



Donald Lee Crain

December 25, 1943 - September 30, 2017

Donald Lee Crain, 73, of Columbia, passed away September 30, 2017. Born in Travelers Rest, he was a son of the late Fred Wayne and Madeline Fowler Crain. Mr. Crain served in the US Navy. He served thirty-four years with the SC Highway Patrol and was Trooper of the year in 1978. During his years of service, he worked in Laurens County, York County, and Chester County before moving to Headquarters in Columbia where he served in recruiting and employment until his retirement in 2000. After his retirement he worked for FEMA and TSA. Mr. Crain served as a Fire Commissioner for the Irmo Fire District, was a member of the Irmo Chamber Of Commerce, Active in the Irmo SERTOMA Club, and was a Mason. He enjoyed collecting Military and Police Memorabilia, and never passed up a chance to travel with family and Trooper friends.

Surviving is his wife: Delila Edenfield Crain; one daughter: Dr. Frankie Crain-Ruf (Thomas); one sister: Dianne Coleman; and two grandchildren: Eleanor and Elliott Ruf.

Along with his parents, he was predeceased by one brother: Douglas Wayne Crain.

The family will receive friends Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. at The Howze Mortuary.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, in The Howze Mortuary Chapel, with Reverend J. Eric Skidmore Officiating. Burial will follow in Mountain View Memorial Park with SC Highway Patrol Honors.

The family will be at the home of his sister, Dianne Coleman.

Don requested that in lieu of flowers , memorials be made to the SC Troopers Association, 4961 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC 29212.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thehowzemortuary.com

The Howze Mortuary, Travelers Rest is in charge of arrangements. (864) 834-8051

Cemetery Details

Mountain View Memorial Park formerly Grand View Memorial Gardens

7 Duncan Rd.
Travelers Rest, SC

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Service

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

The Howze Mortuary Chapel
6714 State Park Rd./P.O. Box 369
Travelers Rest, SC

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I am so sorry to learn of Don's passing. My sincere sympathy to Don's family and friends.
Don was a brother trooper whom I grew to respect and love as a dear friend. Oh the stories and laughter. Don our brother, you will be greatly missed but never forgotten. May you rest in peace until the time we meet again.

*Raymond J. Clasing, Sr
Retired Captain, Maryland State Police*

Raymond J. Clasing, Sr. - October 16, 2017 at 05:34 AM

DB

“ We loved "Uncle Donnie" like a father and we cherish every memory we have of him. He was a true southern gentleman who gave us many years of joy and laughter. He will be missed by many but we are thankful that he is now resting in peace. He is surely a bright light in heaven! Dee, we pray your wonderful memories sustain you and offer you peace.

David & Tammy Batkins - October 15, 2017 at 06:01 PM

RM

“ Lt Don Crain was a super fine Gentleman, extremely dedicated to God, Family, SCHP and Friends. He was honest, most honorable and always available to assist and help those in need. I believe he lived to bring humor and laughter where there was a need to relieve stress. He established a legacy.

*He was a grand friend.
Robby Milam*

Robby Milam - October 04, 2017 at 12:55 PM

MF

“ So very sorry to hear about Donald. I remember Donald so well from the class of 1961. As I recall he was voted best looking from that class. He certainly had an admirable career, serving his country, state, city and family well.
My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Warm regards, Miss Bard, 12th grade English teacher.
now Mrs. Maria Bard Freeman (Fleet)

Maria Bard Freeman - October 04, 2017 at 10:43 AM

AC

“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing. It was a pleasure knowing him and working with him through the years. He was a good trooper.

Al Corbin (retired, SCHP)

Al Corbin - October 03, 2017 at 11:06 AM

GG

“ I have lost my good friend,I will miss him with all my heart.

GARY GILBERT - October 02, 2017 at 09:56 PM

FR

“ So sorry to hear about Don. We were in Laurens County together and I can remember some good times working with him. I always looked up to him and respected him very much! I hate that I will be unable to attend his service tomorrow but I want to extend my sympathy to the family. He was a good man! Rest In Peace Don!.....
Footsie Rice

Footsie Rice - October 02, 2017 at 09:21 PM

MB

“ *My cousin Don was a great guy. He was well loved and respected by so many people, including me. He will be sorely missed. Love and condolences to his family.*

Mary Satterfield Baird - October 02, 2017 at 09:19 PM

EL

“ *So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family.*
Elaine & Mark Schwerthoffer



Elaine - October 02, 2017 at 11:59 AM

AW

“ *I lloved Don . We were high school friends. Saw him last few years at reunion. my prayers are with family and I know God has him in His great arms of love now.*
He will be missed

Ann Looper Sparks-Wynn

Ann Looper Sparks- Wynn - October 02, 2017 at 10:05 AM

DE

“ *I loved to hear him laugh, so sad at this moment, my prayers and love are with you all, wish I could be there! Darlene Crain Estes*

Darlene C Estes - October 01, 2017 at 10:17 PM

DS

“ *Don Sink and Fred & Carol Shaw purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Donald Lee Crain.*



Don Sink and Fred & Carol Shaw - October 01, 2017 at 10:14 PM

HJ

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time . Just remember God needed another Angel and called Donald home.*

Huetta Duncan Jackson - October 01, 2017 at 07:48 PM

NP

So sad to learn of Don's passing. He was a Trooper's Trooper, friend of all & he will be missed. I have good memories of his heart & humor through the years. May God bless you during this sad time. Neil Paul

Neil Paul - October 04, 2017 at 09:50 AM

LS

*So sorry for your loss. My wife and I were in Nevada and come not make it back to the Funeral. Don was in the Irmo Sertoma Club with me and the entire club will miss him. He referred to me as his Little Buddy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Larry R. Scott*

Larry R. Scott - October 08, 2017 at 04:33 PM