



## John H Donnan III

March 6, 2015

John Hannay Donnan

Age: 73 - Riverton

Passed on March 6, 2015. Beloved husband of Kathleen(nee Park) for 49 years; Loving father to Keith and his wife Diana, Dawn, Deborah and her husband Joseph, Brian and his wife Kristin. Adoring Opa to Erin, Paige, Coriell, Seamus, Alexandra, Devon, Ella, and Lucas.

Born in Washington, Pa. on February 24, 1942, Jay was the son of the late John Duncan Donnan and Antoinette Tomlin Donnan. He was predeceased by his sister Antoinette Donnan McCurdy.

Jay was a graduate of Pennsylvania Military College (PMC). He served in the United States Army for two years and was stationed in Germany. He was fortunate in that he and his wife were able to travel throughout Europe and celebrate the birth of their first child there as well. Upon their return to the states, Jay got involved in real estate and spent the last 45 years serving the Moorestown/South Jersey area.

Jay's life centered around his extensive family. He enjoyed spending his free time at the family camp on Lake Onawa, Maine. Nothing brought him more joy than sharing his love of Onawa with his family and friends. In particular, he took great pleasure in teaching his children and grandchildren the Onawa experience as only he knew. His time there was spent reliving his childhood memories through the eyes of the next generation. Onawa brought him indescribable peace and happiness his entire life.

As a father he devoted himself to providing his children with a life rich in love and experiences. It began with Indian Guides and Princesses and continued with his involvement in Boy Scouts for decades. He also never missed an opportunity to support his children, whether it was in their sporting endeavors, school projects or just building a

tree house in the back yard, he never disappointed. Whether in grade school, high school, or college he supported their activities. In addition he was able to take his family on many trips throughout the United States. This enabled them to see many National Parks and other historic sites while visiting relatives along the way.

We invite you to add your pictures, thoughts and memories to this site. He was a fun loving man adored by so many. No one told a better story and in his honor we hope you will share your memories with us.

Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service to be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 Bridgeboro Rd. Moorestown, NJ on March 21, 2015 at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Kidney Fund in Jay's memory.  
<http://www.kidneyfund.org/donate/memorial-gift/>

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Memorial Service**

11:00AM

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First Presbyterian Church

101 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown, NJ, US, 08057

# Comments

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“ Dear Kathy,Keith.Dawn,Debbie,and Brian,  
Our deepest sympathy from the Stevenson family My father and I attended the memorial service, but my father at age 98 was unable to stay and meet with everyone. We just wanted to say what wonderful memories we have of Jay. Of course many many years of good times in Onawa...and I believe my husband Don is the only person that Jay could not get up on water skis. He really tried though burning thru lots of gas. My father also remembers Jay from the gun range when my father was a range officer. He would always tell me he spent time with Jay therre shooting. I also have memories of Jay stopping by to visit my parents when they lived in Riverton . Jay and my Dad would spend hours talking about cars . I have a picture that I will always cherish of Jay and my brother Robert at my wedding standing at the bar. So sad that they are both gone.  
Our love and prayers to your family. He will be missed.  
Elizabeth Stevenson Proebstle

Elizabeth Stevenson Proebstle - March 21, 2015 at 03:52 PM

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“ It has been a very long time since I have shared time with Jay and the family. When traveling to Somerville to visit my parents, I would call and stop in and visit over a cup of coffee. Please accept my sympathy on Jays passing. Warm regards,  
David Alter

David Alter - March 20, 2015 at 11:35 AM

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“ Opa was a man who was at ease with himself and made those around him feel at ease too. We always enjoyed hearing his stories or just catching up at the grandkids' sporting events. He will be missed very much.  
~amy and manny

amy - March 18, 2015 at 06:06 PM

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“ One of my best childhood memories is our family spending time up in Maine. Uncle Jay's huge smile and super fun personality was the best part of it all; he is, and always will be, unforgettable.

Sincerely & with love,  
Leslie DeGasparis

Leslie DeGasparis - March 12, 2015 at 07:22 PM

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“ I remember when he showed me how to waterski on Onawa one summer when I was a boy. So sad to hear the news, but happy that he's in a better place. Lots of love to the Donnan Family - John Paul Weesner

John Paul Weesner - March 09, 2015 at 12:52 PM

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“ It is with such sadness to say good bye to such a wonderful man. I worked with Jay at BHHS for many years. Jay was extremely knowledgeable and was always willing to help his fellow agents. You will be missed by us all. My condolences go out to his wonderful family who he cared so much about. You will forever be in my heart. Rest In Peace my dear friend.

Estelle Rattner

Estelle Rattner - March 09, 2015 at 12:31 PM

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“ Cousin Jay always had a smile on his face. Most of my fond memories of him are in Onawa Maine, but it has been great seeing Jay and the rest of his "clan" from time to time at our farm in Medford. My Dad, who has been gone for 27 years, had fun with Jay in his younger days. My Dad got Jay and his kids to come up skiing with us several times and the memories are still some of my favorite ski trips to Squaw Mountain in Maine. I remember when my Dad bought a new boat (years and years ago)... and there was much discussion on how it was a bigger motor than Jay's and that he had to have the "fastest" boat! Sure enough.... Jay got a bigger motor or boat! (Of course I don't remember the details..... just the fond way my Dad got a "kick" out of Cousin Jay)! My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Donnan family, especially Cousin Kathy.

Tonya Tatem Olson - March 09, 2015 at 12:07 PM

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“ Jay was always willing to help anyone who needed it. He also enjoyed taking the cousins skiing with his boat, which was one of the fastest on the lake. He actually took me skiing numerous times including once less than a week after ice out! Jay thanks for all you did for everyone and You will be missed around the lake. Kathy, Keith, Dawn, Debbie and Brian, you have our sympathy.

Betsy and Ron Schmidt

**Betsy Brigham Schmidt** - March 08, 2015 at 10:23 PM

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“ Devastated. Jay was a beautiful, caring family man and carried and shared his outlook throughout his career. He was well loved by so many. I will miss his great stories, and the sharing of his experiences. He was Loved by everyone who ever met him. My sympaahies to his beautiful family.

**Karen Milligan** - March 08, 2015 at 01:05 PM