



Donald Laird Ullery

June 9, 1938 - January 24, 2015

Ullery, Donald Laird passed peacefully at his Resident in Cooper City on January 23rd, 2015. Donald Ullery will be deeply missed by his family and host of friends .

Resting at the Wilcox Family Funeral Home.

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“ Donald Laird Ullery

January 25, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ Hi, Honey. I know that you hear from me hour by hour every day. I talk to you, I pray for you and I love you as if you were still with me.

I wanted to tell you about feeling this time. I feel lost, still. I am so full of memories of the everyday things we did daily. I bought a new mattress pad and when I put it on today, I thought about all the times we put the sheets on together, how you used to flip them up and get them into the fan.

Perry is enjoying his job with Palm Beach County water dept. He wishes he had taken this step years earlier. He should have listened.

Bianca is moving up with her career with the Florida National Guard. I brought your racing bike in to have it back to new condition and guess what? They told me there were ants in the frame. They will not work on it until the ants are killed.

They changed the schedules where I give stuff away. It used to be a 5 hour schedule, now it is 8 hours. It proves to be a little less fun and more of a commitment than I may be willing to give.

My class is rolling along, with 11 students this session. They are mostly making gorgeous stuff and they make me proud.

I miss your face. And I would give anything for one of your stupid jokes. I am living but I am not happy. I need you to be happy again.

Niki Ullery - November 07, 2016 at 07:41 PM

WJ

“ Everyone who knew Don and cared about him will find that Jan. 24 will at once feel like a lifetime ago and just like yesterday. I remember the call from Niki on a Sunday morning very clearly, and the sense of loss that came with it. Don was a light -- IS a light -- an unforgettable character that we were privileged to have call us friends.

Walt & Jan Drummond

Walt & Jan - January 17, 2016 at 10:46 AM

NU

“ Hi, Honey,

I have been thinking of you all the time. Sometimes I cry and sometimes I feel you are at peace and happy in your new life.

I know you are gone from me, but I miss you so much.

I took my little bike to work for the first time last weekend. Perry taught me where the steering lock was and told me to keep it in gear when I park it. Do you want me to do that?

And, I have been wanting to tell you that your practice of buying vodka while it is on sale, was lucky for me. I have not needed to buy any since you left. I buy a more inexpensive brand that mixes with bloody mary mix just fine. And would you believe that the Dollar Store has an envelope of bloody mix that is not too bad. Not too good.....But the price is good.

I am sampling wine this weekend and school supplies too. At lease I do not have to cook anything like last weekend.

Please come to see me in my dreams. Every night I hope to see you. Please.

Class starts up again this week. I do hope it all goes well as it usually does. There will be a few new students this time. We will see how they progress.

Gotta go now. Please come to see me. I want to see your face again. Please touch my hand, I miss our little squeezes.

I want my life with you. I WANT US AGAIN.

Niki Ullery - July 22, 2015 at 01:40 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey,

You left 6 months too early to have this wish of yours come true. Our TV broke and I promised that when it did, you could buy a bigger one. But you are not here watching it anymore, so I can only afford to get this one repaired. It still costs a fortune, but this will have to do. It has been broken for over a week and I have been deciding what to do. Perry brought the teeny weeny one from the bedroom into the family room for me. I just have to do without lately. I wish you were here.

Gosh, I forgot to turn off the sprinkler again. I'll be back.

Niki Ullery - July 16, 2015 at 04:28 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey,

I wanted to share Milo with you. He is young and pretty don't you think?

I have had him about three weeks and I think you would have liked him, too.

I think about you every minute and miss you so much. We had talked about getting a kitten but we decided we got away a little and we would have a problem getting a pet taken care of. I have a few short plans coming up, so it is a problem I will have to deal with.

I love you, Honey. Stay happy and safe. I will always love you.

Niki Ullery - June 10, 2015 at 11:57 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey.

I was thinking about you today. And it is in a new way. I miss you every day and if I could get a wish granted, I would wish to have our life back the way it was. I miss you my best friend.

I think about you as being healthy and strong. Not having to work, not having to be careful about taking a walk or golfing. Your body is young and strong now.

You don't have to deal with anything except being peaceful. That's not so bad.

I wish you could be here, but I believe you are happy where you are.

I am alive and doing my best, but I do not feel happy. When I see you again, I will be happy again.

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NU

“ Hi, Honey, I want to tell you about Milo. He is a 1 year old Bengal cat. I met a man at work who had lost his wife 1 1/2 years ago and he cannot go on with this life, so he is selling his house and getting a new job and moving away. Milo was his cat, and he gave him to me. He is a great 1 year old Bengal cat, just the kind I wanted. He is completely neutered and even has a chip in him. We are friends already and Milo helps me. Now there is someone there when I get home, someone to talk to.

I would trade him for you if that were possible, and I know you can never come back to me. I miss you very much. You would have liked Milo. I will add a picture when I can.

I have been working and I may even be forced to clean up a little. I do want him to feel safe.

I love you, Donald. I told you that every night, so you know it is true. I will always love you.

Niki Ullery - May 30, 2015 at 09:42 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey

It is nearly 4 months since you left me. I miss you every day. I love you.

Angela said she had a dream that you were in. She said she was in a room with lots of people, and then she saw you standing with your back to her. You didn't turn around or say anything, so she walked up to you and gave you a big hug. I know you liked that. I wish I could get another big hug from you. If I hugged you from behind, I know you would place your hands on my hands and give them a little squeeze. You always did that. I want it again.

I am alive, I am not happy.

Niki Ullery - May 19, 2015 at 11:11 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey.

It is 15 weeks now and I have some hard times, but I went to Casadaga like I have wanted to and I got short visit from you I think. I was with a medium and after a visit with my mother, she said she sensed a male presence behind me but that he would not come near enough and did not say anything. The reason that I thought it may be you was because she said he was tall.

I asked why you didn't talk to me and she said that three months may not be enough time for you to have learned how to communicate. You are best talking to strangers, I know that, but I really hoped you had something to tell me that would help me understand and handle this, my greatest, deepest wound. Anyway, even tho I had wanted more, as I usually do, maybe later. I was in Orlando this week to see Evie, Lucky, Joey and Terri Lou. Evie gave me a ring that is engraved in the band. It says

*"No farewell words were spoken
No time to say goodbye
You were gone before we knew it.
Only God knows why."*

It is sad but true. Each time I read it, I cry sad tears. But it may be peaceful in the future.

When I went to class Thursday night, May 7th, my class gave me a Birthday Party. It was very nice of them. They are aware that each and every "first" is the hardest.

It is hard and I miss you so much. I wish I was older so I could stop this pain earlier.

I love you, Don. I want you back.

Niki Ullery - May 09, 2015 at 10:36 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey.

Today is the 23rd of April. Three months ago we spent our last day together. I miss you every minute.

I have been thinking about how we met, at the motorcycle club. You helped me learn how to ride and was always there to keep me safe.

Keep it up, Honey, because I just rode the Honda around the block.

It was scary, but I know you were there. You know I need you while I am on the road.

I hope to get it back on the road and ride around like we used to.

Stay with me. OK?

Sir Bike A Lot, keep with me.

Niki Ullery - April 23, 2015 at 01:50 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey,

It is eleven weeks now and it has not gotten better with time.

However, that dream you sent to me, has helped. It was early morning after Easter Sunday. Maybe because it was a Holy Day and I prayed to God and thanked Him for His sacrifices, He helped you to hear my wish. I wanted to see your face again. I missed your face and smile.

You appeared as a driver of a fork lift truck while I was sitting during a break from work.

You were absolutely glowing. Your face was radiant with smiles and being silly. I know it was you. I saw you. I believe you were letting me know that you are happy there and you wanted me to be happy, too.

I was happy just then. I felt as though this was a gift from you. I love you and your loss is too much. I am living this new way, but I would rather have you.

Niki Ullery - April 12, 2015 at 10:31 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey,
I just got back from serving wine samples at that Target on Miramar Pkwy. You remember that one, because you had to bring me my teeth once. I think I will remember them every time from now on. I have to, because you are not here to help me out. I miss that about our lives together. Your goodnesses to me. I miss you so much. When I got home today, I was lonely for you. I looked for you. I hope you are happy where you are. Strong and comfortable on strong legs and clear sighted eyes. I love you. Nine weeks now. I have not been alone, without you, for so long a time. It is hard. Do you miss me at all? It is terrible. Bianca has a story. Were you there when this happened? Her boyfriend, Travis, called her Bunky. That was the name you gave her years ago. She was shocked and actually gave him a punch in the arm. She was hoping you were with her at that time She says she has been asking for advice from you but has not heard yet. I hope you are watching over all of us. We need you. I need you. I know I will never see you again, and it is the most pain I ever expect to endure in this life. I am trying to live, but it is so hare without you. I love you.

Niki Ullery - March 28, 2015 at 05:42 PM

NU

“ Hi, Honey. It has been 8 weeks since you left me. I am doing better than I thought I ever could. I got strength from a book I read. It gave me understanding, and acceptance. Right now I think I can make it. Who knows about tomorrow. I miss our life together.

I am working as much as I can, for the money and for the time that passes. It is hard to be without my partner, my friend,

I do believe you are in a good place, where your soul is learning and growing and getting prepared for your next life. I know you did not believe in any of this while you were here with me. What about now?

I am thinking about getting a cat when I am back from my little trip to visit with Evie.

Actually, I am doing a demo in cat litter. Timely, huh?

I miss you and I will always love you. I miss you in my life and I am sad for me.

Niki Ullery - March 21, 2015 at 02:07 PM

NU

“ This is now 7 weeks since you left me here alone. I hate it without you.

I gave stuff away at the Publix where your foot doctor is. I remember going there with you.

Next door was that Dim Sum restaurant and I was able to talk you into going there with me once. Thanks for that, Honey.

My life stinks now. I used to be your wife, now I feel like nothing. I am now just another old lady. I miss you too much.

I am so sad.

Niki Ullery - March 13, 2015 at 11:26 PM

NI

“ Hi, Honey,

I want to tell you how I am doing and some of the changes I am making.

I do not actually cook anymore, except Perry and I get together for dinner once a week. This week is my turn to make something and we decided on stuffed cabbage. I am looking forward to cutting and chopping. I used to like to cook for you, but I have pretty much given it up for now.

You would like the temperature of the house lately. To keep the electric bill lower, I have it set at 82 degrees. When I walk in from shopping or work, I think of you right away because the house is very warm. You would like it that way.

I would think of you anyway. I love you and miss you all the time.

Are you OK, are you happy and filled with strength? I do want that for you, but I would rather have you just as you were, with me.

Niki - March 10, 2015 at 09:02 PM

MC

“ *I was so sad when I heard the news of my children's father passing. He was a good man, we just couldn't be together any more. My heart goes out to my sons whom I love very much and Niki's family who became his family. I know I will see him again in Heaven. God Bless All.*

Marie Cleckner - February 19, 2015 at 04:34 PM

JH

“ WE will never forget the good times we had playing sequence, and riding motorcycles with you. Best of all was when you and Niki road with us as our friends and witnesses to our marriage. The thing I appreciated most about you, was the way you loved my best buddy Niki.

John and Helen - February 17, 2015 at 04:01 PM

NI

“ It has been three weeks now since you left me. I still don't know why you left. I was sure you would be just fine by the morning. I am so sad. I do love you so much and living looks too hard to do for me. I need you to talk to. It is too much right now.

Niki - February 14, 2015 at 01:13 AM

NI

“ Hi, Don.
Can you hear me when I talk to you all day? I don't hear your answers, but I know you are watching and listening. Did you see that I called Keurig and they sent me the part we needed and the pot will no longer make that pinging sound. Good thing.
The electric just turned off the TV. Jeesh.
Can you fix that from Heaven?
I have to go back to work giving stuff away again. They want me to bake. They will be sorry they asked me. I will try.
You did fix the TV. Thank You, Honey
Be safe up there, and even though you are not right here, right now, You are missed every minute and loved every second. Niki

Niki - February 06, 2015 at 09:52 PM

RJ

“ I'll miss him, he was a good friend. Sorry for your loss.

Dick Jacobs

Rrichard Jacobs - February 06, 2015 at 11:44 AM

MB

“ Our condolences to you, Nikki, and your family. You had many fun-filled years with Don. May those memories spread sunshine and comfort through your life. He was a friendly and kind man. You were blessed to have shared all those years together. may Don rest in peace.

Mary and Doug Brown

Mary and Doug Brown - February 05, 2015 at 04:14 PM

BC

“ I deal with things differently than other people. Making myself do this was hard. I don't want to look at pictures or post any. Im not being disrespectful to my mom or Don, but any one that really knows me understands. Now I'm crying at work.:(Haven't cried for a few days.

Anyway, I will miss him and I do everyday. I am glad that he was in my families lives as long as he was. Im also very happy he went peacefully as he did not deserve to be in any pain. He is super loved and super missed, I think about him all the time and all he has done for me in my life. Don and my mother had a great life and I am glad they got to enjoy each other as much as they did. I am glad Don and my mom got to see my in my uniform coming home from work and see the new environment I am now in. I will dedicate all my accomplishments to him and my mother. First being my divorce, LOL. He is greatly m issed. Time to wipe my face off and get back to work.

Love you mom and Don.

Bianca Capuano - February 04, 2015 at 09:49 AM

NI

“ *It has been one week. Actually, the time has gone fast for me. Not sweetly or hopefully. Just moved along.*

I went to speak with the pharmacist at Publix yesterday. When I told him your name, he asked Do you mean, Don, who always wished me A SUPER SPARKELY DAY?

Don will be remembered by a host of cashiers and waitresses. He wished it to everyone after he was inspired by this phrase.

Maybe his sweet message will be shared by those who heard it in that Pay It Forward practice.

I was looking out the window, realizing that the orchids, irises, and amaryllis are either blooming or budded up, ready to go. I remember how much you enjoyed taking pictures of them. They are prettying up for you. Take a look, please, Don.

I love you and miss you in my life. But, since that cannot be, I want you to know that our friendship, love, and marriage has made me strong. I will hope to stay strong and continue to compliment our lives together. Until I see you again.

Niki

Niki - January 31, 2015 at 11:29 AM

PM

“ *Niki the love that you shared with Don was visible at our cousins get together. As time passes may each day give you more strength. having your family around you and your friends will help. Don will be missed. Love you*

Pam. Militante - January 31, 2015 at 08:05 AM

CV

“ My thoughts today are very much with Niki and her family. After talking to her last nite, I heard her sadness but also her strength and deep love for Don. Hope the great memories she has will help the loss.

Much love is sent your way. Carol

Carol Stapleton Vogt - January 30, 2015 at 12:26 PM

DH

“ Our deepest sympathy to all Don's family and friends. Earth's loss is Heaven's gain.

Denis and Diana Hornby - January 30, 2015 at 05:25 AM

TA

“ I am so shocked to hear this sad, sad news. Don was such an awesome guy who I had the pleasure of meeting in our photography class! He had that Pittsburgh accent that couldn't go unnoticed. I will ways remember him making funny jokes during class. I will miss him so much! My prayers go out to the family!

Tammi - January 28, 2015 at 10:25 PM

MO

“ My deepest sympathy's to his wife Niki and family. I knew him for a short time, I met Don at the photography class. He was a nice fellow, very helpful when you asked him something about the camera, also had this unique sense of humor. He will be missed by those who knew him. May you rest in peace Don.

Miriam Olsen - January 28, 2015 at 02:19 PM

MP

“ My condolences to Don's family. I did not know him for very long, met in photography class, but I will always remember his sense of humor and his commitment to the art of photography. May he rest in peace.

Mary Perez - January 27, 2015 at 10:53 PM

GL

“ So sad to hear about Don he was talented in many ways, from bikes to music. So glad he met Niki so long ago. God speed Don, God Bless Niki

Gene Latham - January 27, 2015 at 06:45 PM

RJ

“ So sorry to learn of my Uncle Don's passing. It's been several years since we had seen each other but I have fond memories of him as a child and teenager. My thoughts and prayers go out for my cousins Robert and Richard, as well as Nikki and the rest of the family.

Rick Jacobs - January 27, 2015 at 06:41 PM

VJ

“ I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for Niki and the Ullery family. I only knew Don for a couple of years through our photography. Don was a truly nice person, kind and with a keen humor. I know he will be missed by all of those who knew him.

Vern Johnson - January 27, 2015 at 03:25 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear about your loss! Donald, R.I.P.

Jaime Charouf - January 27, 2015 at 08:50 AM

WD

“ We built some 30 years' worth of memories with Don and Niki, and life without him will be less bright, less fun, less quirky. Witty, smart, knowledgeable, a big heart inside a gruff exterior -- that was Don. He was interested in a wide range of activities -- from playing musical instruments to motorcycle riding to golf to photography -- and that endless curiosity and enthusiasm made HIM interesting to his friends and family. He loved his children and grandchildren and spoke with pride about all of them. Wish we could hear him tell just one more joke. Miss him.

Walt & Jan Drummond - January 26, 2015 at 10:17 PM

CR

“ My sincere condolences to Nikki and the Ullery family for the lost of Don, he was a great student and friend in our photo classes, we will miss him.

Cesar Rivera - January 26, 2015 at 07:13 PM

YN

“ Hey, Don. As usual, I have to come to you with a problem. Need your advice.
My best friend, the man I love so much left me two days ago. Do you know where he is, or why he left? We were happy together, we had quiet days or much more to do we really wanted. All the time talking and he made me laugh even when I was a bit bugged at him. We disagreed on some TV shows and he didn't like it when I watched ghost stuff on TV.
Would that be enough to make him leave?
I miss him so much, even though it has only been two days.
Write me back when you have time to think about my problem.

Your wife, Niki - January 25, 2015 at 09:43 PM

CH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing.
He was a wonderful man who made Niki very happy. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Carol Houser - January 25, 2015 at 06:03 PM

AK

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Don's passing. He was a great guy with a wonderful sense of humor and he really made my best friend a very happy person. Don will be missed terribly!

Adra Kryszczuk - January 25, 2015 at 07:50 AM

RG

“ I REMEMBER Don's sense of humor. I always looked forward to seeing him in Pottery class.
May he rest in peace.

Risa

RISA GRAFALS - January 24, 2015 at 09:31 PM