



Donald H. Crockett

June 3, 1961 - December 14, 2017

Donald H. Crockett, 56, of New Britain, son of the late David and Charlotte (Dyson) Crockett, passed away unexpectedly at Windham Hospital on December 14, 2017. Born in New Britain, Donald was a graduate of Pulaski High School class of 1979 and earned a degree in Computer & Systems Engineering graduating Summa Cum Laude from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1983. He later earned his Masters from Rensselaer as well as earning a second Masters from University of Illinois-Champaign. Donald moved to the Boston area thirty years ago where he worked for Digital Equipment Corporation, Houghton-Mifflin Publishing and as a consultant before moving back to New Britain in 2008 where he worked for Aetna Health Insurance. He was a former member of the former 1st Baptist Church in New Britain and also was formerly active with the New Britain Industrial Museum. He was also a member of Friends of AW Stanley Park and was very passionate in the protection of New Britain park lands and watersheds. He was an avid birder and was active in birding groups in MA and CT. He loved photographing, videoing birds and hosting websites related to birding.

Donald is survived by his brother, David J. Crockett of Manchester; an uncle, Henry Dyson and his wife Joyce of Kensington; an aunt, Jean Hubbell of Maryland; several cousins, several grand nieces and grand nephews.

A memorial service for Donald will be held at 11 AM January 5, 2018, in the Erwin Chapel of South Church, 90 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051. There are no calling hours. Burial will be private and held at a later date. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the National Audubon Society. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

South Church
90 Main Street
New Britain, CT

Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Never realized this website existed. Went to elementary school with Donald. Became good friends. He turned me on to the great world of birds. I am forever grateful to him. Opened my eyes up to the simple things in life! Finally, around 2015 we met up at A. W. Stanley park, where we both grew up. Been sad about his passing for years. He was a class act.*

Paul Chester - December 18, 2020 at 06:14 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family and friends of Donald. He was my neighbor and I enjoyed many interesting conversations with him. As a fan of our municipal parks, I admired his dedication to the preservation and protection of these cherished resources. Rest in Peace, Donald, G. Cooper*

Nancy Dulac - December 24, 2017 at 07:41 AM

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“ *Please accept heartfelt condolences from a stranger. I did not know Donald, but I am one of the thousands of people his work has touched through the beautiful ProjectSNOWstorm maps that he helped create. His work will be a lasting testament to his passion for nature. I am so sorry for your loss. - Bonnie in Maryland.*

Bonnie - December 21, 2017 at 09:45 AM

GA

“ *I am very sorry for your loss. Don used to stop in at the Visitors Center regularly and he would talk about his plans for the A.W. Stanley Park and happenings in Downtown and the City. He had a brilliant mind and truly loved this city. He is gone way too soon.*

Gerry Amodio

New Britain Downtown District

Gerry Amodio - December 19, 2017 at 03:05 PM

DJ

“ *I am saddened by the loss of Don and a piece of my life is gone with his passing. As we try to make sense of his death, I turn to the blessings of his life - his brilliance, his willingness to be of help, and the passions of his life. Don believed in the sanctity of the world. The continuity of his life will go for me in preserving to protect and save our natural resources.*

Dr Richard L Judd - December 19, 2017 at 07:54 AM