



Donald Richard Palchak

May 28, 1947 - February 19, 2026

Donald Richard Palchak, 78, of Swan Point, Maryland, passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on May 28, 1947, in Denver, Colorado, Donald was the beloved son of the late Bernard Richard Palchak and Norma Louise Palchak. He proudly served his country in the United States Army, earning an Honorable Discharge with the rank of Sergeant. He went on to build a dedicated career in retail management as a store manager for K-Mart and later Toys-R-Us, spanning more than 45 years.

A devout Catholic, Donald was a longtime member of St. Peter's Church in Waldorf and later Holy Ghost Church in Issue. He mentored young people through the Church Youth Group, served on the Church Financial Council, and devoted many years as President of the Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Care Center in Waldorf.

In addition to his parents, Donald was preceded in death by his sister, Susan Palchak.

He is lovingly survived by his wife of 56 years, Patricia Ann Palchak; his sons Timothy Palchak and his wife Shay, and Joseph Palchak and his wife

Alexandra; his grandchildren Anna, Jacob, Adam, Chantal, Bella, and Joey; his sisters Nancy French and Mary Watson; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2026, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 15848 Rock Point Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664, with Father William Wadsworth officiating. Interment will follow in Holy Ghost Church Cemetery on Swan Point Road in Newburg, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in Donald's name to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, Maryland 20603, or online at <https://www.hospicechesapeake.org/giving/ways-to-give>.

Cemetery Details

Holy Ghost Catholic Cemetery

Swan Point Road
Issue, MD 20645

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue
15848 Rock Point Road
Newburg, MD 20664

Mass of Christian Burial

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Father William Wadsworth, Celebrant

Tribute Wall



“ *Don and I worked together in our years at Coldwell Banker. Without exception he was one of the kindest, most genuine people I've had the pleasure of meeting . Sending you prayers of peace*

Aimee Johnson - February 21 at 03:06 PM