

## Don Ernest Stott

August 4, 1953 - October 5, 2013

Don Ernest Stott; known as "Ernst" to many friends and family. Beloved husband and friend, Don Ernest Stott left us on October 5, 2013. Ernst was born in Washington, D.C. on August 4, 1953. Ernst attended Woodson High School where he enrolled in Cosmetology School. Ernst continued to pursue a career as a hairstylist. His competitive spirit, immense talent, magnetic personality and outstanding work ethic made him one of Northern Virginia's most renowned and successful hairstylists. Ernst's charisma endeared him to a large number of clients, many of who have remained loyal for decades. He was creative, designing beautiful, precise haircuts and gave the gift of making his clients feel special. All his clients were his extended family and he enriched their lives as they did for him. Ernst was a chemist at heart. He was a creator of color and high- lightening techniques and attended many workshops side-by-side with Nick Arrojo and his amazing team in Soho, New York. For several years, including 2013, he made his annual trip to NY to learn something new that he could bring back to his hairstylists and clients. He was inspired and educated by the best. As a young man, his mentor was Eugene Barlow (Eugene Hairdressers) and they remained close friends until his passing. Ernst opened his own Hair Salon on February 8, 1992; "Ernst and Co. Hair Salon" located in Springfield, Virginia which continues to thrive due to the staff embracing his work ethic. A remarkable staff that has only shown support, love and devotion to the most good-hearted and generous man you would ever know. There was never a day that you did not walk in the Salon

that Ernst did not have a joke or a story to tell. He was a story-teller and loved to laugh with everyone.

November 2, 2002, he married Brenda DuVall-Mason and they embarked on an adventure together that should have lasted forever. They met in 1994 and were very devoted to each other. They were yin and yang. He was a Leo and she, a Libra; totally opposites, but soul mates forever.

Ernst loved boating, all kinds of music, reading, traveling to the islands and driving his bright yellow 2002 corvette. He loved having friends and family around. He immensely enjoyed entertaining and everyone was always welcome to his home. Ernst was a proud, special, and complicated man. He will be remembered for his photogenic memory, being a storyteller, being funny, loving life and having endless generosity. He was an active member of the Washington, DC, Parrot Head Club. He loved going to Jimmy Buffet concerts, as well as Bruce Springsteen, Huey Lewis, and the last concert he was able to go to was Paul McCartney of July 2013.

Ernst's greatest joys were his love of Golden Retrievers; Bozworth, Finnegan and his 1-1/2 year - young Alex. He always wondered why a sea turtle could live for 100 years, but a friend and devoted family member, as our Golden Retrievers would live a much shorter life. For many years he was a loyal Redskin season ticket holder. He loved tailgating with friends and watching the game. Ernst loved to decorate the Salon for Halloween and dress up for the Shopping Center Children's parade. He loved to come up with different costumes each year. Thanksgiving and Christmas was special to him. He loved the fellowship of friends and family. Ernst for many years would go see the Rockettes in New York and go shopping at Christmas time. Every year, the Salon has an Open House at Christmas time for all the Staff and Clients. He will be truly missed this year.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Stott of Alexandria, Virginia, his father, Don Samuel Stott, Montrose, Colorado, his mother, Pansy Yeatts, Stephens City, Virginia, half-sister Stephany Bayne, his half-sister, Melissa Thompson, St. Remy, New York, and half-brother, David Stott of Verona, Wisconsin, his niece, Michelle Eads and two children, Tyler and Evan Coble of Stephens City, Virginia.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Don Ernest Stott*

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“ *You are loved and missed very much. Thanks for all the good laughs and great jokes.*

October 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *You will be missed Ernst. I know that you have a new audience to share your jokes with. I could always count on you no matter what was happening in my life to make me laugh. What an entertainer !!! I'm so glad to have had the pleasure of knowing you. You were larger than life and we all will remember you forever. Such a unique person. Brenda my heart goes out to you.*

November 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ I will miss Ernst so much. Visiting him at the salon was a bright spot in my day. His jokes, stories and pictures always made me smile. I'll always remember what a good and supportive friend he was. Brenda, you're in my thoughts and prayers.*

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October 26, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ Ernst you will be missed! I just found out or I would have been at the services. Brenda, I am so very sorry for your loss!*

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October 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ Ernst was a very special man and I will always remember him and his wonderful jokes. He will be very much missed. Those pearly gates are wide open for you my friend. May God Bless.*

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October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ Ernst, thank you for your friendship and for your talented hair styling for the past 26 years. It was a pleasure coming to your shop. Richard and I are devastated that we could not have our wonderful good hearted friend with us for many more years. Rest in peace and know that you will always be in our memory and hearts. Brenda, your love and devotion and caring for Ernst is an inspiration for all of us. We share your loss of this extraordinary man.*

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October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *\*A great soul serves everyone all the time. A great soul never dies. It brings us together again and again. ~Maya Angelou Ernst so much more than our family's beautiful hairstylist for over 17 years. Uncle to our children, storyteller extraordinaire, counselor, shoulder to lean on, and "fixer" of all the crazy hair colors that our teenagers just had to have. You touched our lives profoundly in so many ways, we will miss you, and we will never forget you or your kind, great soul. Our prayers are with your family, friends and especially you Brenda. Ernst was one of a kind!*

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October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernst was a truly kind individual with a soft heart. He was always ready with a smile and a joke. I never once heard him say anything unkind about another person. I'll miss you buddy.*

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October 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernst was a wonderful caring man who never failed to make me smile. I have so many fond memories of him from many years of knowing him. It's truly a sad day in our industry as we have lost an icon who loved the industry of hair and the love of people. His jokes were endless... so many that I laugh, smile and cry as I type this. He was so proud of his staff and his business but most importantly he love his Brenda and his puppies so. Brenda, family and the Staff at Ernst and Co. my deepest most sincere sympathies on the loss of of Ernst. May God grant you peace in your heart and fill you with many happy memories over these next few days. Much love and prayers to you .*

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October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ernst..... a comic, hairdresser, animal lover, joke teller, husband, friend and one of the most unique individuals I had ever known. I had the pleasure of meeting Ernst in 1996 as his Sales Rep.... we hit it off right away and he was so excited to introduce me to Brenda and I thought Wow!!!! Ernst you did good :) He always had a joke for me, and always knew how to make me smile, and shake my head at the same time. Ernst came to my wedding in 1999 and having he and Brenda there on my special day meant so very much to me. I remember when I first introduced Ernst and his team to Wella years ago and Ernst took a trip to Philly with my colleagues, hairdressers and other salon owners in the metro DC area and they all were blessed with his gift of gab and heard more jokes than some may hear in a lifetime. Such a fun spirit full of life and I am so sorry that not only has our hairdressing industry lost such an amazing hairdresser and successful business owner, but the most kind spirited, loving, passionate man ever. You truly will be missed and I thank you for so many years of friendship and we can truly celebrate you my friend. My love to his friends and family. Jenn Stanley

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October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ What a wonderful friend I/we have lost. His jokes and stories made me laugh till I cried. His memory of the finest details in a story were as particular and well told as his talent and detail for hair designs. Whenever he asked me what I wanted done with my hair and I told him -he always replied with yes dear and would laugh - what a contagious laugh he had. I am so sorry for the loss of this kind, generous man who loved life and esp. his wife and pups. He cared for people and that was evident by how he talked to his clients as they entered the salon. Ernst - you will be so missed. I pray for Brenda and puppy, Alex and the rest of your family and friends. Peace to all.

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October 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernst has a wonderful spirit and will truly be missed.*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernst was truly a shining star who touched the lives of everyone he knew. Brenda - we are truly heartbroken and you are in thoughts and prayers today and every day.*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Family,  
When we lose our love ones, we miss them very much. I hope that you find comfort in reading these scriptures from the Bible. John 11:11-44, John 5:21, 28,29 & Revelation 21:4.  
My prayers are with your family.*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so heartbroken to hear of Ernst's passing. My heart goes out to you Brenda. Life really is not fair. Please know that he will live on forever in all our hearts.*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Brenda,  
*Don touched many lives and it will be the memories of his fun personality, kindness, generosity, and love of life that will keep him alive in the hearts of those he touched as well as for you. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. Much love to you. Patsy*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Is so sad to hear what happened to Ernst it was Gods choice to take him fist .I worked at his salon ,he had a great team every one was very nice I had the best experience working as his assistant I learned from the best ,he was a professional stylist I will always remember him and the salon, and the Christmas party at JW's ,and the Halloween at the salon I have pictures of this events . my prayers be with you Brenda .Rest in peace Ernst. Irma castro*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ernst has been the most loving and caring neighbor I have ever known----I will miss him very much. Ernst was also a very special person which I do not have enough eloquent words to describe him. I am so blessed and fortunate for having Ernst be a part of my life and hope I can give to others one tenth of what he gave---kindness, charity, joy, a zest for life and so much more!!!  
Brenda, you have been a very special neighbor. May loving memories bring you solace and laughter----loved his jokes. I am right next door if you need anything!*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ I have known Ernst for over 30 years. If you needed some repairs or anything he knew everybody for anything. I will miss his jokes and laugh but most of all I will miss him rest in peace Ernst. Thank you Brenda for the beautiful tribute to Ernst.*

*Carol Ann occhipinti*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



*“ Brenda.....what a beautiful tribute to Ernst....no words can ever describe him and the impact he had on so many lives. He will always be with me, every joke, every Redskins game, every Golden I see....every hair that I cut will fill me with his memory. I'm leaving for a family wedding on Thursday in upstate NY but my thoughts and prayers will be with you and the entire family during these difficult days to come. He is in a good place.....*

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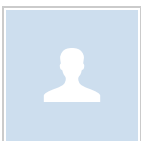
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*“ You are an amazing man. I so enjoyed working for you. You will be missed by many. Rest in Peace Ernst. Hugs to Brenda and Alex.*

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*“ Joe and I have you, Brenda, and the family in our prayers daily, wishing you peace as you lovingly remember Don.*

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October 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ernst was a friend for over 22 years. I joked that I've known him longer than my husband. There are almost no words to describe what a remarkable person he was. He always had a joke, or a funny story, and a way of turning a down day into a delight. He loved his wonderful wife Brenda, his beautiful golden retrievers, Jimmy Buffet, and life itself. With him gone, things are a little less bright and there's a huge hole in my heart. He was one of a kind, and I'll never forget him.

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October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Ernst the man, was bigger than life itself ..from his flashy yellow corvette , to his colorful jokes , his love of the " party " , his passion for the beauty industry , his love of dogs , ( especially his beloved golden retrievers ) , his life mate and beloved wife Brenda , as well as those of us who worked along side him in the salon ..he always wanted the " best " ..whether it was business or social ..he never did anything halfway ..always made even the mundane , fun and a memorable event ..from renting a party bus complete with a margarita machine to drive us to a class , to renting a limo for us to go to a Jimmy Buffet concert , he always saw to it that everyone was smiling and well taken care of ...my Dear friend Ernst , it has been a great pleasure to work in your salon and be a part of your life and dream , my heart is heavy with sorrow and grief in your passing , for you were taken way too soon ..but , i also know you had a hell of a run and lived life to the fullest ....rest in peace my friend you will be missed .  
..judy mann

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October 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Something wonderful happened to me 26 years ago. I met Ernst in the laundry room of Landmark Towers. I always repeated his jokes driving home in my head. After a while I'd say to my husband...I saw in the paper this little girl named Sally asked...insert joke here...my husband would roar and say please I know you saw Ernst today. Going to the Salon was more like happy hour. I am heartbroken. The world drastically changed Saturday October 5th. My heart goes out to you Brenda and Sir Alex, as well as the rest of the family I am honored to call Ernst my dear friend. I will love and miss him forever. XOXOXO Lisa (Brenda, much love being sent from Herb and Dolly too&#226;&#157;&#164;)*

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