



# Donald John Briehler

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**D**onald John Briehtler 56 of Decatur died Tuesday May 1, 2007 in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

A memorial service celebrating the life of Donald John Briehtler will be held at 10:30 am Sunday May 20, 2007 in PromiseLand Ministries at Warrensburg, IL. Memorial gifts are suggested to the paralyzed Vets Association.

Donald was born on May 22, 1950 in Woodbury, NJ the son of Donald H. and Marian Angelman Briehtler. He met his wife Helen Tammy Gambill in Junior High School both graduated from the same High School. Tammy and Don were married on June 29, 1974 in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He served his country proudly in the US Navy as an EM2 with an electronic background his final assignment was aboard a research ship. Don had many accomplishments; he was most proud of his sound work for several churches and singing groups and trained others to carry on. He installed satellators and translators in order for people to hear the gospel by radio thru Bible Broadcasting Network in Charlotte, NC. He helped other Christian networks maintain their broadcast equipment with Crown Broadcast. He kept National weather Service with Independent Technology, Inc. transmitters in top condition in order to give alerts to save lives from various emergencies which gave people time to respond to the threat. He liked to keep people in a positive frame of mind by telling jokes and stories. He was proud of his 33 years with his wonderful wife and being together with his best friend - his wife. He was proud of taking care of both his mother and his wife's mother. He loved the Lord and making CD's of sermons. He is survived by his Wife Tammy and his mother Marian Briehtler both of Decatur. He was preceded in death by his father.

The family of Donald John Briehtler is being served by Moran & Goebel Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2801 N. Monroe Street.



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JA

**James Auten** posted:

Tammy,I was very shocked to hear of Don's passing earlier this month. I was at work that morning shortly after the call came in to the office and was very saddened with the news. I prayed for you and your family shortly after I heard the news and I will continue to keep you in my prayers in the coming days, weeks, and months. I know times will be hard, but continue to lean on the Lord, Jesus Christ and He will give you strength. Though I was unable to be there during the celebration service, my paryers were with you that day. I Praise the Lord that Don was a Christian and that we will see him again someday.Love in Christ,James Auten Normal, IL US

May 21 at 7:00 PM

CR

**Carl Redemann** posted:

Tammy,I am so sorry that this has happened. Don was a great teacher and friend. He really could get me laughing! I already miss him. I know he is already meeting individuals in heaven and many more on their way to heaven because of his work and heart for Christ! Charlotte, NC US

May 6 at 7:00 PM

LS

**Lydia Stone** posted:

Tammy,My thoughts and prayers are with you. I enjoyed getting to know you both in the years you and Don worked with BBN. You both had such a servants heart, and many small communities continue to hear the Gospel broadcast 24 hrs a day because of Don's faithful work. He has a legacy that you can truly be proud of. Charlotte, NC US

May 5 at 7:00 PM

AM

**Alvaro Medina** posted:

Tammy,I considered Don a good person. In the year I worked for Crown we became good friends, as you know, we shared concerns about work and many other things. I talked about my family and he always listened. I called him last February and expressed my desire to see both of you, in my way to Colorado, this coming summer.Please accept my condolences.Alvaro Elkhart, IN US

May 3 at 7:00 PM



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ED

**Erica Galliher Dunbar** posted:

Dear Tammy,I only worked with you and Don for a short while when I first came here to BBN, but you both made an impression on me as very nice and caring people and such good Christian examples. I am very sad to hear of your loss, but I know you will be comforted that Don is in heaven with his Saviour.Love,Erica Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

HR

**Harold & Ellen Richards** posted:

Don had a heart to serve the Lord. We traveled together to get satellite service back on for BBN after the satellite went bad. Don knew exactly what to do and he had a heart for people, as we took time to visit bookstores and churches in the cities in which we worked. He will be missed until we meet again in Heaven. Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

SM

**Sergey Moraru** posted:

From all BBN Russian co-workers in our Savior Jesus Christ:Psalm 116:15"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."God be with US 'till we meet again! Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

RJ

**Rev. Richard Johnson** posted:

Don will lovingly be remembered as a kind man and a good co-worker. I enjoyed his friendship while we worked together here at BBN.Our prayers for strength and comfort are offered for Tammy and the family. May God meet your every need during this difficult time. Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

RM

**Ron & Naila Muffley** posted:

Don was a very special person. He was always well respected and loved by those who knew him. But, most of all, his love for the Lord and his servant's heart were most evident. We will miss him much. But we rejoice in the knowledge that he is with the Lord he loved. We love you,Tammy. Please know of our prayers for the Lord's strength, peace and comfort in the days ahead. Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM



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JL

**Juan And Rebekah Lopez** posted:

Dear Tammy, Please accept our condolences on behalf of the Lopez family. I appreciated the time we got to know Don and you while here at BBN. We have been praying for you and will continue to do so. I appreciate the times when Don would take time to answer my questions as I learned the ropes while taking the gospel to Latin America. Don's life has affected many in this part of the world. Love and prayers Juan Lopez and Family Charlotte, NC US

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SC

**Scott Curtis** posted:

I look back with fond memories on your ministry with us here at BBN. Don was a blessing to work with, and I especially appreciated his good work ethic and faithfulness. We had a great trip when we had to change out the sat. dishes – wonderful trip and memories! God bless and strengthen you in the days to come. In Christian Love, Scott Curtis Charlotte, NC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

LD

**Lamar Davenport** posted:

i met don through work at the state in sc. Don became a life long friend. we worked together on many projects. i called on his advice many times. i will miss him. greenwood, SC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

HM

**Harry Hunter Mccall** posted:

I met Don though the South Carolina DOT Radio Shop where Don was a fellow electronic technician and later my supervisor. Don knew his electronics and was always excited about learning something new and helped those of us who weren't sure about what to do with an electronic problem. He was instrumental in getting the State Radio Shop top line equipment; one of which was an antenna analyzer which I still use to this day. Don had a great sense of humor and was not only a loyal supervisor, a good friend, but an electronic standard of learning and knowledge. Indeed, the world of RF communications has lost a rare individual. Greenville, SC US

May 3 at 7:00 PM



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MT

**Mark & Angie Tomey** posted:

Tammy, We could'nt believe when We read of Don's passing in the paper. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, The Tomey Forsyth, IL US

May 3 at 7:00 PM

OD

**Otis Davidson** posted:

Thanks You Don for all the times you helped me, at work and in life. I will miss you, but I know we will see each other aging someday. Have fun with Jesus !! Tell him I said hello. Your Brother in Christ Otis Shipshewana, IN US

May 3 at 7:00 PM



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