



Merriman Donald Diven

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Merriman “Don” Diven, a retired Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Past President of the Covington Rotary Club, and local real estate agent, died at home of natural causes. He was eighty-seven.

Prior to his joining the FBI, Don was in the trucking, coal, and contracting business in Baltimore, Maryland. He was recognized by the FBI for outstanding service in New York City and Newark, New Jersey prior to being assigned to the New Orleans area in 1963. His talent for relentless pursuit of subjects and “cold cases” gained him the nickname of “Digger” by his co-workers.

He had a special talent for aligning the law enforcement interests of Federal, State and local agencies and was instrumental in creating a greater degree of trust and cooperation among all law enforcement disciplines on the Northshore.

Don was a WWII Coast Guard veteran and, in 1953, was a graduate of the University of Baltimore, earning both a Bachelor of Laws and a Juris Doctor Degree.

He was a long time member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Covington, Louisiana and a former member of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, where he received numerous awards for his volunteer service.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Christine Blanche Diven, and is survived by son Gregory Diven of Bountiful, Utah and daughter Cathy Fehlis of Pinehurst, Texas. He also leaves five grand children and eight great-grand children. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend funeral services on Monday, August 2, 2010 at 11:00 AM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1 N. Marigold Drive, Covington, LA 70433. Visitation AT THE CHURCH on Monday will begin at 9:00 AM.

Interment will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens in Covington, LA.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer donations to Campus Crusade for Christ, Post Office Box 628222, Orlando, Florida 32862-8222 or the charity of ones choice.



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RS

Regina Diven Stanley posted:

Uncle Donald and Aunt Chris were a wonderful couple. Uncle Donald was a true gentle man with a warm smile and twinkle in his eyes. When Aunt Chris laughed it made you smile. Cathy and Gregory, I am sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of your family.

August 11 at 2:35 PM

MB

Marianne Bernard posted:

Don was a very kind and sweet man. I enjoyed working with him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

August 4 at 7:25 AM

BD

Bill Dobson posted:

Cathy, Greg, and Family: I was saddened to hear of your dad's passing. He was truly one of my hero's. From the time I was 15 he tried his best to get me interested in the FBI. All I wanted was to be in Law Enforcement and he was in part responsible for my choosing L.E. as a career. He had and will always have a great reputation in our community as a fantastic Law Officer as well as a man of integrity. My dad passed on July 28 also, (1998). Both of our dad's had a tremendous influence on my life and will long be remembered and missed by me.

August 2 at 7:06 AM

GD

Guy & Sandra Decker posted:

Our prayers and condolences go out for the repose of the soul of Don and for the consolation of his family.

August 2 at 7:06 AM

GT

George-Ann Stokes-Townsend posted:

Dear Cathy, Greg & Family, Our family extends our deepest sympathies to your family at this time. Your parents were such wonderful neighbors and good friends to our family. Your father was a true Southern gentleman and a good friend to my father after my mother's death. He would come to visit Dad and check on him. Your Dad was reliable, dependable and a most caring man. We will truly miss your father and his great stories. Lean into your faith, family and friends, and may God be with you. Thinking of you, The George W. Stokes family

August 2 at 5:28 AM



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ER

Erston And Karen Reisch posted:

We enjoyed working with Don in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He always had a story to tell or an interesting comment to share about an event in his past. What a wealth of knowledge he had, and a varied and interesting career! We will miss his conversations and e-mails. We would be at the services today, but we are committed to a Coast Guard event. Respectfully, Karen and Erston Reisch Flotilla 4-9

August 2 at 4:05 AM

JF

John Fleming posted:

Don was a friend and a colleague in the FBI. He was an excellent Special Agent and a true gentleman. He always had time to help young Agents learn the ropes. With his passing, an era in FBI history has passed. We will miss him. My deepest sympathy to his family. John M.Fleming Special Agent,FBI(Ret.)

August 1 at 2:22 PM

NC

Nellie And Elwood Crain posted:

May God bless your family in these times .

August 1 at 1:03 PM

RG

Ryan Becker Colleen Diven Grandson posted:

Thanks for a good time when I seen you last year. You will be miss up here in Baltimore. You had a lot of storsy to tell me and you took me to the Coast Guard station. I'll miss you.

August 1 at 12:32 PM

CO

Colleendivenstielper posted:

Uncle Don: You will be miss very much.Many thanks for all your good stories. Peace with you always. Love, Colleen Diven Stielper

August 1 at 12:13 PM



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EL

Edward Livingston posted:

Don was a great member of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary and a friend. He will be missed. His family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers. Commodore Edward Livingston

August 1 at 8:28 AM

JP

Jim And Elaine Pearson posted:

Our deepest sympathy for the family. Mr. Diven was a wonderful person who was committed to serving his country, his community, and his fellow man. Mr. Diven has lived an inspirational life. He will be truly missed by all.

August 1 at 7:55 AM

KD

Kristoffer A. Diel posted:

Mr. Diven was a gentleman, a patriot, and a devoted family man. No higher praise can be bestowed. I am pleased to have known Don, and believe I have the honor to have been his friend. God rest your soul Don.

August 1 at 5:14 AM

CK

Cheryl Jeffreys Kreller posted:

Dear Cathy, So sorry to read about your Dad's passing. My prayers are with you and your family. Cheryl

August 1 at 4:04 AM

LL

Lee Shullaw Lennox posted:

Cathy and Greg- I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My deepest sympathies to you and your families.

August 1 at 3:13 AM



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