



# Donald R. Crandall

FEB 7, 1937 - JUL 3, 2021



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**D**onald Richard Crandall went home to be with the Lord the morning of July 3, 2021 at Abbey Delray South at age 84. He was born in February 1937 in Binghamton, NY. to Rev. Richard & Ruby Crandall. His loving wife Elaine preceded him in death in 2015. He is survived by daughters Chris Crandall Jacomine & Laura Crandall-Hirsch & her husband Ted Hirsch; grandchildren Ryan Jacomine & Jennifer Anderson and 5 great-grandchildren.

Don was a lifelong Deacon and was always an active member of the church. For years he was involved with the church choir, musical ensemble groups and the puppet ministry as well as often driving the church bus.

In 1958, he married Elaine and they had 2 daughters. In 1968, the family transferred from Binghamton, NY to Boca Raton, FL with IBM. In later years they moved to a home Don designed in Boynton Beach, FL.

As a senior in high school, Don was recruited by IBM to join them after graduation. They were interested in a plan he had for an Automatic Transistor Analyzer, which he successfully made for them. He continued with IBM for 38 years. He later became an independent contractor for various companies, eventually working at JTech for many years developing the transmitter system for restaurant pagers.

He loved children and was a wonderful grandpa and great-grandpa. The dearest of men, he will be sorely missed. But we know he is in a joyous new life now.

The family would like to thank the staff of Abbey Delray South and TrustBridge/Hospice by the Sea for the wonderful care he received in his final days.



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In lieu of flowers, which cannot be left graveside in the mausoleum, please consider a donation to a cause close to the family's heart:

The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association (PWS) at <https://www.pwsausa.org/get-involved/donate/>

Also, Tax-deductible gifts may be mailed to:

PWSA (USA)

8588 Potter Park Drive, Suite 500

Sarasota, FL 34238

Or to the ministries of Belvedere Baptist Church 301 Cherry Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33409 at [https://belvederebaptistchurch.com/online\\_giving](https://belvederebaptistchurch.com/online_giving)

Or to <https://trustbridgefoundation.org/ways-to-give/donate>

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the family in advance, so that they can plan accordingly.






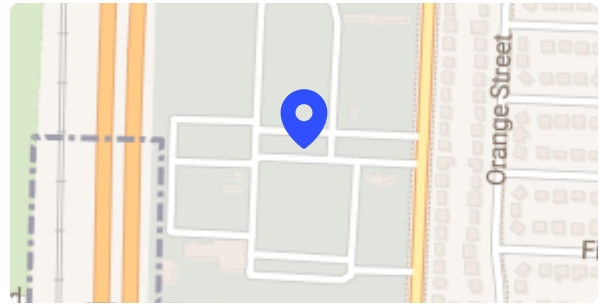
# Events

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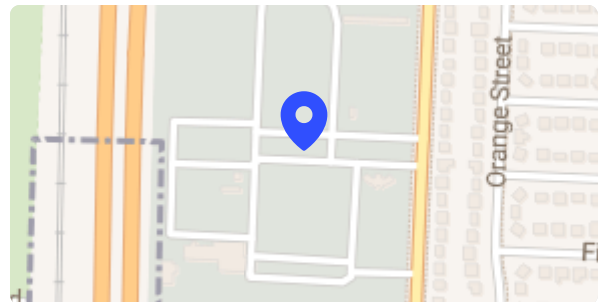
## Visitation

-  **Saturday**, July 10, 2021
-  10:00 AM - 10:30 AM ET
-  **Palm Beach Memorial Funeral Home**  
3691 North Seacrest Blvd., Lantana FL 33462






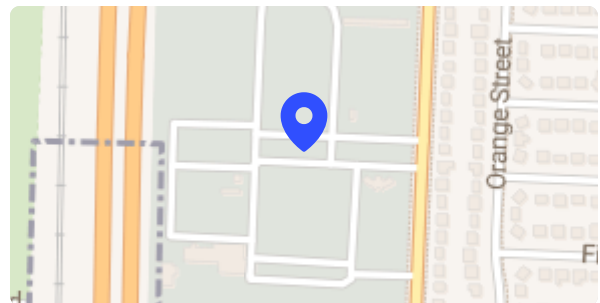
## Chapel Service

-  **Saturday**, July 10, 2021
-  10:45 AM - 11:30 AM ET
-  **Palm Beach Memorial Funeral Home**  
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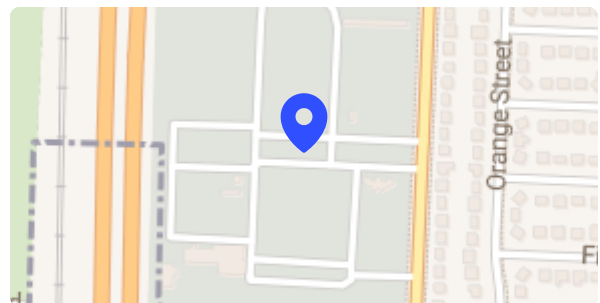
## Entombment

-  **Saturday**, July 10, 2021
-  11:45 AM ET
-  **Palm Beach Memorial Cemetery**  
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## Cemetery Details

-  **Palm Beach Memorial Park Mausoleum**  
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## Tribute Wall

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**Paul Yosim** posted:

Don and I worked together at IBM around 1990 on the development of a project that ultimately, like so many others, got cancelled. However, I cherished the time with Don. The two of us worked together in a small lab, he a father with grown children, and me a father with a toddler and an infant. I learned from him what a beautiful human being looks like and acts like. He put his family above all else. Life wasn't always easy, but he enjoyed it to the fullest. He was a role model that I looked back on often over the years. Paul Yosim

October 26 at 6:21 PM



**Chris Jacomine** October 26 at 7:26 PM

Thank you so much Paul. He was indeed a great family man♡

TC

**Terry Coffy** posted:

To Chrisine and Laura with sincere sympathy in the loss of your father. I remember him playing the organ at your home, entertaining us with his talents when we were young family friends. He turned to me and asked if I was getting dizzy on his Merry-Go-round music. He brought joy and made us laugh. He is now reunited with your beautiful mother in heaven. She was also special to me as she baked my wedding cake and crafted my silk wedding flowers. Beautiful memories. May they Rest In Peace. I plan to attend the visitation and service to represent my family who are out of town. Bless you all and keep you in loving memories. Terry (Palmquist) Coffy

July 8 at 6:58 AM

JA

**Jenn Anderson** posted:

Grandpa Crandall always made us laugh and smile. I remember when he dressed up as Santa and went out on dad & Laura's boat. We had such wonderful times! He loved his gadgets: phones, cameras, etc. He was so intelligent and had so much to share. He loved being part of the Foresters! I remember going to a Forester dinner with them at a restaurant and having the best pizza ever! We all loved him and he will be greatly missed! I know he is dancing in heaven with Grandma Crandall watching over their loved ones. Until we meet again. :heart:

July 7 at 6:48 AM



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**Ted Hirsch** posted:

Don treated me like a son I never seen him have a bad day I would do anything for him & the family I miss him dearly REST IN PEACE I KNOW YOUR WITH THE LORD AND IN A BETTER PLACE SEE YOU IN HEAVEN LOVE TED

July 7 at 4:55 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Crandall family.



July 6 at 11:46 AM



**Susan Anderson** posted:

Don (and his wife Elaine) were very close friends with my parents Leon & Jo Ellis. While I had already moved away from home, the Crandall's were very much part of our family. I remember fondly when they travelled with my parents to Texas and stayed with us. My two children especially took to Don. He will very much be missed.-Susan (Ellis) Anderson

July 6 at 11:40 AM



**Kenny Stolar** posted:

Don and Elaine were two of the best examples of encouragers that one could ever find. Their love for the Lord was seen through their lives and when they sang. How thankful we can be knowing that each day that passes is one day closer until we see them and hear them sing again.

July 6 at 9:54 AM



**Barbara Goss** July 6 at 10:06 AM

Sad to hear...such a wonderful couple. I know Don will be happy to be with Elaine.



**Leon K Ellis** posted:

I have always cherished the memories of the many weekends that Jo and I shared with Don and Elaine during our work and fun with Foresters. Even more the many times we spent happy hours with his family attending church services and celebrating birthdays and holidays., We often traveled together to attend Forester meetings and activities in Georgia the Carolinas and Canada. Leon Ellis

July 6 at 6:47 AM



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**John Stevens** posted:

Although I really never had a lot of contact with Mr. Crandall. I have had the pleasure of working for and along Side his daughter Laura Crandall Hirsch V.P. pompano Div. at Gourmet Foods International for almost 20 years. I'm sure her management style is primarily due to her Fathers compassion and diligent work ethic. What I do remember about Mr. Crandall was how he and his lovely wife would come to our Food show every year and how proud he was of Laura and the magnificent food shows she would put together. I'm sure as mr. Crandall entered the gates of heaven, the Lord greeted him with you did well my faithful servant. I'm sure he and his wife are smiling down on of those they love!

July 6 at 4:30 AM



**Justin (Jud) McCarthy** posted:

Don and I began our close friendship at the IBM Glendale lab in Endicott, NY in 1956. We carried it further when the Crandall and McCarthy families moved together to Boca Raton in 1968. Don worked directly for me for many years at IBM Boca Raton, as my lead software programmer. Don did all the initial coding for a dot matrix printer that printed text and images in both directions. He often exhibited his sincere compassion for his fellow workers by personally supporting them outside of IBM when they were in personal and family need. These thoughts are documented in my Amazon book "Light Blue". Don is my all time outstanding, technical contributor and compassionate individual. I often told Don that thank God he was born a male, as what might he display as a female with his elbows thrust behind his back. I will really miss him. ----- Justin (Jud) McCarthy

July 5 at 5:29 PM



**Anonymous** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Crandall family.



July 5 at 4:39 PM



**Dr. Ray Henry** posted:

Don was one of the kindest Christians I've ever meet. He was brilliant in his field, working with IBM and JTech. He held several patents with these companies. He was always humble, always thinking of others. He was active in our church especially the choir. He wrote a song that we sing at Belvedere Baptist, "Jesus I Just Want To Thank You." He spoke few words but smiled often. He served many years as a deacon and was faithful to his families, the pastor and church. He will be forever missed by family and friends and this pastor. -Dr Ray Henry and wife Shirley

July 5 at 3:29 PM



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**Carol Palmquist Dungan** posted:

I remember watching The Wizard of Oz for the first time at their home in Boca as a young child. My family, the Palmquists, also moved down from New York (Endicott) in 1968 and our families stayed close for all the years. He and your whole family are beloved by our entire family. We are away on vacation and regret that we are unable to honor him in the services planned. Sending our love and prayers, Carol Palmquist Dungan and family

July 5 at 6:05 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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