity, gentle spirit, sense of humor, kindness and compassion and pure soul. He had a deep faith in God and always placed others before himself. His warmth and love for his family and community will be greatly missed.

Donald is survived by his 5 nieces and nephews and their spouses, Mark Burger (wife Susan Bal), David Burger (wife Robin Bernheim), Laurie Simpson (husband Jim Simpson), Chris Burger (wife Michelle Le), and Carolyn Burger (husband Rik Geiersbach); grandnieces and nephews and their spouses, Jennifer Haskell (husband Zi Shen Lim), Bonnie Menezo (husband Vincent Menezo), John Haskell (wife Marissa Plowden), Lindsay Haskell, Nicole Garton, Natalie Burger, Michael Burger, Katharine Burger, Jason Burger, Dylan Burger, Katrina Geiersbach, Annika Geiersbach, William Geiersbach, and numerous cousins.

Donald will be laid to rest with his beloved parents David and Claire and brother (Reverend David C. Murphy) at Ascension Cemetery in Lake Forest, California. A service celebrating Donald’s life will be held at a later date