



Donald P. Polito

September 21, 2020

Donald P. Polito, age 71, of Plum Boro, formerly of Bellevue, passed away on Monday, September 21, 2020. Beloved husband of Carol Polito for 24 years; father of Lori Zubik (Charles), Dawn Lynn O'Brien (Ian), William Signori and Angela Williams (Connor); grandfather of Tatum, Chad, Ireland, Olivia, Logan, Bryce, Dominick, Brooklyn and Blaise; brother of Thomas Polito (Donna Cassidy), James Polito, and the late Joseph and Catherine Polito. Don was very active with the Pittsburgh Antique Radio Society and played the keyboard in many Pittsburgh Area establishments for over 50 years. He enjoyed Doo-Wop and going to the casinos. Don "Super Service" was the owner of Phil's TV and Radio and Don's Organ Service in Bellevue. He loved his family and cherished his grandchildren. Friends will be received Thursday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100) and where a Blessing Service will be held on Friday at 10:30 a.m. The wearing of masks will be required, the maximum of 25 people will be permitted in the funeral home at one time and social distancing will be followed.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

SEP **24.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Blessing Service

SEP **25.** 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DF

“ To all our treasured family and friendswe are sending all of you our heartfelt love and sympathies and always know Donny was so loved and will be greatly missed! Love Diane Carson and Austin Wiles

Diane Wiles and Family - September 25, 2020 at 11:35 PM

DJ

“ I am saddened to here of Don's passing! I've known him for years. Mostly from bringing my audio equipment to his shop. But I live close by Phil's Radio & TV, so I would just stop by to say, Hi. Having some of the same interests (electronics), he was nice to talk to. I've also had the pleasure to see and hear his talent, playing the organ...Amazing! Don was such a great person... and will be sorely missed! My deepest sympathies to his family!

Dale R Jones - September 25, 2020 at 07:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Don in the shop



Phil Lenz - September 24, 2020 at 10:35 PM

PC

My sincerest condolences to Carol, wife and James, brother. He had such a good sense of humor and so talented. Don will be truly missed.

Patti Saville friend of sister Catherine - October 19, 2021 at 08:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Don in the shop*



Phil Lenz - September 24, 2020 at 10:34 PM

EB

“ *Don was a good friend. We both had worked at Joseph Horne's doing organ service though I had left a few years before Don started. For many years now we shared memories and repair experiences via mail and phone calls. Sometimes we talked for hours into the late evening. I'll really miss him. The last time I saw him in person was a couple years ago at his shop.*

*Eric Bean
Columbus, Indiana*

Eric Bean - September 24, 2020 at 10:32 AM

RB

“ *I extend my deepest sympathy to the Polito family on the passing of Don. I got to know Don and his parents/siblings from childhood since we shared an Aunt (Marie Polito Tomich) through marriage. I will miss Don and the childhood memories that we enjoyed.*

Richard Borchilo

Richard Borchilo - September 24, 2020 at 10:17 AM

JH

“ Unlike many others that have known him for years, Don came into my life and I into his relatively recently. But, when I walked into his "step back in time" shop with my first tube radio to restore, we just clicked. He was my mentor and instructor in electronics and I came to help him in his shop. He though, helped me much, much more. From laughing at my corny jokes to enjoying time together with our wives, he introduced me to so many new things, and, he took great joy in doing so. The first time I witnessed him change from a laser focused electronics wizard at his work bench to a very talented and engaged organ player, I was speechless.

Very matter of fact about his abilities, he was always willing to share information. And not just with me, but so many others too. He was held in very high esteem for his electronics and organ problem solving skills and often had calls from out of state seeking his help.

I was and am in awe of him and will miss him so much. Every morning we would talk and make plans for the day at the shop or elsewhere. Like Bill Dell, I had a nickname for Don too. He became "Pickles" Polito, and he found great pleasure in saying "Pickles Here" when I would answer his phone calls.

Not only did he teach me many new things about electronics and music, he showed me and others how to handle grave illness and its treatments with dignity and strength. Rarely did he complain, and if he did, it was about food not tasting as good as it used to.

I of course never knew Don's father Phil, who died in 1976. But, I am sure he is very proud of the job Don did with Phil's Radio and TV and congratulated him Monday evening when Don once again met him.

I have been blessed to have been led to Don, and only wish it had been years earlier. He was my friend, my very, very good friend.

Jim Holman

James Holman - September 23, 2020 at 10:39 PM



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Phil Lenz - September 23, 2020 at 07:49 PM

BD

“ *What a good friend. I graduated with Don in 1967. I just called and talked with him last week. We talked a lot at the Bellevue all class reunions. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. His dad came to our house in the 1950s to fix our 1st t. v.*

Bruce Dobson - September 23, 2020 at 06:25 PM

EH

“ *I had a Dynaco ST-70 tube amp that was on the fritz. My friend Scott told me about Phil's TV and Don was the owner. I walked in and he was working on an open receiver chassis. I introduced myself and after that Don took one look at the Dynaco and said, " Oh, I love those amps"!!! He was genuinely excited. I asked if I could leave it to be fixed. Don said, "What are you doing now, I have to get a part for this receiver anyway"? So, I hung out and talked to him while he lovingly went through the Dynaco. At one point he said, " Hey look at the wave on this thing, referring to the oscilloscope. After 30 minutes it was playing perfectly. That was my intro to Don. He was a national treasure of electronics knowledge and a truly kind, helpful person. I am so sad for the family, I've lost a friend, and the world has lost a great person.*

Edward J. Hyp, North Huntingdon

Edward J Hyp - September 23, 2020 at 03:48 PM

CW

“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Have many good memories of your family. May God bless you all & give you peace. Love in Christ, Coach Bill Wyland & family

Coach Bill Wyland - September 23, 2020 at 03:15 PM

RD

“ Remember all his Friday and Saturday nights at Miller's with Joe and Tommy.

Ron Deer - September 23, 2020 at 02:15 PM

RD

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. Great person who was a friend if many people. Stopped by many times and talked to Don while he was repairing old radios. Will be missed b

Ron Deer - September 23, 2020 at 02:13 PM

VW

“ We are saddened by Don's passing. I was first introduced to Don 20 years ago when our church chapel organ needed repaired. He was a great guy and always willing to help fix or repair whatever “treasure” you brought to his shop. He was also a good sound technician and organ repair magician. Don was a talented musician with a smooth touch at the piano as well as a great conversationalist; we enjoyed everyone of his stories. He had a selfless dedication to his family and profession. Our condolences and prayers to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed. Mike and Vicki Worek

victoria worek - September 23, 2020 at 01:28 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear about everyone loss. He was a great guy

He always wanted to sell me a hammond B3 which I wish I would have done

Our condolences

Dave and Bev Manns

dave manns - September 23, 2020 at 09:45 AM

WD

“ A loss too hard to put into words. A constant smile, stories & a true friend. I walk into his shop, (week before last) with 2 radios. SUPER SERVICE, working on a project with Tom O'Hara. Usually he drops everything he is doing & fixes my stuff. So I tell him, no rush. The next day I get a call. I answer...".Super Service here, (as he always did), your radios are done" So I go to his shop, I say. "what do I owe you?" "ah, gimme 20bucks.Ridiculous Should have been \$50. to \$80. He says;"Come on in the back, let me play for you guys. Rick Mansfield was with me. This guy was incredible. I've heard many times. the Hammond with the Leslie. I'm in awe again. We leave, not knowing I would never see him again.

Funny how I have always had a knack of giving nicknames to people. I remember watching the 3 Stooges & seeing the episode where they are working in a gas station & come running out to service a customer screaming SUPER SERVICE, SUPER SERVICE..

So years ago, I just started calling him SUPER SERVICE. From then on, everytime he called me, he would say, "SUPER SERVICE HERE !!! I think he loved the name, because everytime he or I would say it, he would laugh. The Lord knows, I loved this man.

GOD I LOVED THIS MAN. A big hole in our lives, can never be filled.

William Dell

WILLIAM DELL - September 23, 2020 at 08:44 AM

BR

“ Dear Tom and Family--

Please accept my sincere sympathy on the passing of Don. I became acquainted with Don, through his organ service. Our friendship began 25 years ago when he was servicing the organ at St. Stanislaus Church in Ambridge, which became Good Samaritan in later years. He helped to move and voice the organ from St. Stan's to Good Sam, voiced and installed the instrument. Anytime we needed him, he was always there...a great guy who knew his stuff. I think he was the only guy in our area who serviced Rodgers Organs....well done, you have earned your rest...May songs of the Angels welcome you home, with a mighty organ blaring in the background. Sleep in peace my good friend !! Resta Con noi !!
Brother Ambrose Ross, BHS

Brother Ambrose Ross - September 22, 2020 at 05:51 PM