

## **Don MARTINOVICH**

NEWPORT NEWS - A celebration of the life of Don Martinovich will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012, at The Virginia Living Museum, 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, VA 23601. Don welcomes the opportunity for you to tell a great story about him, as he says 'there are so many.' Don was an aeronautical engineer supporting the Air Force for 36 years, before joining us in Newport News, Va., for a successful second career in the financial industry. Don was the epitome of an overachiever, as he grew up in the steel mill town of Johnstown, Pa., gained his aeronautical engineering degree from University of Pittsburgh, and rose to the top ranks of civilian service for Air Force Intelligence. Those who knew Don, enjoyed his large personality, his amazing wit, and his caring heart. Those who really knew Don, enjoyed his refusal to ever let anyone else ever win a game of Trivial Pursuit; enjoyed his insistence to teach every young bartender how to properly prepare a Manhattan; enjoyed the fact that he frequently worked at Area 51 and still claims there are no aliens; enjoyed the way he incredibly handled the results of the last presidential election with class and grace; enjoyed his true love of the Pittsburgh Steelers; and enjoyed hearing his stories of amazingly making two Holes in One. Don had been married to his lovely bride, Charlene, for 52 years, and Don was always upset that everyone liked Charlene more, but he eventually came to peace with this. In lieu of flowers or gifts, Don asks for you to please make a donation to Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) (please acknowledge [jmartinovich1@gmail.com](mailto:jmartinovich1@gmail.com)); or Williamsburg Hospice, [www.williamsburghospice.org](http://www.williamsburghospice.org), to whom both we are so indebted. View and post condolences on our online guestbook at [dailypress.com/guestbooks](http://dailypress.com/guestbooks).

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