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The Don Ball School of Fishing

Dedicated to protecting the fishing legacy passed on by our ancestors, the Charlotte Harbor Reef Association's goal is to place new fish habitat in Charlotte Harbor, the Gulf of Mexico and surrounding waterways.

This educational program, funded by the Water LIFE Magazine Kids Cup Fishing Tournament, the Florida Foundation for Responsible Angling, and the State of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, insures our youth will have the knowledge to enjoy, protect, and appreciate our beautiful and fragile environment.

Charlotte County has also assisted in establishing the Don Ball School of Fishing by seed-funding our first year's program in 2000.

We hope you enjoy our school.

Sincerely,
Jerry Jensen
Founder

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Who was Don Ball?

Donald C. Ball, Jr. 1952-1998

Born in Kentucky, Don grew up in Eustis, Florida. The eldest of three children, Don established himself as a leader at an early age. When Don attended high school, he was the class president every year. Don excelled in academics and participated in athletics. After graduating from Florida Stae University, Don served in the United States Marine Corp. Although Don desired to be a military pilot his vision prevented him from doing so.

After separating from the military, Don moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and started a family and a career in real estate. With the desire to be closer to family and the beautiful waters of Charlotte Harbor, Don, his wife,

daughter and son relocated to Charlotte County, Florida in 1986.

Don continued his professional career by becoming a Certified Financial Planner for A.G. Edwards. His hard work and dedication earned his promotion to Vice President. Don was very active in many organizations; Coastal Conservation Association (previously the Florida Conservation Association), The United Way, Kiwanis and the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Little League. In addition to his involvement with civic associations and youth programs, Don also had a passion for outdoor recreation. He enjoyed fishing, boating, and diving with his family.

On May 14th, 1998, Don lost his only battle to a brain tumor. Wth honor and deep respect for a great man, it is our pleasure to present the Don Ball School of Fishing.