



## Donald Wayne Tobias

December 2, 1925 - April 18, 2012

was born December 2, 1924 in Washington, D.C. to Pearl Louise Parker Tobias. He was raised by his loving mother but as great an influence was his grandmother, Laura Tobias, and aunts Jo, Billy and Gertrude. No one met grandmother Tobias without hearing about the Savior; and aunts Jo and Billy were missionaries to China and Africa respectively. They were a driving force on his spiritual life.

Don grew up in Arlington and graduated from Washington & Lee High School in 1942. He enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1943, achieved the rank of sergeant and served as a crew chief in the 487th Bombardment Group stationed in England. After the end of World War II, Don returned to the Washington, DC area where he worked for the Federal Government, took classes at George Washington University and purchased a home with his mother on Powhatan Street in Arlington.

By the age of 21, Don was "sick of hearing his mother talk about the Lord". He agreed to come to church once more if she would promise never to talk to him about it again. As Don told the story, he almost knocked over the altar in his rush to bow before the Lord Jesus and confess his sins. He went home and poured out 21 bottles of liquor and immediately called all of his friends to tell them of his conversion. There was no turning back for Don. None of his children would ever know the Don Tobias that lived before that day. They would grow up knowing the Don Tobias who prayed for the sick, shared the love of Jesus Christ with people everywhere, drove around the beltway

looking for hitchhikers with whom he could share the gospel ("...only after getting up to highway speed", he would quip) and marked up and cried over Bibles until they were rendered unreadable.

In 1946 he met Phyllis Rothe Crosswell who lived with her father across the street. They were married June 20, 1947. Their first child, Diane, was born the next year, followed by Lynn, Craig, Denise, Glenn and Jacque.

In 1958 Don started Data, Inc. Computer Services. In 1970 Don became the president for the National Chapter of Full Gospel Business Men's International, a fellowship of Christian businessmen. In 1971 Don began working full time for CBN's 700 Club Regional Office. In 1975 Don and his wife Phyllis began a ministry called Greater Love Ministries dedicated to educating others in Biblical doctrine. They spent several years on local radio stations as well. In 1977 Don was asked to lead a small group in a home church in Reston. This grew into a larger fellowship, New Testament Fellowship that met in Reston & Great Falls. In the 80's Don returned to his entrepreneurial talents and worked in numerous businesses, including a Herbalife Distributor and earning his realtor license along with Phyllis and beginning Tobias Realty. His last business venture in the 90's was the Tobias Company which sold and installed water filtration systems.

Don was always known for his lively and fun-loving personality as well as his steadfast stand and belief in God's Word. You could not meet Don and not hear about his love for his Savior, Jesus Christ.

Don was a very physically active and strong man well into his late 70's. On a rare trip to the hospital occasioned by a life threatening infection, his wife, Phyllis, told the physician that Don's last trip to a doctor's office was in 1948. That hospital trip was around the year 2001. It was only in the last few years when Parkinson's disease began to take over, that his mobility was affected. In 2011, Don & Phyllis moved into the Dumfries, VA home of his daughter, Jacque, and son-in-law, Doug Dietrichson. He was mentally alert and still sharing Christ with all those he came in contact with right until the very end. Many of Don's family were at his side Wednesday, April 18, 2012 as he was

finally able to look directly into the eyes of the Savior he had loved for so long. Don took his last breath in this earthly body at the age of 87.

Don is survived by his wife of almost 65 years, Phyllis, five of his six children, (his eldest daughter Diane having died of cancer in 2010), 28 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren with 1 more great child on the way.

The Tobias family would like to thank Captial Caring Hospice for their services and care of Don for the last 6 months.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not to thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

# Tribute Wall



“ *Donald Wayne Tobias*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ *I love Don so much, I use to listen every week to GLM on the radio!  
So anointed was it! He's at home with Daddy now!*

November 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Don lead me to the Lord when he was with the 700 Club. We had a 3-hour discussion and he was so wise and patient. He said that the Lord awakened him in the middle of the night several weeks later and told him to introduce me to my now husband of 38 years! :-)  
Don was one of two ministers who officiated at our wedding. Phyllis and all the wonderful Tobias family were present. What a blessing! Though life took hold and we lost contact but, Don and the Tobias family have always been on my heart, especially Diane, who became a friend and mentor. I frequently planned on searching for him and getting in contact again, but the days turned to years and now I will have to wait to see him. Don no doubt is shouting and enjoying Heaven with all the souls he has won. It will be so wonderful to see him again and rejoice with our Glorious Savior, Jesus.  
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October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



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“ We lost contact with Don and Phil when they moved out of Falls church. Just today I decided to try again. Don was a bold saint for the Lord and a great example for us. We have been in the mission field thousands have been saved and we have written 5 books on spiritual warfare plus. Now have 6 videos witnessing Jesus all because Don was obedient to the Lord and came to the La Enfante Hotel in 1975 Washington DC to lead us to the Lord. Don was a tireless saint filled with God's love and compassion with His equally annoyed partner at his side.

we salute him and miss him but count it all joy knowing he is probably interceding for us all as we continue the work of the Lord on this earth.

Marc and Melinda Millan missionaries [ariseandshineministries@aol.com](mailto:ariseandshineministries@aol.com) 949 374 0974

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December 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I never met Donald Tobias, but from reading the story of his life, I see the strong, positive influence in the character and Christian life he has had over our friends in the Glenn Tobias family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Rodney, Carmen, & Rodney Michael Dowty

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April 24, 2012 at 12:00 AM