
WMA Remembers WMA Past President, Donald “Don” Houghton

With heavy hearts, the World Millwork Alliance mourns the passing of Donald "Don" Carl Houghton (80) of Lancaster, PA, on Tuesday, March 12, 2024.

Born in Clarksburg, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Carl and Meredith (Davis) Houghton. Raised in a home that emphasized honesty, integrity and service, Don lived those core values being accepted to and graduating from the United States Naval Academy in June of 1965. Upon graduation, Don served in surface warfare from 1965 until 1970 including Vietnam service on the USS Brownson DD-868 and as Executive Officer of the USS Nimble MSO-469.



Don Houghton

Don's civilian career included engineering, consulting, production/plant management, sales, and marketing primarily in the millwork fabrication and distribution industry. Don Houghton was widely known in the millwork industry, having served as President and COO of Reeb Millwork until his retirement in 2013. Following his retirement, Don continued to contribute to Reeb Millwork as a valued member of their Board of Directors for many years.

A devoted member of the World Millwork Alliance since 2005, Don was a steadfast supporter who actively participated in various leadership capacities. He generously volunteered his time and expertise, serving on committees, as a board member, an executive committee officer, and notably as the 2007 President of WMA. In 2009, Don Houghton was honored as the Ron Taylor Award Recipient.

Don passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, including his beloved wife Kay, to whom he was married for over 58 years. He is survived by his children, Debra Kay Lechner (Darren) of Cary, NC, Kimberly Ann Levinson (Marc) of Falls Church, VA, and Kelly Beth Kurtz (David) of Lancaster, PA. Don also leaves behind six grandchildren, Katherine and Donald Esbenshade, Emily and Kyle Levinson, and Tyler and Kayla Kurtz, as well as his sister, Janet Loughran of Houston, TX.

We have lost a remarkable man and a true gentleman. Don will be deeply missed by his friends, colleagues in the millwork industry, and the staff of WMA. Don will be remembered as a devoted member and cherished friend of WMA. Our heartfelt condolences go out to the Houghton family.

The celebration of Don's life will be held on Thursday, March 21st at 11:00 am at Highland Presbyterian Church, 500 E. Roseville Road, Lancaster, PA 17601. Family and friends will be received prior to the service, from 10:00 – 11:00 am. The service will be live-streamed at www.youtube.com/@HighlandPresbyterian. Interment will be at Highland at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Highland Presbyterian Church.

To learn more about Don Houghton, please refer to his [obituary](#).

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About WMA

Established in 1963, World Millwork Alliance (WMA) is a global leader in wholesale distribution, headquartered in New Port Richey, Florida. Serving diverse segments of the millwork industry, including millwork distributors and manufacturers, industry service providers, manufacturer representatives, and group purchasing organizations. Dedicated to the progression and prosperity of the millwork industry, WMA supports the development of a highly skilled workforce with its comprehensive education resources, actively represents the best interests of the millwork industry acting as a vocal advocate and fosters a sense of community within the trade through a myriad of networking opportunities and events.

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