



## Mr. Donald (Don) Douglas Kelemen

September 19, 1942 - June 1, 2025

Mr. Donald (Don) Douglas Kelemen, 82, of Royston, GA passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center in Athens, GA.

Mr. Kelemen was born in Norwalk, CT on September 19, 1942, son of the late Andrew Lawrence Kelemen and the late Ann Douglas Kelemen. He was a trend-setting Industrial Designer and a leader in store fixture design, point of purchase merchandising, consumer products and interiors, etc. over his long career. He came from a family of artists, including his grandfather, mother, and sister.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son with Elaine Pierandri Kelemen, Andrew Douglas Kelemen.

Survivors include his wife of 37 years, Bonita Kay Cappel Kelemen, his sister Bonnie Kelemen Evans and her sons Daniel and Douglas, his son, also with Elaine Kelemen, Donald Drew Kelemen of Ridgefield CT, daughter-in-law Mary Jane Bossidy Kelemen and their children Lucy, Andrew and Jane Catherine, son Andrew's wife, Laura Anthony Kelemen and their children Matthew, Adam and Anna Grace, brother-in-law, David Cappel, sisters-in-law, Judith Devlin, Linda Teunis, Patricia Warner and Carol Meli and their families.

Don earned a Bachelor of Industrial Design from Pratt Institute, Brooklyn NY in 1964. During his career, he was a full member of IDSA and the National Computer Graphics Association among others. He created designs for national and international trade shows such as NEOCON, EUROSHOP, JAPANSHOP, ORGATECHNIK, Global Shop, NACs and IDSA conventions. He designed the original interactive (C.A.D.) multimedia terminal and a precision photo plotter.

His work garnered many awards such as:

2003 P.O.P.I. Coca Cola Party Tub

1994 P.O.P.I. Silver Indian for the Coca Cola Fastlane II

1993 P.O.P.I. Gold Indian for the Coca Cola Fastlane

1975 Industrial Design Magazine Annual Review for the 234X document reader/sorter

1969 Wescon Award for Industrial Design of Electronic Products for the H316 mini computer, which received national press including T.V., U.P.I. photo and story to all newspapers, photos in Life, Esquire, and Playboy magazines and others.

Design in Steel Award for the H117 computer.

Career:

William Sklaroff Design Associates, Senior Industrial Designer 1964-1967

Honeywell, Senior Industrial Designer 1967-1977

Amstore Corporation, Design Director 1977-1988

AWH Corporation, Royston GA, Design Director 1988-1995

Principal, Kelemen Design Associates 1995-2001

Masterack, Atlanta GA, Design Director 2001

City of Royston, Better Hometown Director 2001-2007

City of Sugar Hill, Community Relations Director 2007-2014

Don also enjoyed watching auto racing and home renovation shows,

motorcycles, salsa and line dancing, working out, cooking, and was a magnet for kids and animals. He loved photography and established the Photography Guild at the Hartwell Art Center.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 14, 1:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 579 Fairview Avenue, Hartwell, GA. Reception to follow in the church hall.

Donations in lieu of flowers can be made in Don's name to the Hartwell Art Center, [artcenterofhartwell.org](http://artcenterofhartwell.org), and to TIMBATHENS (our salsa group nonprofit) at [timbathens@gmail.com](mailto:timbathens@gmail.com) or at the website at <https://bit.ly/SupportTIMBATHENS> to designate the donation in Don's memory.

Pruitt Funeral Home in Royston, GA is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## **Memorial Service**

JUN 14. 1:30 PM (ET)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
579 Fairview Avenue  
Hartwell, GA 30643

## **Reception to follow in church hall**

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# Tribute Wall

BT

“ Don was a beloved member of the "if it's not fun, it's not dancing" dance group. He always had a smile and kind words. We will miss him so very much.

Beverly Thompson - June 08, 2025 at 05:05 PM

DD

“ Don and I are cousins and we were together as teenagers often. We always were close and I will miss him as I am sure the whole family will.  
My heart felt condolences to all the family.  
Regards, Dan and Elaine Douglas

Daniel Stewart Douglas - June 07, 2025 at 04:56 PM

HM

“ HELEN MCCURDY lit a candle in memory of Mr. Donald (Don) Douglas Kelemen



HELEN MCCURDY - June 07, 2025 at 09:28 AM

KB

“ I am sorry for your loss. Family and friends will be in my prayers. Prayers for peace to bring comfort, the courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts. 🙏💕



Karen Boulware - June 07, 2025 at 08:13 AM

EC

“ *Met Don when I worked at AWH.*



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**evelyn cress** - June 06, 2025 at 12:18 PM

RP

*Mrs. Kelemen I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a very talented and a good decent guy. I considered him a friend.*

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**Randy Porterfield** - June 07, 2025 at 04:53 AM

SD

“ *I works with him at Awh (aka the rock) the whole time he was there. He was a good guy to work with and he was always wanting to improve on what or how we did a particular part or a particular process!*

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**Steven Dowell** - June 06, 2025 at 11:39 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Pruitt Funeral Home** - June 05, 2025 at 02:51 PM