



Mr. Donald "Don" E. Rochester

February 13, 1948 - March 11, 2026

Donald "Don" E. Rochester succumbed on March 11, 2026 at Wesley Commons Health and Rehabilitation Center to the disease, progressive supranuclear palsy, that he had vigorously fought since his diagnosis on February 5, 2021.

He is survived by Becky, his wife of fifty-six years; his son Wes of Greenwood, SC; his granddaughters Maggie and Susie; brother Earl Rochester of Toccoa, GA; and his sister Judy Quarles, of West Union, SC. He was the son of the late Evelyn and Steve Rochester to whom he was very loyal.

Born in Greenville, Don grew up in Harleyville, SC. He worked in real estate for thirty years. He later formed Rochester Landscaping and raised Hereford-Angus cattle on the farm that he loved. A Clemson graduate, he followed Clemson sports all his life.

Although he had moved to Greenwood where he attended Greenwood Presbyterian Church of America, he was still a member of Clemson PCA. In the past he had served as a Baptist deacon and as a Presbyterian deacon.

Don was an ACC/SEC track official for twenty-five years. He started by volunteering at Clemson track meets and later traveled up and down the coast from Virginia Tech to Florida State doing college track meets. He was known

for his conscientious efforts to give accurate measurements to student athletes. He was also a marathon runner.

A memorial service is planned and the family and friends will be notified.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Oconee Presbyterian Church, 121 Rochester Hwy, Seneca, SC 29672 or by visiting the following link <https://onrealm.org/OconeePresbyterian/-/form/give/now>

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *Becky, I am so sorry to hear that you have lost Don. I cannot imagine your sorrow. May God be with you and give you peace.*
Wanda Knight

Wanda Knight - April 03 at 06:29 PM

PC

“ *Pam Chambers lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester*



Pam Chambers - March 19 at 11:23 PM

RT

“ *Reg Tatum lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester*



Reg Tatum - March 16 at 08:53 PM

MA

“ *Monette Addison lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester*



Monette Addison - March 16 at 05:12 PM

RK

“ Rod, Katherine & Kristy lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester



Rod, Katherine & Kristy - March 16 at 01:03 PM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester



Kathy Addis - March 16 at 06:10 AM

BW

“ Becky, so sorry to hear of Don's death. I am praying for God's comfort for you and your family now and in the days and weeks ahead. Fondly, Barbara Dilworth Wilson

Barbara Wilson - March 15 at 04:40 PM

CK

“ Blessings to Mrs. Rochester. I didn't know your husband but will always remember you. Peace to you and your family at this time of mourning. 🙏

Cindy Klaine - March 14 at 07:44 PM

JB

“ Don was a great friend for many years. Prayers for all who loved him.

Jimmy Barker - March 14 at 02:44 AM

JB

“ Jimmy Barker lit a candle in memory of Donald "Don" Rochester



Jimmy Barker - March 14 at 02:43 AM

LL

“ Becky and family I am so sorry to hear of Dons passing. He was such a nice person and I always counted him as a good friend. I hated he had to go through so much suffering with his health these past years. Becky you always stood by his side and you loved him all the way. My prayers are with you and your family during this sad time. He will be missed by all his friends but we know he is with our Lord and Savior and at rest.

Leonard Loudermilk - March 13 at 10:08 PM

JQ

“ Judy, sorry to hear of Don's passing. Praying that God will give comfort and peace to your family.
Janet Quarles



Janet Quarles - March 13 at 08:34 PM

DA

“ Enjoyed working with Don at Torrington Co. in production control



Don & Darlene Albertson - March 13 at 04:40 PM