



Donald R. Cottingham, Sr.

Academy Fellow and Patron, Don Cottingham passed away on September 4, 2013 after a short illness. Don was volunteer Director of the Virginia Junior Academy of Science (1991-2001) and chaired the Academy's Junior Academy of Science Committee. He was awarded the VJAS Distinguished Service Award in 1998.

Born in Cicero, Illinois on July 12, 1924, Don received his associate degree from J. Sterling Morton Junior college in Illinois, prior to his entry into the Navy, and his BS and MS degrees from Old Dominion University in 1966 and 1971 respectively. He served as a U.S. Navy officer in WWII, Korea, and into the early Vietnam War years, retiring in 1965 after a distinguished military career of 23 years. Don then changed to his second career as a beloved and accomplished teacher of Chemistry and General Sciences. Schools where he taught with great success and service to students were Norview Junior High, Norfolk Academy, and Maury High, where he was Chair of the Science Department until his retirement in 1991. A longtime member of First Presbyterian church, Don was a member of the Session there for 24 years and a Deacon for eight years. In recent years Don became a member of Royster Presbyterian church.

Don's honors as a teacher are many, including Norfolk Teacher of the Year 1981, Outstanding Teacher of the National Academy of Sciences, and a personal recognition award from President Reagan for Outstanding Science Teacher Leadership in 1985. He will be long remembered and cherished for mentoring so

many successful students over his many years of teaching and his advocacy for science education in Virginia and nationally through the National Association of Academies of Science and the American Junior Academy of Science.

Don is survived by his faithful, longtime love and devoted caregiver, Martha S. Greenwood, son Donald Richard Cottingham, Jr., daughters by heart, Martha Suzanne Tice and husband Tom, Elizabeth A. Jernigan and husband Perry, sons by heart Larry J. Tice and wife Susan, Steven N. Tice and wife Debbie, Joseph L. Greenwood III and wife Becky, grandchildren, Teri Cottingham Ramey and husband, Charles R. Cottingham, grandchildren by heart, Jessica Duggan and husband Steve, Amber Greenwood, Charles L. Tice II, James V. Jernigan, Davis J. Versprille, Hannah M. Jernigan, Delaney E. Versprille, Brooke C. Jernigan, Wade M. Jernigan, and sister-in-law, Norma Demmin and husband Les, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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