



Donald David Howard

August 8, 1948 - September 12, 2021

Donald David Howard died in the early hours of September 12, 2021 at Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, North Carolina at the age of 73. Don was born on August 8, 1948 in Toledo, Ohio to Donald and Kathleen (Weaver) Howard. He attended Maumee High School and then served in the United States Army for three years. He started working at The Andersons in Maumee as a teenager and returned after his military service to start his forty-one years in Mechanical Maintenance in the Lawn and Fertilizer Department. Moving through many years of shift work, he most enjoyed the planning and supervising of building their Professional Turf and Horticulture plant just before he retired in August of 2011.

After sixty-three years in Maumee, Don began retirement at his beloved Sweet Lake in Sturgis, Michigan. Life led him to Goshen, Indiana for a short time to be followed by a much anticipated move to the beauty and energy of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Over the years Don immersed himself into passions that included wood working, fishing, and stained glass. Don's irreplaceable mechanical knowledge made him the go to guy for family and friends. Some of his greatest joys were sitting in the sunshine by the pool while his grandchildren swam and hosting summer family trips to the mountains.

Don is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of fifty-two years Julie Wallace Howard, three siblings, Jeanne Heise, Susan Keller, and Debra Teetrick; three daughters, Tracy Anderson, Emily Howard, and Amanda

Cutway; eight grandchildren, Kyle, Maggie, Kevin, Trevor, Morgan, Zachary, Victoria, and Chloe, and one great grandchild Brayden. He tried very hard to make fisherman of them all.

Family and friends will be received at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd, Toledo on Monday, September 27 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. A Memorial Service will follow at the funeral home beginning at 7:00. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Toledo Humane Society, 827 Illinois Ave., Maumee, OH 43537. Please leave a condolence for the family at CoyleFuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43614

Memorial Service

SEP 27. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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September 26, 2021 at 01:14 PM



“ In ~2006, I lobbied to bring Don from The Anderson’s Bowling Green Plant to Maumee for a special project. We were struggling to get a new product launched because our partner in Canada could not make the product even though they had numerous engineers working to solve the problems. Don was a quite genius and I was convinced he could build a facility from scratch using in house talent.

A year later after moving Don to Maumee, Don and his team had a pilot facility pumping out product 24 hours a day. He then was asked to do a plant 10x larger to produce enough product to ship around the world. Don lead a team of creative and industrious operations employees on a year long journey building the second facility. Don lead a team in a way that no one else could. He was a quite leader and brilliant at solving problems in a nimble and innovative and cost effective way. He used engineers when it was needed but used creativity when nothing else worked.

Today that plant, now as the DG Plant, employs 15 people and ships patented product all over the world, including Australia, New Zealand, Austria, England, Japan, Korea and the United States. Without Don, none of this would have been possible.

I loved Don. The quite, humble man who impacted so many lives in a positive manner. I will never forget Don!

Chuck Anderson

Chuck Anderson - September 25, 2021 at 08:00 AM

AW

I am proud to have been a part of that team. Thank you for a great note Chuck.

Adam Williams - September 27, 2021 at 06:54 PM

AG

“ Amanda, I am so very sorry for your loss. You mean the world to me and I'll be here for you in the months ahead. Love you girlfriend.

Amy Grohowski

Amy Grohowski - September 24, 2021 at 03:30 PM



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September 24, 2021 at 01:44 PM

ES

“ Thinking of you Julie, during this sad time. Don and you were so gracious to Adam and I and our little family... letting us create fun summer memories using your pool on summer weekends. Don was a positive role model to Adam while they worked together; a great mentor.

Thinking of you and your family at this time. What fond memories we carry of Don.

Adam Williams, Erica Shroyer, Larah and Trent

Erica Shroyer - September 21, 2021 at 08:12 PM

DA

“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss Julie, and our sympathy goes out to you and your family. We always enjoyed Don's company at the Grandkid's birthdays, so many years ago. We also thought it was very special that he and our son got along so well. Please accept our condolences in this sad time for you and your family, with the hope that the lifetime of fond memories with Don will carry you forward with happiness.

Barbara and David Anderson

David Anderson - September 21, 2021 at 02:49 PM

GG

“ Julie
I was very sorry to read about your loss of Donnie.
Seems like a lifetime ago when several couples, and the little ones went camping from The Andersons in upper Michigan. I always wondered what that noise was at night, don't think any of us figured it out. A swarm of something. We sure had fun camping and watching the northern lights, and watching the little ones play.
Yes, certainly a lifetime ago.

Gloria (Miller) Green

Gloria Green - September 21, 2021 at 01:24 PM

KG

“ Julie, my heart aches for you, I am so sorry.
May God's arms surround you with His love.
May your loving memories surround you with comfort. My thoughts and prayers are with you.



Kathy Greene - September 17, 2021 at 11:51 PM



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September 16, 2021 at 05:20 PM



“ *My older brother I remember going in a plane with Julies sister Debbie to see Don and Julie in Colorado while he was in the army we drove home with them I remember the wind in my hair*

Debra teetrick - September 15, 2021 at 09:22 PM