



Dr. Robert "Don" Haynes

June 10, 1951 - January 3, 2023

Dr. Robert 'Don' Haynes 71 passed away January 3, 2023, after a 5 month battle in the hospital.

A native of Virginia, Don was the son of Robert and Dorothy Martin Haynes. A graduate of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a Ph.D. in International Studies. Don also served in U.S. Air Force. He was a professor at University of Baltimore for 35 years where he taught until his death. He and his wife Norma, and son, Michael made their home in Rodgers Forge.

Don is survived by wife of 50 years, Norma Jean Haynes and son Michael Robert Haynes of Boulder, CO., brother Wesley Haynes and wife Stacey of Bassett, VA., sisters-in-laws Luisa Haynes of Greenville, NC., Linda Reader of Winston-Salem, NC., Connie Stermer of Richmond, VA., brothers-in-laws Ted Thorbjornsen and wife Kathi of Chesapeake, VA., Melvin Thorbjornsen and wife Denise of Pawtucket, RI. Also survives by many nieces and nephews whom he adored and loved. Don was preceded by brother W.A. "Allison" Haynes of Greenville, NC

Don coached baseball and soccer for TRC when his son was young, was the past commissioner of Kelly Post Lacrosse in Towson, MD and was also a great photographer, an avid fly fisherman, and a leader in MDTU until his death.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Maryland Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 1509 Bellona Ave. Lutherville, MD 21093.

Memorial service to be held Saturday, January 28 at 11:00 am at Towson Presbyterian Church located at 400 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204. There will be a reception to follow in the church hall for family and friends to gather and celebrate the life

of Dr. Robert "Don" Haynes, Jr.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Towson Presbyterian Church
400 W. Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, MD 21204

Tribute Wall

RP

“ *Don Haynes was my favorite professor at University of Baltimore. I first took his classes when Covid struck in 2020 - beginning with International studies, then taking him in subsequent semesters for Middle Eastern and Environmental Policy courses, because I just enjoyed his courses so much. We never met in person, but I wish we had. His lectures were very informative and interesting. He was knowledgeable, insightful, thought-provoking, humorous, and never rigid; and was interested in what every individual had to contribute to the course. He really made you think.*

When I contracted covid when the strain was at its worst in 2020, I was out for three weeks. Taking 5 courses and at the very end of the semester, catching up with all the homework, quizzes, final papers etc for each of the courses felt like death. Professor Haynes was so gracious and kind. He allowed me to turn in everything much later than was technically allowed. He was sometimes a man of few words, and at times, didn't fully know what he was thinking on the other side of the screen -- but I could tell he was always present, and looking out for the best interest of his students. We did have a few more in-depth conversations about the world around us that I will forever treasure.

I graduated last year, and am beginning the Negotiation and Conflict management Grad program at the University of Baltimore this semester. Because he was my favorite professor, I decided to look him up and see what he would be teaching this fall. After not finding him, I decided to google his name. I am deeply saddened to have found this obituary. Had I known he had passed, I would have loved to have attended his viewing to meet and say goodbye to the Professor I enjoyed learning from the most. My condolences go out to his remaining family and friends. Know that he made an impact on his students lives, and his presence will be missed.

Rachel Petrucci - August 26, 2023 at 04:18 PM

PB

“ Don “Donald” was my first cousin. Less than 2 years apart in age, we palled around together throughout our early childhood years, 2 - 14. I lived two hours from our grandmother and grandfather, Pepa and Mema. He and his brothers were townies. For years we visited most all holidays and vacations. What I remember most was playing on Mema’s big covered front porch. It ran the length of the house. We would run and jump the railing and shrubs dropping about 3 feet to the ground and rolling in the grass... then up and running around the house back to the porch and over the banister again and again.

In August Pepa would always have a big watermelon for all of the cousins, me, Donald, Anne, Allison, Richard and Wesley. The summer treat was always served in the backyard. It’s hot in Bassett in Virginia so we rarely worn a shirt. Picture 6 little kids with a big slice of watermelon with sticky red juice running down their bellies. We all rinsed off after the feast with the garden hose.

After dinner we played Hide & Seek in Pepa’s huge vegetable garden. He would get so mad when we trampled his tomatoes or his prize dahlias.

Pepa and Mema had a 55 gallon elevated oil drum on the side of their house which was used for heating. Donald got the bright idea one day to climb up onto the drum to peep through a small window and spy on the folks hanging out in the living room. Yes Donald was mischievous and this time his plan did not end well. The barrel rolled off of the stand, knocking Don to the ground. On the way down, it banged into Don’s face and broke both of his front teeth! This is why for years he answered to the nickname “Rabbit “.

As teenagers we began to drift apart. I’m sorry I didn’t work harder at maintaining our relationship. I miss you Don! You were an important part of my childhood. (Even if we fought like cats and dogs)

Paul Bryant - January 28, 2023 at 10:11 AM

RH

“ Don, Rabbit Haynes was a great friend of mine in the 60s and early 70s, we had many adventures, we lost contact when I was drafted and went to Vietnam, I will always remember him as a great friend! Rest in peace my friend!

Ronnie Harrell - January 23, 2023 at 05:05 PM

PF

“ My condolences to Don's family. He was one of my best friends during the years I taught at the University of Baltimore. I started teaching in the public administration program in 1995, and Don was ready for a "lunch buddy"! A couple of days a week, we would grab our car keys and a few dollars and head out. Don knew all the neighbors in the City and the best restaurants in each We roamed from Fells Point to Mt. Washington and all sorts of places in between. During my five years on the campus, we also conducted shared research, jointly published papers and took on consulting projects from state agencies and local governments. Don had a good sense of humor, did not take himself too seriously, and was fun to be around. I will miss him.

Patricia S. Florestano - January 18, 2023 at 10:20 AM

SY

“ I have alot of childhood memories and pictures you will be missed

Stephanie York - January 13, 2023 at 08:17 PM