



Donald J. Skelly Jr.

July 21, 2024

Gates: Sunday, July 21, 2024 at age 67.

Loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, son-in-law and brother-in-law. Don was a 41-year retired Army veteran and Bronze Star recipient. He served his country well and often said that he would do it again. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, attending NASCAR events and watching the races on TV as well as camping and traveling with his wife. He was a quiet and reserved man by nature and would help others whenever he could. It was just his way.

He touched many lives during his time here with us. He will be missed by his family and friends and others who knew him.

“I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.” ~ Isaiah 6:8

Survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Mary; children, Amanda (Brian) Bucher, Cassandra Arena and Brittany (Matthew) Schudel; grandchildren, AudreyAna, Bethany, Joseph, Sebastian, Orion and Leo; sisters, Carol, Donna, Lori, Allison and Heather; mother and father-in-law, Richard and Norma Kwasnik; brother-in-law, Alan (Kay) Kwasnik; several nieces, nephews and dear friends

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home Friday 4-7pm. Funeral Mass Saturday 9am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Veterans Outreach Program.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUL **26.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home
2771 Chili Avenue
Rochester, NY 14624
(585) 426-7830
beanfuneralhome@rochester.rr.com
<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUL **27.** 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall

MS

“ To my “Goof”:

Today we said our final goodbyes to You, a loving, caring and dedicated husband, father, grandfather, son (in-law), brother (in-law), uncle, soldier.

The service was befitting a soldier who, while not on the battlefield, but rather in private life, literally died in service to Your country. You were a forty-one year retired Army veteran and Bronze Star recipient. You were proud of Your service, but humble in Your military accomplishments and recognition. When asked about Your Bronze Star award, You would simply, and politely say, “I just did my job.” A typical response from You, a quiet and humble man. You were a true patriot Soldier to the end. Always focused on ‘the mission’ whatever that mission may have been.

While today was a heart-wrenching day for Your family and friends, life goes on. One moment, one step at a time. Thinking about the plans that we were making and what we wanted to accomplish for our future has been, at times, daunting; however, I know in my heart that You would want me, and the others you loved to continue living our lives. I also know that You will be with me, with us, in spirit and that You will be watching over everyone that You loved.

Rest easy, now, my love! Your journey here is over, but a new one has begun! Say HI to your mom and all the others that have gone before us! I will treasure all the memories that we created together and keep them, and YOU, close to my heart!

You have a ‘new’ mission now. Watch over the ones You loved and left behind! I am confident that You will succeed in that mission as well!

Two hearts, One love – ALWAYS!!!!!!

Your love wife, and “Queen,”

~ Mary

Mary Skelly - July 27, 2024 at 11:19 AM

AK

“ DJ helped my wife and I take down two big trees in our front yard. The complications were the house and power lines. He would spend, what seemed like hours, analyzing, cut a branch, and repeat until the trees were topped. Not so much as a twig hit the house or power lines. He wasn't able to tackle the tree he really wanted, a massive willow about 85 feet high with roughly a 7 foot diameter trunk. I told him when it comes down we're having a party and dedicating to him.

He loved his family and would help anybody who needed help whenever he could. He was proud to have served his country and always gave the credit to his unit and the ones he served with. So it's no surprise I never knew he received the bronze star until after he passed.

You will be missed. Until we meet again.

Alan Kwasnik - July 23, 2024 at 03:56 PM

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“ Kris and Sarah planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald J. Skelly Jr..

Kris and Sarah - July 23, 2024 at 03:53 PM

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“ Kris and Sarah purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Donald J. Skelly Jr..



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