



Donald Raymond St. John

January 10, 1955 - September 16, 2011

Our Heavenly Father unexpectedly called Donald Raymond St. John, 56, to his heavenly home on September 16, 2011, much to the disbelief of his family and close friends. Don was born on January 10, 1955 in Rochester, N.Y., the fourth of five sons for Francis and Monica St. John. In January, 1971, the family moved from Rochester to Ft. Collins, when Francis was transferred by Eastman Kodak Co. Don graduated from Poudre High School in 1973 and attended Colorado State University. In 1976 Don started working for the Eastman Kodak Company in Windsor, Colo. as an electrical engineer where he has used his genius to develop software and mechanical gizmos so that the "yellow boxes could continue to go out the door." He is known for his ability to isolate problems, design solutions, and implement. Don married Carolyn Ilse Meyer on July 30, 1999. Don & Carolyn had a very special relationship; they were best friends as well as husband and wife. Don and Carolyn were inseparable in what ever they did, from working on their cabin in Red Feather, to traveling the United States in the RV, to flying in Don's powered parachute together. Carolyn introduced Don to her beliefs in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Don found a spiritual home and embraced the Church wholeheartly. Don & Carolyn were part of the fold and have many close friends in the Church. The days with Carolyn were the happiest of his life. His physical happiness with having Carolyn's love, combined with the spiritual peace and happiness, made Don a new man. He was now complete. In 1999 Don became a member of the Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints, and served in many capacities including Primary, High Priests, Parkwood Ward Disaster Recovery Specialist, and as a Family History Consultant. Don's testimony of who we are and of Heavenly Father's Plan of Salvation and his search for those truths is unquenchable. His joy of the upcoming temple to be built in Ft. Collins will be realized and his spirit felt by those who enter. Don lived by his favorite scripture 1 Corinthians 13, and was its embodiment of love and charity. Don's passion as a HAM and received his call of WB0QGA when age 18 and recently changed his call to NK0Y because his "old call was a mouthful." Don was a member of the CSU Repeater Group and the LRA Loveland Repeater Association and spent many years teaching classes, as a Volunteer Examiner tested many HAMS in Colorado, and inspired many. He is now "silent key," but many will carry on because of him. Don's compassion, generosity, ability to fix anything, somewhat unique off-the-wall humor and willingness to help others will be sorely missed in this life by his family, friends, co-workers, and the Crystal Lakes community where he fulfilled his and his wife's dream of living in the mountains. Don had suffered some health problems this spring, but everyone thought it was resolved in July, when Don received a pacemaker. Suddenly, on the early morning of September 16th, Don had another episode which was too massive for the pacemaker, EMT's & Doctors to save him from. The Lord's will be done; Don went to his heavenly rest, leaving all of us to wonder why. We all love you & miss you Don! Don is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Anthony St. John Angela, Christopher St. John, Paul Meyer, Jason Meyer, Taylor Meyer and Ilse Anderson Steve. Don is also survived by his parents, Francis & Monica St John, Brothers Art Gayle from Westminster, Colo., Bob Wendy from Albion, N.Y., Dave Denise from Douglas, Wyo. and Dan Rita from Ft Collins. Don has many nieces & nephews, Danielle Jeremy Weigert, Marlene, Chuck Val, Mike, Bob Dixie, Michelle, Greg Kayla and Jennifer. Don also was a Great Uncle to Sierra, Dylan, Maddie, Noah, Monica, Jeff, and soon to be born Brooklynn. Don loved them all and they miss him very much. Services will be held on Tuesday, Sept 20th at the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 600 E Swallow Road, Fort Collins, at 2:00 PM. Interment following at Grandview Cemetary. Those who desire may view Don, Monday, 12-4 p.m. at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Please send cards, flowers, donations to Bohlender Funeral Chapel. If you wish to make a donation, please make it in care of the American Diabetes Associates.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ Dear Carolyn, Dick and I enjoyed meeting Don and spending time with you at Ilse's wedding. We are so sorry for your loss. Please accept our condolences and know we are thinking of you and your family. Catherine & Dick

Catherine Beyers - September 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BN

“ Dear St. John Family, I worked with Don in the 1990s and remember him as one of the really great people at Kodak. Don was always ready to lend a hand and lend his extensive knowledge to solve process problems. Don and I had a pilot connection. I have video of Don flying over our house on the Poudre. I will remember and miss Don St. John.

Bill Nichols - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Even though Don Has not been an "official" part of my family for many years, I still count him among my many uncles and have very fond remembrances of him as I grew up. He will be missed but it is not goodbye, simply see you soon.

Kathy Hays Cowles - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Carolyn, I hope you know how much Rulon and I have loved you from the get-go and when Don came along, that just made things even better. Don was so much fun and I loved listening to his stories. We have watched your life change in so many good ways and it has been very clear that Heavenly Father's watchful care has been with you the whole way. He would not have stopped that the week Don died. When I arrived home from the hospital I couldn't sleep. So, I picked up where I had left off in my scripture reading. It was in D&C 131: 7 and 8. Somehow, I found it comforting to one who sees their loved one leave this world. "There is no such thing as immaterial matter. All spirit is matter, but it is more fine or pure, and can only be discerned by purer eyes; We cannot see it; but when our bodies are purified we shall see that it's all matter." God be with you Carolyn Linda and Rulon

Linda Stacey - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

OO

“ HI CAROLYN. IT'S THE 20TH AND I JUST LEARNED ABOUT DON RETURNING HOME. I KNEW HIM IN THE MID 70'S WHEN WE STARTED THE BUCKHORN REPEATER ASSN. I TOO WILL MISS HIM. IT PLEASED ME TO NO END TO LEARN THAT HE JOINED THE CHURCH. IT WAS HAM RADIO THAT LEAD ME TO IT IN 1977. MAY YOU BE COMFORTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND RE UNITED IN THE FIRST RESURECTION. OJ KØOJ

ORLIN D. JENKINS OJ - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ I had the wonderful opportunity of meeting Don while working at Kodak. His smile and unique sense of humor will be with me forever. Our lunches at the breakroom table were always filled with laughs, smiles and "learnings". I have a saying: "Remember the names and faces of the people you meet, God sends them your way for a reason.." I thank God he sent me Don. Carolyn, you truly were the light in Don's eyes. You could see it each time he spoke your name! My heartfelt condolences to you and your family. Marie Ostermiller

Marie Ostermiller - September 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. I wish we could be there to share this time with you. I remember Donny from the time Bob and Wendy met, until you moved to colorado. All of the boys were special persons. This is the time when family is most important!

Carol Smith Hume - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear St.John Family, We had the opportunity to work with Don for the past 10 years as he performed outstanding service to the total organization for Kodak. His loss is felt thousand's of miles away and he will be missed. With great sympathies during this difficult time from WW Retail System Solutions Group.

Stephen Turberg - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ Carolyn and family: Don was my ex brother-in-law, but I felt I had some things still in connection with him. I talked with him just a couple of weeks ago and we had a great talk. His attitude of not sweating the small stuff was wonderful. I'm so sorry you lost him at such a young age. He will be greatly missed. Vicky

Vicky Hays - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Carolyn and the St. John family, I worked with Don for several years in Thermal Media. He was a great problem solver. Lunch with Don was the best because he always had a great sense of humor and made people laugh. I will miss emailing or talking to him, although I will talk to him in a different way while I'm out riding my bike. My sympathies and prayers to all of you.

Lee Johnson - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Dear St. John Family, I interacted with Don on various trips to KCD for Thermal Media project discussions. In all those encounters, I found Don to be very approachable, helpful, extremely knowledgeable, and easy to talk to. I know he will be sorely missed by family, friends, and co-workers both in Colorado and from NY. I was glad I had the chance to meet him.

Joe Janinek - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EN

“ My Sympathy goes out to your family! May he rest in peace. Erin Nook

Erin Nook - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Don was an excellent friend and co-worker while I worked at Kodak. He was eager to share his knowlege of electronics and flying with anyone who was interested. I enjoyed having lunch with him even after I retired, and will miss him dearly. Here's to a great friend, fellow pilot, fellow HAM, and outstanding co-worker!

Tom Boos - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We shared many good times over the years both at work and outside the "big yellow box". I will miss his wry sense of humor, the great conversations catching up with each others lives and jobs, but mostly... I will miss my friend.

Darrell Christensen - September 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Carolyn, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing away. My thoughts are with you. Stay well. Love, Cindy McVay

Cindy McVay - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Uncle Don you will be miss and never forgotten. I love you! Shelly

Michelle Martin - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Art & Gayle and Family, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Doug & Sherry Melby - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VH

“ May memories ease your sorrow and time bring you peace. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Vern Hinson - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Carolyn & family, I feel great loss with the passing of Don. As you know, I'm Don's supervisor at Kodak and have worked with him for many years. The obituary fits him well, as Don could fix about anything, and was well known for his "frugal" implementations and resolutions of problems. I personally will miss Don's upbeat nature and humor, and I know he'll leave a gap in our Kodak family that we will not be able to fill. Don was so happy to return to work after his illness this spring, and we all thought he would be with us much longer having resolved the mystery of his illness. My heartfelt condolences extend to you and your family. Ray Seela

Ray Seela - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ I've worked at Kodak for 30 years and I first met Don when he was a mechanic for the High Speed Choppers in X-Ray. I was in Quality and whenever there was a problem, Don would come into the lab to look at the defect and analyze the problem. It didn't take me long to understand Don was the best at fixing the problems and getting the equipment up and running. Last Thursday, we had a programming problem and it prevented us from running. Don checked into it and within a few hours had resolved it. Don was intelligent and extremely competent. He had a great sense of humor and even last week was playing a joke on one of the line mechanics. I, like so many others, will miss Don, and his very HOT chili. Don -- Rest in Peace! We are better for having known you. Carolyn and Family, you have my heartfelt sympathy. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Ralph Gundy - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ Carolyn & family, I'm saddened to hear of your loss. Don was a co-worker and friend of mine at Kodak. He often talked lovingly of you. You were clearly the light of his life. He will be greatly missed. May the angels bless and comfort you. You are in my prayers.

Theresa Chunko - September 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM