



Dr. Donald "Don" Barrie McBurney

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Dr. Donald "Don" Barrie McBurney, age 81, died on Tuesday, May 27, 2025. Don was predeceased by his only sister Karen (McBurney) DeRosier and his parents John Barrie and Marjorie May (Freyou) McBurney.

Don was born and raised in Jennings, La., and graduated from University of Southwestern Louisiana (now the University of Louisiana at Lafayette) in 1964 and from Louisiana State University Medical School in 1968. He completed his internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and subsequently volunteered to serve two years in the U.S. Navy, functioning as a flight surgeon with the rank of lieutenant. His primary duty was caring for pilots stationed stateside during the Vietnam War at South Weymouth Naval Air Station in Massachusetts. During that time, Don also learned to fly and earned his private pilot's license.

To complete his residency in radiology, he trained and completed rotations at Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York, and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. He completed his residency and began his practice at Ochsner Clinic in Metairie, Louisiana.

In 1977, he transitioned to private practice at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and Highland Park Hospital in Covington, Louisiana. In the late 1980s, he was recruited back to Ochsner to develop new radiology departments across southeast Louisiana—including Baton Rouge, Hammond, and Covington. After a long and successful career, he retired in 2011. He and his wife split their time between their home on the North Shore and a beloved mountain cottage in Highlands, North Carolina until 2021 when they chose to return to Louisiana.

Known throughout his life as a kind and intelligent man, he loved perfecting his golf swing and strategy and was proud to have been a scratch golfer for much of his life. He and his family enjoyed watching horse racing, baseball, and golf together. He was grateful to have watched the 2025 Kentucky Derby with his wife and two of his three daughters at his side.



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Don is survived by his wife of nearly 44 years, Dawn Marie (Pumilia) McBurney; his three daughters Leanne (David) Truehart, Susan (Timothy) McNicholl, and Ashley Adams; his three grandsons; and a menagerie of granddogs and grandcats.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Dr. McBurney may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the memorial services at St. Anselm Catholic Church, 306 St. Mary Street, Madisonville, LA 70447 on Friday, June 13, 2025, at 2:00 PM with visitation at church on Friday beginning at 1:00 PM. Interment of his cremains will take place in the columbarium at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church in Highlands, North Carolina.

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. The family invites you to share thoughts, fondest memories, and condolences online at E. J. Fielding Funeral Home Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.






Events

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Gathering

-  **Friday**, June 13, 2025
-  1:00 PM - 2:00 PM CT
-  **St. Anselm Catholic Church**
306 St. Mary Street, Madisonville LA 70447



Memorial Mass

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Tribute Wall

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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.

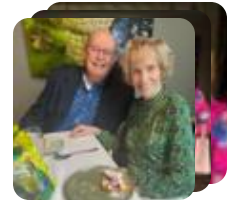
June 12 at 9:08 AM



Wayne Mayberry Iii shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was so blessed to be apart of this family for over 30 years. Donald was my second father. You were the best Don. I will always love you! Wayne.

May 29 at 7:30 AM



Dr. Gloria Coker planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donald "Don".

June 11 at 9:56 AM



Dr. Gloria Coker sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the McBurney family.

June 11 at 9:56 AM



The Freyou Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Donald "Don".

June 9 at 6:27 AM



The Freyou Family sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the McBurney family.

June 9 at 6:27 AM





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Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the McBurney family.



June 5 at 12:51 PM



Don Saucier posted:

Don joined Dr. James Willis and myself in the practice of diagnostic radiology in the late 70's after finishing his training .He was a wonderful addition ,always smiling,never flustered,and extremely competent .Loved to tell jokes .After he joined Ochsner we still kept in touch . He encouraged me to move to Christwood ,which he enjoyed very much. Miss you Don.Don Saucier,MD

June 3 at 6:53 AM



Jimmy Derosier posted:

Always being welcoming, years ago, Uncle Don invited me and a friend named Jonathan to stay with him for the weekend. On one of the days that we were there, he joined us for a round of golf at the course he lived on at the time. When he found himself in a green side bunker during the match, he holed out for birdie to my buddy's and my amazement. He was a great golfer and even better dad, uncle, and many other titles that he held. He will be missed by all the SW Louisiana bunch.

May 30 at 2:17 PM



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JF

Joyce Falcon lit a candle in honor of Donald "Don".

I never had the honor of knowing Don. However, I felt connected to him by memories shared by his beautiful daughter, Ashley Marie and most recently by his lovely wife, Dawn. Just reading of Don's extraordinary accomplishments throughout his lifetime is a testimony of a remarkable person. Above all, I loved hearing of Don's kindness and love for his family shared by Ashley and her mom. May these precious memories sustain each of you as you grieve your great loss. Sending Prayers and hugs to all of the McBurney family ❤️ Joyce Falcon



May 29 at 7:30 AM

FD

Frank & Suzanne Donino June 2 at 6:27 AM

Dear Dawn & Family: Suzanne and I are deeply sorry for your loss. We treasure the time we got to spend with both of you. Don was a gifted golfer; he enjoyed the game and played the game very well. It was a privilege to be paired with him and to see him play the game so well. The four of us shared some pleasant "fun time" together which we will always remember. Dawn, we wish you well and we will keep in touch. Frank & Suzanne Donino - June 2 at 11:17 AM

JC

Jim Corbett May 29 at 8:37 AM

My deepest condolences to Dawn and Don's entire family. Don was more than my golfing partner in Highlands I considered him a best friend, When they were in Highlands for the season we would play 2-3 times a week. I had learned so much about golf from Don it was like having a personal trainer ride with me, It was know throughout Old Edwards Club that the person that had the most perfect and consistent swing was Don. In the winter I would call him and we would talk about his team the Saints and my team the Bucs or just about any other sport. I will miss those talks with one of the kindest and nicest people I ever had the privilege to have known RIP my friend Jim Corbett



Media

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June 12 at 9:08 AM

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A Life to Remember



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June 12 at 9:07 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald "Don" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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