



Donald John Binkley

July 26, 2025

Donald (John) Binkley, age 81 of Shawnee Township, passed on to his Lord and Savior on Saturday July 26, 2025 at St. Rita's Hospital after complications from heart disease.

Don was born in March of 1944 in Lima, Ohio to the late Madge Marie (Forney) Binkley and Donald Arthur Binkley.

He was a 1962 graduate of Shawnee High School and a 1967 graduate of THE Ohio State University. Don had a successful career of forty-six years in the human resources / labor relations profession as a management representative. He retired in 2013 from Clemans Nelson and Associates - a management consulting firm based in Dublin and Lima - with over twenty-eight years of service to his clients.

Don is survived by his loving wife Ona (Dodds) Binkley and three children – Stephen (Kristi) Binkley of Mansfield, Texas, Matthew Binkley of Sarasota, Florida, and Rebecca (Matthew) Trefz of Lewis Center, Ohio.

Also surviving are five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter that he loved dearly: Connor (Kaitlyn) Binkley, Griffin Binkley, Chase Binkley, Madison Binkley, Keegan Trefz, and Olivia Binkley. His greatest wish was that his grandchildren become well-educated, happy, and successful. Don is also

survived by his aunt, Virginia Forney, and an extended family of Forney cousins.

Don was a long-time member of the Shawnee Township Cemetery Board and a member of the Shawnee United Methodist Church where he served as an usher-greeter, communion steward, and member of the finance committee. He was also an avid Harley-Davidson enthusiast, riding to the Dairy Queen at Indian Lake in his favorite Harley jacket every 4th of July to order a root beer float. In his words, "What could be more American than that?"

Visitation will be from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday, August 1st at Shawnee United Methodist Church. The family will also receive visitors at 10:00 AM before the service which will be at 11:00 AM on Saturday, August 2nd, at the Shawnee United Methodist Church, officiated by Pastor Lori Wright. Interment will be at the Shawnee Township Cemetery, following the service. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Eley Funeral Home in Wapakoneta. Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shawnee United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Shawnee Cemetery

2690 Shawnee Road
Lima, OH 45804

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shawnee United Methodist Church
2600 Zurmehly Road
Lima, OH 45806

Visitation

AUG 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Shawnee United Methodist Church
2600 Zurmehly Road
Lima, OH 45806

Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shawnee United Methodist Church
2600 Zurmehly Road
Lima, OH 45806

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Love, Marjorie Henry and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald John Binkley.

Love, Marjorie Henry and family - August 01, 2025 at 08:39 AM

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“ Love, Marjorie Henry and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald John Binkley.



Love, Marjorie Henry and family - August 01, 2025 at 08:39 AM

YF

“ Your Fun Boat Tours family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Donald John Binkley.



Your Fun Boat Tours family - July 31, 2025 at 01:43 PM

KA

“ Dear Matt and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We'll pray for your peace and comfort during this difficult time.

Love,
Your Fun Boat Tours Family

Kandace - July 31, 2025 at 01:24 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Donald John Binkley.



July 30, 2025 at 09:39 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Donald John Binkley.



July 29, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald John Binkley.

July 29, 2025 at 02:29 PM

FL

“ From; Pete Lowe purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Donald John Binkley.



From; Pete Lowe - July 29, 2025 at 02:20 PM

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“ I originally hired Don and worked with him for over 28 years. I never made a better decision during my entire career. Later we formed a partnership and purchased and managed properties together until Don retired. My condolences to Ona and all the family. Everyone who knew him will miss this truly unique and wonderful individual.

Pete B. Lowe 111 - July 29, 2025 at 02:01 PM

BW

“ Rebecca and Family,
May God's grace and peace continue to abound during this time.
Sincere condolences. Praying with you.

Barbara Wilson

Barbara Wilson - July 29, 2025 at 11:26 AM

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“ Don was my next door neighbor. He walked the complete hood everyday and picked everything. The hood wasn't the same without him. He was a great guy. My condolences Ona.

Dick Stewart - July 28, 2025 at 07:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald John Binkley.

July 28, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald John Binkley.



July 28, 2025 at 05:54 PM



“ Our deepest condolences to Ona, Steve, Matt, Becky and the entire family. Don was such a lovely man when I had several opportunities to be around him. I know he will be dearly missed. Lisa and Frank Willson

Lisa Willson - July 28, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ Tony, Chris, Rob, and Jeff purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Donald John Binkley.



Tony, Chris, Rob, and Jeff - July 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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“ Tony, Chris, Rob, and Jeff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Donald John Binkley.

Tony, Chris, Rob, and Jeff - July 28, 2025 at 12:14 PM

EH

“ Rebecca and Family, prayers rising for all of you—Elizabeth Hoster, Healthy Congregations

Elizabeth Hoster - July 28, 2025 at 11:33 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald John Binkley.



July 28, 2025 at 09:56 AM