



Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley

July 22, 1940 - May 7, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that Mrs. Phyllis Yvette Dickert Sheeley and her family announce the death of her beloved husband, Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley, 85.

Mr. Sheeley entered into rest on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The Directors of Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home & Crematory are caring for the family.

A private family graveside service to honor his life will be held at Pomaria Cemetery, Pomaria, SC, with The Rev. Michele Fischer officiating. A celebration of his life will be announced.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his honor to Ducks Unlimited, One Waterfowl Way, Memphis, TN 38120, or The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, P.O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741, or Pomaria Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 246, Pomaria, SC 29126.

Mr. Sheeley was born on Monday, July 22, 1940, in Columbia, SC. He is the son of the late Ernest Wightman Sheeley and the late Marie Wiggers Sheeley. He was married to his beloved wife, Phyllis D. Sheeley, for nearly 63 years.

Don was blessed with an idyllic childhood, growing up within a short distance of both sets of grandparents, whose love and guidance helped shape the

strong foundation he carried throughout his life. He attended Pomaria Grammar School and later Newberry High School, where he served as president of the student body. He continued his education at Clemson University, majoring in Chemical Engineering.

In 1962, Don began his career with Sonoco, where he became manager of the Paper Complex and helped establish many operational and safety standards within the division. Under his leadership, his operations team earned numerous company and industry safety awards. He also proudly served for six years with the McEntire Air National Guard in Eastover, SC.

Don was a charter member of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church of Hartsville, where he served on the church council and faithfully supported many areas of church life and service.

He had a deep love for the outdoors and was an avid wildlife enthusiast. One of his greatest joys was rabbit hunting with his beloved beagles throughout the Pee Dee region of South Carolina. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, gardening, and spending time outdoors, whether inland or by the ocean. Don also loved to dance, especially shagging, which always brought a smile to his face. He enjoyed woodworking and took great pride in creating beautiful pieces for his family -- treasured keepsakes that will be enjoyed for generations to come. Above all, Don treasured family gatherings and the time spent with those he loved.

He is survived by his loving wife, Phyllis Dickert Sheeley; sons, Regan Robert Sheeley, MD of Asheville, NC, and Thad Wightman Sheeley of Rocky Mount, NC; and his daughter, Donna Sheeley Eaddy (Scott) of Mt. Pleasant, SC; brother, Edward Sheeley, PhD (Kathy) of Valdosta, GA; grandchildren, Harlan Eaddy of Mt. Pleasant SC, and Grant Eaddy of Mt. Pleasant, SC; nephew, Jesse Sheeley of Valdosta, GA; niece, Janet Dierstein of Virginia Beach, VA.

Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Don was a good friend and a person of outstanding character and integrity!* ”

Clyde Stuckey - May 18 at 04:25 PM

DM

“ *One of the sweetest, kindest men I have ever known. I will always remember his smile.* ”

Dawn Myers - May 16 at 06:19 AM

CT

“ *Cheryl Cromer Taylor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley* ”



Cheryl Cromer Taylor - May 15 at 04:57 PM

JW

I offer my condolences to dear friend Donna and her family on the passing of her father♥

Jann V Welch - May 25 at 02:43 PM

PH

“ *Pam Harrelson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley* ”



Pam Harrelson - May 14 at 01:59 PM

CB

“ *Carla Dick Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley*



Carla Dick Bryan - May 14 at 12:45 PM

BT

“ *Betty Jo Huggins Turner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley*



Betty Jo Huggins Turner - May 14 at 12:04 PM

KE

“ *Donnie was always one of my favorite cousins, and I always looked forward to visits with him and his family. I have so many memories of them. Sending my love and prayers to Phyllis, Donna, Regan and Thad, and their families. You have all been in my prayers since I found out, and will continue to be. This is not an easy road to go down, but let the memories bring you joy instead of sorrow. Donnie was truly a special person!*

Kim Eargle - May 14 at 12:43 AM

RH

“ Words often seem inadequate to express our feelings and our appreciation for people. This is indeed the case with Don Sheeley: Don was one of the most outstanding men that I’ve ever known! What a great friend he was! And, what a joy it was to work with and to serve him during our careers at SONOCO! It is an honor just to appreciate the fact that Don Sheeley was a friend — a friend who I will see again one day. “You were loved, DON SHEELEY!!!”

Rodger Hatchell - May 13 at 11:17 PM

KJ

“ Karen Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Karen Jeffords - May 13 at 08:41 PM

RM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Robert C Mcwatty - May 13 at 07:37 PM

RM

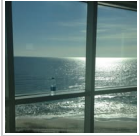
Thanks to enjoyed good times together

Robert C Mcwatty - May 13 at 07:38 PM

JW

“ So thankful for all of the happy memories from childhood spent in the Sheeley home. Most of which were spent outside in the beautiful setting he nurtured, it was a wonderland. Will miss him. Prayers for peace and comfort to Donna and the entire family.

Jennifer C. Webb - May 13 at 03:07 PM



“ Bill Stokes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Bill Stokes - May 13 at 01:26 PM

JL

“ Judy Lane lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Judy Lane - May 13 at 11:21 AM

DA

“ You are in our thoughts & prayers
Doug & Brenda Arthur

Doug & Brenda Arthur - May 13 at 11:19 AM

WJ

“ Wayne Jeffords lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Wayne Jeffords - May 13 at 11:04 AM

SC

“ Susan Braddock Clemmons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Susan Braddock Clemmons - May 13 at 10:43 AM

MM

“ Mike McCulloch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Mike McCulloch - May 13 at 10:29 AM

CP

“ Chandler Peel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Chandler Peel - May 13 at 09:46 AM

CB

“ Tom and I were so sad to get this news about Don. He was a good man. He & Phyllis were in a dance club with us. They enjoyed dancing, laughing and having a good time. He will be missed. May God wrap his arms around all of you and give you peace. Love, Cecelia

Cecelia Brown - May 13 at 09:33 AM

TW

“ Don was a dear friend and neighbor to us, and we cherish our times together. He was a strong leader at Sonoco and he was my manager, mentor and friend for many years. He was extremely intelligent and possessed a tremendous work ethic and set a strong example for those he led. Yet, he had strong people skills, and he endeared himself to those who were fortunate to work with and for him. We shall miss our dear friend, but our memories will last forever. We offer our love and prayers for the family.



Travis and Marilyn Walters - May 13 at 09:09 AM

BG

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Prayers for peace and comfort for Phyllis and family. 🙏❤️

bess Gore - May 13 at 08:56 AM

BP

“ Billy & Linda Price lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Billy & Linda Price - May 13 at 08:50 AM

DT

“ So very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a great friend and mentor. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Don Tiller - May 13 at 08:34 AM

DR

“ David J. Rudick lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



David J. Rudick - May 13 at 07:55 AM



So sorry to hear of Don's passing. My thoughts and prayers to the family. I worked with Don on many projects at Sonoco and always admired him. Dave

David Rudick - May 13 at 07:57 AM

DC

“ Mrs. Shelley and family. So sorry to hear this, my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Dawn Holloman Crawford
Bill Crawford



Dawn Crawford - May 13 at 01:41 AM

GG

“ Prayers for family and friend's!



Gene and Teresa Gibson - May 12 at 11:12 PM

KS

“ I am so very sorry to hear this. Your family will certainly be in my prayers.

Kim Hall Smith

Kim Hall Smith - May 12 at 10:43 PM

JC

“ Don was my first boss when I began at Sonoco. He and Phyllis were so kind to me. We had some wonderful times. He was a good person to work for. He cared so much about the people at Sonoco. His smile was contagious. I enjoyed working for him and the Corrugating Team. He will be missed. Phyllis I will have you and your family in my prayers. We love you.



Jeri and Jim Cox - May 12 at 10:09 PM

MC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Don’s passing. We have very fond memories of Don since we were across the street neighbors. Don & Phyllis were in our “mischievous” gang of great friends that we seemed to always play pranks on each other and some more of our friends.

We will miss our dear friend and our thoughts and prayers are with Phyllis, Ragen, Thad & Donna.

Maxie Cantley - May 12 at 09:48 PM

LG

“ Phyllis, Regan, Thad, Donna, and family, We were very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a great family friend for many years and will definitely be missed. Our prayers are with your family.



Laurie and Jeff Galloway - May 12 at 09:29 PM

AS

“ Al & Melinda Sansbury lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Al & Melinda Sansbury - May 12 at 09:16 PM

SF

“ Steve And Gail Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Steve and Gail Funderburk - May 12 at 09:11 PM

WJ

“ Woody And Irene Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Woody and Irene Johnson - May 12 at 08:55 PM

KC

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time. He was a wonderful man and manager.

Kim Coxe - May 12 at 07:43 PM

FS

“ Dear Phyllis, Reagan, Thad, Donna, and family,

We were so very sorry to learn of the passing of your dear husband and father, Don. There are so many memories over the years of our times together, not just at Our Shepherd, although those are cherished, but elsewhere as well.

Don loved his church, and I know Sunday School times were some of his favorites. Sending prayers of comfort and peace for all of the days to come.

Love to everyone,
Faye Stinson and Clint Stinson



Faye Stinson - May 12 at 07:07 PM

PS

“ *I'm so so sorry to hear of Don's passing
Sending love and prayers.*



Pam Sansbury - May 12 at 07:05 PM

SG

“ *Sheila Grant lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Donald Robert Sheeley*



sheila grant - May 12 at 07:02 PM

SH

“ *Sandra And Larry Huggins lit a candle in
memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley*



Sandra and Larry Huggins - May 12 at 05:49 PM

BH

“ *Beverly Hooks lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Donald Robert Sheeley*



Beverly Hooks - May 12 at 05:18 PM

AB

“ *Ted and Angelyn Bateman send their condolences to Don's family.*



Angelyn Bateman - May 12 at 03:51 PM

JS

“ *Don was a very good friend back in the production days at Sonoco. Rest in peace.*

Jerry Sumner - May 12 at 03:41 PM

RD

“ *Rick And Cheri Dunlap lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley*



Rick and Cheri Dunlap - May 12 at 03:17 PM

DW

“ *Debbie And Richard Wynne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley*



Debbie and Richard Wynne - May 12 at 03:13 PM

RM

“ Prayers to the Sheeley family for the loss of our wonderful long-time friend.

Becky and Bob

Robert and Becky McWatty - May 12 at 03:06 PM

PC

“ Phillip And Donna Crocker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Phillip and Donna Crocker - May 12 at 02:47 PM

AW

“ Anna Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald Robert Sheeley



Anna Williams - May 12 at 02:24 PM

DT

Don was a good man and a friend. I enjoyed working with him at Sonoco. I send prayers of comfort and peace to you Phyllis and family.

Demp Tallon - May 13 at 01:29 PM