



Donald A. Haskins

December 5, 1934 - February 18, 2023

Donald A. Haskins, 88, of Glen Dale, WV; passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Saturday, February 18, 2023.

Don was born on December 5, 1934 in Parkersburg, WV to the late John Wiley of Farmville, VA and J. Blanche Rogers Haskins of New Martinsville. A Christian by faith, he was a member of the East Richland Friends Church of St. Clairsville, OH. Don enjoyed 64 active years with his wife, Jo Anne “Jody” Lemasters Haskins, whom he met while they were attending West Liberty State College.

Don is survived by children Dawn Anne Haskins-Powell, Mark Bryan (Debbie) Haskins, and Michael Alan (Carol Philabaum) Haskins; five grandchildren, Devin Powell, Heather Haskins, Benjamin Haskins, Holly Haskins, Christopher Haskins; and two great-grandchildren, Adelynn Yoder and Landon Haskins. He was preceded in death by siblings Frances E. Haskins, Ruth E. Scott, J. William Haskins Sr.; and a grandson, Jason B. Haskins.

Don was a beloved and respected coach, leader and mentor to his family, friends, students, colleagues, and members of the community. He graduated from Magnolia HS in New Martinsville and then attended Greenbrier Military School. He earned an AB degree at West Liberty University and an MS in Education Administration at WVU. A lifelong athlete, he also participated in team sports including football, basketball, and baseball during his academic years.

Don was teacher, coach, and principal at Cameron HS; principal at John

Marshall HS; and Superintendent of Marshall Co. Schools for 17 years. He served 2 terms in the WV House of Delegates, was a US Marine Corps officer, inducted into the West Liberty University Wall of Honor and John Marshall Wall of Fame, actively served as a leader at numerous community organizations including 34 years on the Reynolds Memorial Hospital Board of Directors.

He enjoyed bicycling, swimming, carpentry, fishing, hunting, sporting events, travel, camping, reading, history, and numerous other hobbies and interests. Family will receive friends on Friday from 3-8 pm at Grisell Funeral Home, 400 Jefferson Ave., Moundsville; where services will be held on Saturday at 10 am with Pastor Jerry Wenger officiating.

Private interment in Halcyon Hills Memorial Park will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at act.alz.org.

Cemetery Details

Halcyon Hills Memorial Park

Sherrard, WV 26003

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Grisell Funeral Home - Moundsville
400 Jefferson Ave
Moundsville, WV 26041
(304) 845-0400
<https://www.grisellfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 25. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Grisell Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald A. Haskins



Grisell Funeral Homes - February 20, 2023 at 04:14 PM

HJ

Don's Family,

Don the model education leader. He cared deeply for both the students and the staff and communicated that with every decision he made. He was known amongst other administrators as an intelligent and wise leader. We share in your loss.

H. Lawrence (Larry) Jones, Ed.D.

H Lawrence Jones - February 21, 2023 at 05:00 AM

JG

The Don and Jody were always so welcoming and made you feel important. I loved all the activities that transpired around their home. This always brought the neighborhood together for fun a few, a few grass stains, lots of laughs and memories.

Love Jane Ann Gamble

jane gamble - February 21, 2023 at 10:48 AM

CC

I am proud and privileged to call Don family! He was an honorable ,,honest, and faithful son, husband , father, grandfather and friend....his life will always reflect his love for God, his family and community. Thank you Don for leaving your print on our hearts! Until we meet again.....All our Love, the LeMasters gang

Christine Connell - February 23, 2023 at 07:09 PM

WW

To Dawn and the rest of the Haskins Family, please accept our sincere condolences over the loss of Mr. Haskins. We were fortunate to be able to have his leadership in so many important community roles. Mr. Haskins always had a smile as well as a friendly, quiet, and trusting disposition. Peace be with you and yours. Robert and George Ward and our mother, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Ward Campbell.

William Robert Ward - March 25, 2023 at 10:46 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.*



February 23, 2023 at 01:16 PM

FM

“ *From Susan, Dale, Linda, Tera + Mary purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Donald A. Haskins.*



From Susan, Dale, Linda, Tera + Mary - February 22, 2023 at 03:21 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



February 22, 2023 at 12:28 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



February 22, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Mr.Haskins was my football & track coach; he was a mentor & a man of great character & principal; also so someone to look up to! As a Marine; he was very patriotic. There was a quote in our locker room which said;" A WINNER NEVER QUILTS & A QUITER NEVER WINS." I have lived by his advice thru out my life.Above all; he was my friend. REST IN PEACE!

Keith Cumpston - February 21, 2023 at 03:23 PM

RM

“ Dearest Jody, Dawn Ann, Michael, Mark and family,
Please rest assure that Don is with Jesus and you will see him
again if you believe John 3:16 in your heart as Don did in his.

*Randy and I would like to thank all of you for sharing Don with us for
the years we have had the privilege to know him.*

*Jody we love you and yours so much and can't thank you enough
for loving us as you have. We feel as if we know your whole family
as you both shared so many great times and birthdays with them as
you were either coming or going to Columbus or traveling to the
other places to meet them such as the cabin or Lake Erie....*

*You are our heros as you were such great travelers either behind
the wheel of your car or on your wheels of your bikes! Jody, thank
you so much for sharing your bike with Randy when Don would trek
him 20+ miles to the dam...(Randy is still trying to recover from
being numb after he lost his gel bike cushion after the first 5
miles)....it still remains one of the best times of his life! We were
always amazed that even though you both had a FEW years on us,
you could outswim us, and outbike us :))*

*We thank God everyday that we had the honor to know you after
you walked into Randy's eschatology class years ago and the
friendship that ensued....*

*Our hearts are broken for you but please rest in God's promise
(John 14:1-4)*

*Lifting you up in prayer and much love,
Randy and Lisa (Whiting) Marple*

Randy and Lisa Marple - February 21, 2023 at 08:48 AM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of Donald A. Haskins, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Marine Veteran, Donald A. Haskins, is “A True American Hero”
God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - February 21, 2023 at 07:16 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.*



February 20, 2023 at 08:16 PM



“ *Our thoughts & prayers go out to Jody & her family. We always enjoyed visiting with both of you when you came down to mom's to visit. Don always had that nice smile & easy going way about him.*

Patty Owens - February 20, 2023 at 07:18 PM

FS

“ From the Peabody siblings purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



From the Peabody siblings - February 20, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ Mr. Haskins was my 1st and very best principal. Fresh out of West Liberty, I began my career by having the privilege of teaching at Cameron Jr. High School. I learned so very much from him. Later I had the honor of teaching his children. He continued to advise and mentor me even after I moved to TX. I will always remember him with great respect. He was a kind, caring Christian man. Karen Harbert Kuhn

Karen Kuhn - February 20, 2023 at 05:08 PM

SC

“ Christian. Devoted husband. Doting and proud father. Coach. Educator. Mentor. Confidant. Leader. Patriot. Marine. That covers a fraction of who this man was. I thank God for crossing my life's path with Don Haskins. My prayers for comfort for his family at this challenging time. Quite candidly, “Mr. Haskins” personified “role model” for his students. He set the bar high. Now, I find myself at 67 living with the reality I will never reach it. But all of my successes were due to my constant efforts to come close. Thank you Don. I'll see you someday soon and we'll catch up. My appreciation to his wife and kids for so unselfishly sharing him with the rest of us. He fought the good fight. He stayed the course. He kept the faith — all while exemplifying the epitome of integrity and character.

Steve Crabtree - February 20, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ 125 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Grisell Funeral Homes - February 20, 2023 at 03:58 PM

MM

“ To Jody and family, I am so sorry for your loss.

Marge Moran - February 20, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



February 20, 2023 at 12:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



February 20, 2023 at 10:08 AM

CM

“ Carol Malory purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Donald A. Haskins.



Carol Malory - February 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM

DA

“ My sincere and humble condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Haskins. Denny Albaugh

Dennis R Albaugh - February 20, 2023 at 09:43 AM

CS

“ Mr. Haskins was our 1st principle at our first graduation at John Marshall High school 1969. He was a good man. Prayers for his family.



Catherine Simmons - February 20, 2023 at 09:20 AM

DP

“ I will never forget the day In 1972 when Don Haskins, Superintendent of Marshall County Schools, came to West Virginia University to recruit me as a teacher and coach for John Marshall High School. He was so encouraging and kind, and I was so excited to begin my career as a teacher. He was also a wonderful mentor as I continued to work toward obtaining my masters degree in Education Administration. Don was so instrumental in my development as a teacher and administrator, and I treasure every moment that I have had teaching children and living out my dream and purpose in life. I also enjoyed the time we spent together as members of the Moundsville Lions Club. He was truly a great man.

Doug Pettit - February 20, 2023 at 01:23 AM

SJ

“ I am sad that he is no longer here with us, but rejoice in a life well-lived and everlasting life hereafter. God be with the family.

Susan Jones - February 19, 2023 at 06:47 PM

BS

“ We have lost a great gentleman,coach,leader,and family man.May you Rest In Peace Coach Haskins. Bobby Sloan-Cameron High SchooClass of 62.

Bobby Sloan - February 19, 2023 at 06:26 PM

RG

He was a great man. My sympathy to his family.
Ruth McColloch Graham, MHS Class of 1952

Ruth Graham - February 20, 2023 at 11:39 AM

BM

My condolences to the family. Don was a good friend and leader.

Bonnie Mueller - February 20, 2023 at 11:58 AM

PH

We have lost a great coach, leader, family man . . .and Marine officer. Semper Fi Coach.. Pat Howard , CHS Class of '63

Pat Howard - February 20, 2023 at 03:44 PM

NW

Great educator, on and off the field,will be missed.semper fi Bonnie Whipkey chs class of 1963.Nelson Whipkey Che class of 1961

Nelson Whipkey - February 20, 2023 at 04:06 PM