



# DONALD PADUCHOWSKI

February 4, 2026

Donald Paduchowski, 82, of Sedona, AZ recently passed away on February 4, 2026. He was a loving husband of 52 years to Joan Paduchowski. He was a caring father to Kristen and Daniel Paduchowski and an outstanding grandfather to Patrick Reynolds, Orion and Juno Paduchowski.

Donald was born to Gladys and Donald Paduchowski and lived as a resident of Methuen, Massachusetts during his youth. He attended and graduated from UMass Amherst with a degree in forestry sciences in 1965. After College he married the love of his life Joan Paduchowski and set out for a new life and new opportunities in Green Bay, Wisconsin where they lived during the very first Super Bowl. Shortly after the birth of their only son, they moved back east and took up residence in the idyllic town of Derry, New Hampshire, living in the south pasture of the great Robert Frost Farm. Donald eagerly sought business opportunities and paved his own way looking out for his family and community at large along the way. They were residents in the town of Derry where they raised their two children, Daniel and Kristen, and took on an extra shift as they helped raise their first grandson, Patrick. Donald was a distinguished member of the Derry Lions Club of which he was honored with a lifelong membership. Once the children were grown and on their own, Donald and Joan grew tired of the long New England winters and raised their home in the Village of Oak Creek, Arizona. Sitting atop a hill, Donald forged a new foothold in the Sedona community as he became an active member in the Immaculate Conception Parish down the road in Cottonwood, and he volunteered for the Sedona Community Center by delivering food to seniors.

Donald's love for the outdoors and forestry was evident in his love for fishing and traveling with his beloved wife Joan and their family. He was a man who appreciated balance because as often as he headed for the mountains and streams, he was just as likely to set sail to Aruba or head for the heat of the Las Vegas desert. He, along with his wife were living life in the fast lane behind the wheel of the slot machines. It was all in good fun for many years that they held a plethora of casino memberships and frequent flier miles aplenty.

Donald will be most remembered for his zest for life, his love of a cold beer and his control of the grill; surrounded by his loving family. He always had a witty one liner on stand-by for any occasion and he loved to make people laugh. He was known to tie people's socks and sleeves together at many family gatherings. He gave and gave and gave until there was nothing left and never asked for a favor in return. Donald's passing is a reminder that a generation of good souls is leaving us too quickly and that every moment is a precious one. He is loved and missed by all. Donald is survived by his daughter Kristen of Sedona; son Daniel; His grandson Patrick and wife, Jessie of Phoenix; and by his grandchildren Orion and Juno of Flagstaff. He was predeceased by his wife Joan in 2016 and daughter-in-law, Kelly, in 2024.

A funeral service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Parish in Cottonwood on March 5th at 11AM. Any donations desired to be made in lieu of flowers can be sent to the Sedona Community Center/Meals on Wheels at PO Box 2894 Sedona, AZ 86339.