



December 1, 1942 - December 3, 2021

Donald Anthony "Don" Bauer, age 79, of Middletown, DE, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his loving family, on Friday, December 3, 2021.

Born in Perth Amboy, NJ, on December 1, 1942, he was a son of the late William Albert and Grace (Adams) Bauer. Don graduated from Bricktown High School. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he proudly served his country on the USS Boston CAG-1 during the Vietnam War. Following his honorable discharge, he met the love of his life, MaryAnn J. Bauer, to whom he was married for 51 years. Together, they raised four children in New Jersey. Don and Maryann relocated to Middletown after his retirement from Lakehurst Naval Air Station after 32 years of dedicated service at Lakehurst Naval Air Station. Dedicated to his faith, he served as a deacon at New Covenant Presbyterian Church. Among his extensive hobbies, he was an avid train enthusiast.

In addition to his parents, Don was preceded in death by his loving wife, Maryann J. Bauer; daughter, MaryAnn Stiebritz; and sister, Natalie Hubbard. He is survived by his children, JohnMichael Bauer (Tina) of Galloway, NJ, Lee John Bauer (Kathy) of Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ, and Terri Jane Walsh of Pensacola, FL; siblings-in-law, John Fries, Jr. of Beachwood, NJ and Betty Ann Ward of Pensacola, FL; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; his loving partner, Carol McBride; and the Easter Family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, January 7, 2022, at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1125 Jamison Corner Road, Middletown, DE. A committal service will follow at 2 pm in the chapel at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, DE.