



## Donald R. Provost

March 23, 1930 - May 24, 2018

Guilderland- Having passed through his good life on Earth, Donald R. Provost, age 88, is now embracing his beloved wife Pat in eternity. They were reunited Thursday, May 24, 2018 as he passed away at home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Plattsburgh, NY March 23, 1930, he was the son of the late Edgar and Lucy Maurice Provost.

Don married in 1951, before enlisting with the US Army. Don served with the Army from 1951-1953 while stationed in Germany. He also served with the Army Reserve from 1953-1957. After being honorably discharged, Don moved to Guilderland where he raised a family. Don worked for G.E. Wasserman's meat packing, Tobin meat packing, and Save-Way Market before retiring in 1991 from the Guilderland Highway Department as an operator.

Don loved his family deeply, he was a friendly man who delighted in conversation with family and friends. He would spend hours talking to anyone, often found with a beer in his hand. He enjoyed his dog "Spike", while watching his favorite shows. He was a cheering fan of the NY Yankees. In his younger days of life, his greatest joy was driving to the landfill, where he would find awesome treasures. He also enjoyed camping, hunting, and bowling. He was the best dad in the world, who will be always remembered for

his kindness and spirit. His loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him.

Don wed Patricia (Pat) Denschler in Plattsburgh, NY and thereafter became a loving and devoted couple of 47 years before her death in 1998.

Don is the cherished father of Donald A. Provost (Marie) of Guilderland, Shirley Valletta (John) of Guilderland, and Michael Provost (Cheryl) of Rotterdam; grandfather of Tammy Provost (Eric Taber), Thomas (TJ) Valletta, Jeffrey Valletta (Alycia Smith), Nicole Funk (Tom), Douglas Provost (Jennifer Reedy), Max Provost, and Zachary Provost; great-grandfather of Kalyn Taber, EJ Taber, Ryan Provost, Anthony Merrill, Evan Merrill, Kristin Smith, Jaden Smith, Wade Funk, and Taylor Funk; brother of Arnold "Petty" Provost (Pauline) of West Chazy, and Mark "Spud" Finnell (Jeannie) of Cadyville; brother in law of Shirley Provost, Elizabeth (Betty) Provost, Francis "Sonny" Garney (late Grace), and dear friend of Capien Kelley. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he is predeceased by his brothers Lee Provost (Pauline), Elmer Provost (Grace), Roy "Nippy" Provost, and Edward "Dubby" Provost, his sisters Geraldine Martineau (Alfred) and Inez Pelkey (Ray), his sister in law Evelyn Daniels, his brother in law Clarence Garney (Marion), and his step father Dennis "Denny" Finnel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Donald's memory to the Albany Medical Children's Hospital, American Cancer Society, Animal Protective Foundations, Steve Caporizzo's Pet Connection, or the Guilderland Animal Shelter.

Relatives and friends are invited and may visit with Donald's family on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services will be on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 at 9:00 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, thence to St. Madeleine Sophie Church, Guilderland at 10:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the Mass at Sts. Cyril and Method Cemetery, Rotterdam.

To leave Donald's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.mcveighfuneralhome.com](http://www.mcveighfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## STS Cyril and Method Cemetery

611 Duaneburg Road  
Rotterdam, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 29.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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## Service

**MAY 30.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Madeleine Sophie Church  
3500 Carman Road  
Schenectady, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald R. Provost*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - May 29, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Donald R. Provost*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of uncle Donald. He was a Great husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa and amazing uncle. He will be missed so much.! We love you all! Our heart and prayers are with you all today and always! ,  
Steve and Cathy Steele and family*

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**Cathy and Steve steele** - May 30, 2018 at 05:55 AM

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“ Shirley, I am so sorry to see the notice of your father's passing on FB. I saw it too late to get to the wake this evening and can't make the funeral. I know that he was the light of your life over the years. I enjoyed looking at the pictures that were posted. He looked like he enjoyed life. Loved the pictures with your mother-true love. Plus his ever present dog friends. I have you and your family in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Carol Reynolds

Cail Reynolds - May 29, 2018 at 11:23 PM

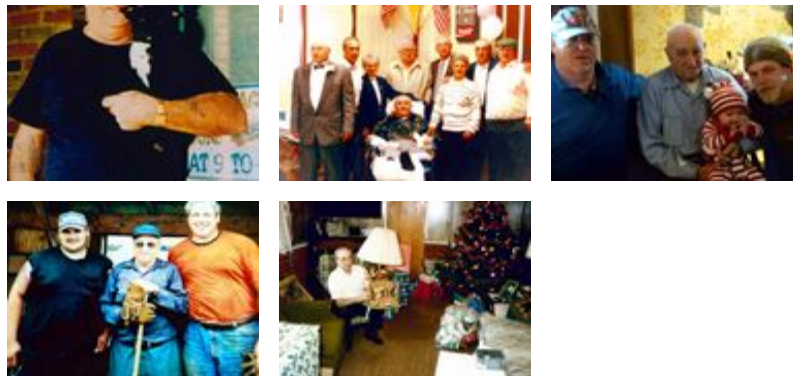
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“ I worked with Don at the Highway Deptment for many, many years until his retirement. Every time he would stop at the Highway Dept. he always had his dog with him. He love his dog. Don, Shirley and Mike and your families, grandchildren and great grandchildren, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I am sure there was a great reunion with Pat. He missed her a lot. I just saw the posting and I have an engagement tonight, so I can't make the wake, but I will be at the church tomorrow. God bless and comfort all of you. Love, Carole Hubbard.

Carole Hubbard - May 29, 2018 at 01:52 PM

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“ 49 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 29, 2018 at 10:21 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald R. Provost.*



May 29, 2018 at 09:31 AM



“ *So sorry for the lost of your father. May our condolences bring you peace during this painful time.*



*Polly and Ray*

**Polly Provost** - May 28, 2018 at 08:28 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We send our thoughts & prayers to your family. Shirley & Jim Provost*



**James E Provost** - May 28, 2018 at 08:14 PM



“ *Sorry for your loss, Donnie and Marie , we had some great times hunting with him and you guys times I will never forget ! I enjoyed your dad very much ! May he rest in peace ! Dan and deb per u. Ny!*

**Daniel Jandreau** - May 28, 2018 at 05:47 AM

DD

“ *Don and Marie, I'm so sorry to hear about your Father's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and hugs to you all. Love, Gary and Diane.*

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**Diane DeCesare** - May 27, 2018 at 10:00 PM

JD

“ *I'm so sorry. You'll be in my prays and thoughts.*

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**Jacqueline Daniels** - May 27, 2018 at 05:20 PM

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“ *I am so sorry and he will be in my prayers he was always a good friend always like them God will always be with him now he is with his wife Pat and God bless*

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**Smitty** - May 27, 2018 at 09:39 AM