



Donald Carter Hoyt Ph.D.

August 30, 1928 - February 24, 2015

Delmar-Donald Carter Hoyt, born August 30, 1928, in Albany New York. He was the son of the late Albert and Florence Tanney Hoyt. He attended LaSalle Institute, then earned degrees from the State University at Albany and Siena College; after serving in the Korean War, in which he was awarded the Purple Heart, he earned a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. After working for many years as a New York State civil servant, he became a partner in Donther Group, a family therapy practice.

He was the beloved husband of Mary Fitzgerald-Hoyt, the loving father of Carter Hoyt, Angela Hoyt Miele (Drew), and Patricia Hoyt, his children from a previous marriage. He was the proud grandfather of Andrew Miele IV and Jonah Nakagawa. He is survived by his dear brother, Douglas Hoyt, and was pre-deceased by his half-brother, Albert Hoyt. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Bernard Fitzgerald (JoAnne), and several nieces and nephews. Don was a brilliant man of wide-ranging talents and interests. He loved people, and was a true gentleman who treated those with the least power with the most respect. A lifelong advocate for the rights of women, for the poor, for the disenfranchised, he possessed a strong sense of justice and compassion. He delighted in all creatures great and small, and opened his heart and home to numerous neglected and abused animals.

He was blessed with a beautiful singing voice and enjoyed an eclectic

selection of music; he was known for bursting into song at the drop of a hat. His irreverent sense of humor and blunt speech enlivened many occasions; he was an incorrigible flirt. A deeply spiritual man, he also enjoyed more earthly gifts: golf, chocolate, and rides in the country. Despite his numerous health problems, beginning with a series of strokes in the 1980s, he bore his disabilities with dignity, humor, and courage, and never failed to make his wife thank God for the day she met him.

Don's kindness to others was reciprocated by those who enriched his last few years: Dr. Michael Wolff, whose skilled care improved Don's quality of life; the staff at Eddy Daybreak in Cohoes for their many kindnesses; the Sullivan and Olsen families and the staff at Emma Cleary's Café, who plied him with dessert and good company; Mary's beloved colleagues in the English Department of Siena College who welcomed him into their hearts: Drs. Pam Clements, Chuck Trainor, Christiane Farnan, Meg Woolbright, and Chingyen Mayer. The Hoyt family is grateful to Community Hospice for the many comforts they provided in Don's final hours.

Funeral services Saturday, February 28, 2015 at 9:45 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena College at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit Friday, February 27, 2015 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Don may pay his goodness forward by supporting organizations that feed mind, body, and spirit: WMHT, Siena College, the Regional Food Bank, the Cathedral of the Immaculate

Conception.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions, light a candle or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

FEB 28. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at Siena University
515 Loudon Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 783-2300
<http://Siena.Edu>

Tribute Wall



“ Donald Carter Hoyt Ph.D.

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ To family: May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all face."



Montana - November 05, 2015 at 02:52 PM



“ Mary I am very sorry for your loss. I would have come but I didn't know don had past.. I lived talking with you guys when you came into Emma's

patricia olsen - March 01, 2015 at 12:46 PM



“ The Keenan Family lit a candle in memory of Donald Carter Hoyt Ph.D.



The Keenan Family - February 27, 2015 at 08:02 AM



We light this candle in memory of your father. May his light shine on forever. The Keenans

The Keenan Family - February 27, 2015 at 08:03 AM

MB

Oh, I remember so many things...great parties with friends on Turner Lane, your loaning us your house to entertain guests from France for a weekend, your children toddling through the house, love and joy everywhere.....

Mary Jo Brown - March 04, 2015 at 09:50 AM



Terence
Hoyt

“ *I remember being in your kitchen on Turner lane and reading your dad's job announcement, stating that he had gotten a big promotion with the State Education department. This was probably in 1970. I remember being in your newly made backroom - made after the fire - and hearing Let It Be for the first time on an album, on a new hi-fi stereo system that seemed very cool to me.*

Terence Hoyt - February 26, 2015 at 05:05 PM

LT

“ *Patty, Carter and Angie...so sorry for your loss...I remember your dad as a fun person...a bright light...so much personality...I will be thinking of you all...peaceful rest to you dad...comfort to you all...xo*

lorraine dildarian thorne - February 26, 2015 at 12:43 PM

JY

“ *Dear Angie, Patty & Carter,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your father. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

*Love, The Yuan Family
Jim, Sharon, Connor and Rachel*

Jim Yuan - February 26, 2015 at 09:12 AM

AT

Angie, Patty, and Carter,

I am very sad to hear about the loss of your Dad. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,

Andrea (Inco) Tomko

Andrea Tomko - February 26, 2015 at 06:44 PM



Dear Angie, Patty and Carter,

I am so sorry to hear about your father... I hope your memories of him will be some comfort to you. Please accept my sympathy and good wishes.

With love.

*Sincerely yours,
Reina x*

Reina Nakagawa - February 26, 2015 at 10:09 PM

CC

I read Mr. Donald Hoyt's obituary in the Times Union. It was so beautifully written, it moved me to tears. What a magnificent man he must of been. He sounds like someone I would have really enjoyed meeting. Thank you for sharing Donald's story with the world. I pray that the Lord will carry you through this time of bereavement.

Cheryl Crane - February 27, 2015 at 01:57 PM