

Welcome to a Celebration
of the life of
Donald Everett Dodge Jr.



Don graced our lives from
September 6, 1940
to January 30, 2026

Because Don's lovely friends and family will be coming and going throughout the afternoon there will be no formal program so we invite you to share - as you nibble - your favourite stories with one another and if so moved with us all

And as we share we will be blessed with musical gifts graciously performed by Don's dear friends.

Eric Zivian on Piano
Tanya Gomkins on Cello
Jef Caers on Flute

Telemann Fantaisie #10
for Flute Solo

Andante from Bach Flute
Sonata in E-minor

Prayer by Ernest Bloch
for Cello & Piano

L'isle Joyeuse
by Claude Debussy

A Life Joyfully Lived

Don began his extraordinary professional life as a plane captain in the Naval Reserve where he was responsible for preparing planes for take offs and landings on an aircraft carrier. He often spoke of the thrill he experienced being on board for over 70 flights - all before he was twenty.

After achieving his MS in Electrical Engineering from UC Berkeley, he designed hardware for the Paris Metro Turnstile, hardware and software for the First Electronic Postage Meter, and for the First Robotics Assembly Line for GM.

In the late 1990's as one of the founders of LabTracker Don designed the software for the first Electronic Medical Records System - used all over the world - to track lab results for HIV, Liver Transplant, Haemophilia and Spina Bifida for Doctors, Clinics and Hospitals.

But he will be most remembered and most missed for his patient, generous and loving spirit, and his indefatigable passion to never stop learning and growing. In his 70's he was still improving his musical talent with his piano coach Eric Zivian.

Throughout his 60's he participated in 16 Life Cycle rides from SF to LA to raise funds for AIDS research. And he won six gold medals for cycling in the 2002, 2006 and 2010 Gay Olympics.

Then just two years before and nearly up to his passing he was rigorously studying Spanish with the hopes of visiting Mexico once again with the love of his life, his husband of 48 years, Jerry.

Don is survived by Jerry and Bodie (their beloved feline owner), siblings Dick & Dianne, Dick's family, a multitude of cousins and so many dear friends.

A heartfelt thank you to all who contributed so lovingly to this day.