



## Donald Eugene Strong

October 20, 1929 - April 27, 2026

### Donald's Journey

Early Monday morning, April 27, 2026, God sent an angel to Donald's room to ease his suffering and welcome him into his heavenly home.

Donald Eugene Strong, affectionately known as "Duck" by his close friends and family, was born on October 20, 1929, in Phoebus, Virginia. He was the beloved son of the late Andrew and Vernetta Strong. He was raised in Chestertown, Maryland where he worked alongside his father on their family farm.

Donald graduated from Henry Highland Garnett High School in 1947. The following year, he enlisted in the United States Army, where he proudly served his country as a truck driver at Fort Bliss, Texas for five years. He was an active member of the American Legion Post 246 of Betterton, Maryland.

On May 4, 1957, Donald married the love of his life, Gloria Lucille Wright. He later pursued his entrepreneurial spirit by owning and operating an ARCO service station on High Street for seven years. During that time, he became a trusted friend and inspiration to many in the Chestertown community.

Donald was a warm and kindhearted man who was well-loved by all who knew him. He demonstrated unwavering loyalty and camaraderie with his longtime friends and was truly one of the nicest people anyone could ever meet. He enjoyed NASCAR, wrestling, watching television, reading the newspaper, and had a special love for all things General Motors. Above all, he took great pride in being a business owner and providing for his family.

Donald leaves to cherish his memory: his loving ad devoted wife, Gloria Lucille Strong; two daughters, Sandra Golson (Zachary) and Audrey Swing; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two children of the heart, Wanda Elliott and Gregory Demby and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

A special acknowledgment is given to two dedicated and devoted friends, Michael and Christopher Farman.

Sorrowfully Submitted,  
The Family

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - Chestertown  
855 High St.  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-2161  
<https://www.benniesmithfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Sharon Perkins lit a candle in memory of Donald Eugene Strong



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Sharon Perkins - May 09 at 02:19 PM

DB

“ Will miss your stories and friendship Duck. Rest easy my friend.



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David Blyman - May 09 at 09:38 AM

DJ

“ Sending my thoughts and prayers to the family.



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Denise Jones - May 08 at 10:22 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



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Thomas Widgeon - May 08 at 06:35 AM