

In Memory

Donald J. Palladino (1936 - 2018)

The Wellfleet Conservation Trust is saddened by the death of our friend, colleague and fellow Trustee on May 27, 2018. Don had been a Trustee since 2007 and has been our Treasurer since 2010. Don's enthusiasm, leadership and dedication will be missed by the Board of Trustees and our members. The "Annual Walk in Wellfleet" was Don's suggestion, a walk that has been well attended in each September for the past 11 years and has grown to over 100 participants. Don was a frequent participant in trail maintenance activities, Adopt-a-Highway and our Annual Meetings.

In addition to WCT activities, Mr. Palladino was a leader in the community's efforts to restore the Herring River estuary to its natural tidal flows. He was a founding member and President of the Friends of the Herring River, working with the Herring River Restoration Committee of the Cape Cod National Seashore, the Town of Wellfleet and Town of Truro. He was also a member of the Board of the Association to Preserve Cape Cod, the Wellfleet Zoning Board of Appeals and Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Wellfleet.

Don had a great appreciation for the natural beauty of Cape Cod, especially Wellfleet. He enjoyed leading walks in the various natural and historic locations in Wellfleet. He enjoyed kayaking throughout the salt and fresh waters. Don was predeceased by his wife, Martha, in 2009 and is survived by one son and three daughters, their spouses and seven grandchildren.

Mr. Palladino was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, had a successful and decorated career in the US Army, rising to the rank of Brigadier General, before retiring to the business sector. He was a long standing Board member and the Chief Operating Officer of the world-wide Save the Children foundation.

Don Palladino was a fine, caring and exemplary gentleman who left us with wonderful legacies.

