



## Donald "Don" Barney Reder

April 3, 1947 - February 7, 2025

Donald "Don" Barney Reder, 77, husband of Connie (Curcio) Reder, passed away on February 7 from complications of Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Don was a lifelong West Hartford resident, where he attended Morley Elementary School, Plant Junior High, and Hall High School (class of 1965). Prior to graduating from Trinity College in Hartford, CT (class of 1969), Don enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving a tour of duty in Korea and attaining the rank of Spec 5.

Don was a persistent entrepreneur and problem-solver. From his founding of the West Hartford Youth Council at 19 years old, to the talent and marketing firm Brentco, to Mr. Coupon of New England, and finally to Dispute Resolution, Inc., a private mediation firm that he ran for over 35 years, Don positively impacted the lives of countless individuals through his work and unique ability to untangle complex situations.

Don had a wide variety of talents and hobbies. He had a fine baritone voice, which he applied to everything from singing with the Hartford Conservatory to being on air with radio stations while in college and in the Army. Don was active for years in the Trinity Club of Hartford, eventually serving as Club President. He enjoyed boating and fishing, vacations in Nantucket, power walks, paperback books with embossed covers, fried clams, anything with cheese, and Bombay Sapphire martinis. His greatest joy was spending time

with his family.

In addition to Connie, his wife of nearly 47 years, Don leaves behind his son Ben, daughter-in-law Sarah (Melnitsky), and his two cherished grandsons, Teddy and Harry, all of West Hartford. He is also survived by his brother Barry (Ann) of San Francisco, CA, brother-in-law Ric Curcio (Mary Littel), of Venice, FL, and sister-in-law Kathleen Riolo (Peter), of Dobbs Ferry, NY, in addition to many nephews, nieces, and countless friends. He was predeceased by his father Max and mother Lillian, both of West Hartford.

Friends are asked to gather at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, CT at 2:30 PM on Friday, February 14, with a service beginning promptly at 3:30 PM. A reception will follow immediately at Rockledge Grille, 289 South Main Street, West Hartford. A private burial will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation or The Southern Poverty Law Center.

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 14. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Avenue  
West Hartford, CT 06119

## Funeral Service

FEB 14. 3:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Molloy Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Donald "Don" Barney Reder*



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**Molloy Funeral Home** - February 13, 2025 at 09:06 AM

MM

“ *The Mahon family is so sad to hear of Don's passing. What an accomplished, genuine, and talented and inspirational man he was, and what wonderful memories we have of him as a close friend when we all lived and raised children in the neighborhood. Those memories will last always. Our thoughts and love to Connie and Ben and family.*

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**Morgan Mahon** - March 17, 2025 at 09:12 AM

KK

“ *Connie and Ben and the whole family. I wanted to extend my sincere sympathies at the passing of Don. Shock is putting it mild. Don was a wonderful person, but you already know that. We never talked on the phone, but would text each other. I, along with numerous others will miss him greatly. We all were blessed to have known him.*

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**Karen Katz Kaplan** - February 13, 2025 at 02:51 PM

RO

*My name is Ron Cataldi. I have known Don and Raider for many years. He was the first agent I ever worked with when I played drums with liquid light. The last time I saw Don he showed up at one of my Tickettoride shows, and he was standing by the side of the stage. I was so happy to see him, Don was a great guy. Always honest I would come in to his office and sit down and talk to him. I was 15 years old anyway God be with you done you were a great guy. Love, Dino.*

Ron - February 15, 2025 at 05:49 PM

FU

“ *Reder Family, please accept our condolences on your loss of Don. I first became acquainted with Don in the early 1990s. I mediated many cases with him over the years. He was not only an effective mediator, he was a true gentleman and a joy to be around. I enjoyed his company every time we met. I am sad to hear of his passing, but will always remember the man that I knew.*

*Frank Usseglio  
Kenny, O'Keefe & Usseglio, P. C.*

Frank Usseglio - February 12, 2025 at 08:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Barney Reder.*



February 11, 2025 at 10:23 PM



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February 11, 2025 at 08:34 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I enjoyed many years of chatting with him on Deepwood while we lived on the street. My condolences to all.*

*Jon Gibson*

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**Jon Gibson** - February 11, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ *I am so surprised, so upset, and so sorry.*

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**Diane Cadrain** - February 11, 2025 at 09:09 AM



“ *What a loss for your family and what a great guy Don was for all his friends. We send our love and deepest condolences to you, Ben, Barry, all your family and friends who knew him well. With you at his side, he lived a full and happy life. He will be missed. Love John and Cathy Woolley*

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**John and Cathy Woolley** - February 11, 2025 at 08:36 AM

RO

“ How sad Don was a great person  
He use to book my band Liquide Lighte  
Remember, he showed up at one of my ticket to ride shows and it  
was so great to see him

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**Ron** - February 10, 2025 at 05:05 PM

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“ With love and sympathy, Ken and Cheryl planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in  
honor of Donald "Don" Barney Reder.

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**With love and sympathy, Ken and Cheryl** - February 10, 2025 at 05:02 PM

WC

“ With love and sympathy, Ken and Cheryl  
purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of  
Donald "Don" Barney Reder.



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