

DONALD CURRIER YOUNG



Donald Currier Young, long-time resident of Ithaca, age 90, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, August 1, 2017, at Honor Health Scottsdale Shea Hospital, Scottsdale AZ. He was born July 5, 1927 in Elizabethtown, NY to Coburn and Viola (Currier) Young and was the youngest of 4 children. Don received both his B.A. and M.A degrees from Cornell University. He dedicated his entire life to the growth and development of the young people of Ithaca. He was an historian and shared his love of history with students at Ithaca High School, Ithaca, NY for several years before becoming a guidance counselor there. He was also well

known as the Track and Cross Country coach at IHS. He retired from the Counseling office in 1983, although he continued as a substitute for several years.

He is survived by his first wife Charlotte Young of Ithaca and their three children: Andrew Young, Deb (Tom) Porter, and Donald Young, and by his second wife Christine of Fountain Hills, AZ and their two children Emily Young, and Jennifer Young; as well as by 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Don served in the United States Navy during World War II and continued serving in the Naval Reserve for 20 years. He received the American Theater Medal and the Victory Medal, and retired a Lieutenant(JG) in 1966.

Don enjoyed his retirement in Fountain Hills, AZ. He served as a team member working with the Home Delivered Meals Program for a number of years and enjoyed the contacts he developed through that wonderful program. He was a member of the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church and served as a member of the Board of Deacons there.

A Celebration of Life Reception will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2017, at the Benn Conger Inn in Groton, NY from 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Former students, colleagues and friends who would like to share memories of Don are asked to join the family to celebrate his life. Although Don loved the winter weather in Arizona where he lived for

24 years, he always wanted to return to his native New York. His ashes will be scattered here according to his wishes.

Don was a kind and gentle soul and a great animal lover who always had a dog beside him and a cat in his lap. It would bring Don joy to have contributions made to the Tompkins County SPCA, 1640 Hanshaw Road, Ithaca, NY 14840 in his memory, in lieu of flowers.

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