



## Donald E. Markel

October 4, 1931 - August 30, 2009

Donald E. Markel, 77, of Eatontown, passed away peacefully on Sunday, August 30, 2009 at home. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father and cherished grandfather.

Donald was born and raised in Niagara Falls, N.Y. He proudly served as a Sergeant First Class in the US Army during the Korean and Vietnam wars and retired after 22 years of service. He received multiple commendations including the National Defense Service Medal w/First Oak Leaf Cluster; Korean Service Medal; Good Conduct Medal; Vietnam Service Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. During his military service he learned electronics and served as an instructor in the US Army Signal School and after retiring from the military in 1971 put his knowledge and love of teaching to good use as an Assoc. Prof at DeVry University. Donald was instrumental in developing a night program to provide access to education for students unable to attend school during daytime hours. He managed this program for many years. During his time at DeVry, he was recognized for the development of Electronics Work Bench Software utilized for their labs and classes. He retired in 2002 after 30 years of dedicated service.

Surviving is his beloved wife of 48 years, Frances, His children; Michael and his wife Beth of East Brunswick; Lori of Eatontown; Bonny and her husband David Laub of Edison, six grandchildren; Stephen and Amy Markel, Anthony and Lisa Scoppettuolo, David and Rachel Laub. Also surviving is his sister; Joan Colangelo and sister in law Amor Markel as well as many nieces and

nephews.

He will be greatly missed by his friends, family, students and everyone who knew him. He was loved and admired by all the lives he touched.

Interment will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, N.J.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bongarzone Funeral Home  
2400 Shafto Road  
Tinton Falls, NJ

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SEP 2. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ I was sorry to hear about Don, My prayers are with you and your family. Love Stacey & Family##imported-begin##Stacey Doerrerr##imported-end##

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September 08, 2009 at 11:44 PM



“ Bonnie, Dave, Rachel and Dave. Sorry to learn of your loss. My words can not take away your hurt. That was a beautiful obituary of your father. He will be missed by the family but you can keep him alive through old stories and great memories. you will be in my thoughts and prays. Love to all cousin Linda and Donald##imported-begin##cousin, Linda##imported-end##

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September 04, 2009 at 11:05 PM



“ Bonnie, Dave, David and Rachel

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We share your sorrow in losing a beloved Father and Grandfather. May he rest in peace.*

*As Always*

*Uncle Milt and Aunt Aggie##imported-begin##Uncle Milt and Aunt Aggie##imported-end##*

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September 02, 2009 at 07:53 PM



“ Dear Aunt Bonny, Uncle Dave, David and Rachel,

We are so sorry for your loss. Your father/grandfather was such a generous and thoughtful man. He will truly be missed. Our thoughts are with the entire family at this difficult time. Everyone will be in our prayers.

Love,  
Nikki and Mike##imported-begin##Michael & Nikki Laub##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 06:54 PM



“ Lori,

We are very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. If there is anything I can do, please just ask.

Sincerely,  
Fran Occhipinti & family##imported-begin##Fran Occhipinti##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 01:41 PM



“ Bonny and Dave, my sympathies to you and your family.cfa3##imported-begin##Marion Okeeffe##imported-end##

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September 01, 2009 at 08:54 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the whole family. Fran, it was a privledge for me to know Don. He was truly a wonderful person.

My love to everyone,  
Janice###imported-begin###Janice Murray###imported-end##

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August 31, 2009 at 08:46 PM



“ Dear Bonny, David, Rachel and David. We are so sorry to hear about your loss. He was such a kind and genuinely nice person and it showed how much he loved his family. How lucky you were to have him in your lives. There is nothing I can say to lesson your hurt but hold the memories you have of him close to your heart and he will live forever. Much love, Lisa and Rick.###imported-begin###Lisa and Rick laub###imported-end##

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August 31, 2009 at 08:45 PM



“ Dear Bonny, I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this most difficult time. Take Care, love JoAnn, Tony and family.###imported-begin###JoAnn Criscitello###imported-end##

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August 31, 2009 at 02:47 PM



“ Dear Bonnie, Dave, David and Rachel - We were saddened to hear about the loss of your dad (grandfather). Although we did not know Donald, he sounded like a wonderful man who cared very much about his family and had many accomplishments you can be proud of. The days to come will be difficult, but as time passes so too will the difficulty you are experiencing. May his memory live forever in your hearts. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your entire family. Fondly - Fana, Alan, Marla and Andrew###imported-begin###Fana Horenbein###imported-end###

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August 31, 2009 at 01:53 PM



“ Dad:

*I will always remember what a great, great man you were. Always living your life for others. Your service to your family, your country and all that knew you have left an everlasting mark on this earth. You will be terribly missed and always fondly remembered.*

*With my greatest love, admiration and respect....Dave###imported-begin###Dave###imported-end###*

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August 31, 2009 at 12:22 PM