



Donald J. "Don" Gerstner

December 15, 1964 - March 16, 2009

Donald J. "Don" Gerstner, 44, of rural Botkins, OH, died 10:10 p.m., Mon. March 16, 2009, at Wilson Memorial Hospital E.O.R. of natural causes. He was born Dec. 15, 1964, at St. Rita's Hospital, Lima, the son of Fritz and Donna (Etgen) Gerstner, and they survive in rural Wapakoneta. Other survivors include, 2 children, Cindy & Andrew Gerstner, both of Botkins, 2 brothers, Lynn (Kristine) Gerstner & Ron (Wendy) Gerstner, both of Wapakoneta, and a sister, Tamela Gerstner, Wapakoneta. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ferd & Lucille Gerstner and Leroy & Verdean Etgen, uncle, Jerry Gerstner, and an aunt, Rita Howell. Don worked as an aircraft technician with Crown Equipment, Flight Division, New Knoxville, OH. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins. A 1983 graduate of Botkins Local High School, he attended Bowling Green State University. He was a past member of the Botkins Local Schools, Board of Education. He was a dedicated and loving father, and his other interests included riding his motorcycle, model aircraft, building things, and researching his family history. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Sat. March 21, 2009, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Botkins, Rev. Patrick Slonenker officiating. Burial is to follow in the St. John Cemetery, Fryburg, OH. The family will receive friends 2-8 p.m., Fri., at the Long & Folk Chapel of the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 13 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

TH

“ Gerstner Family: You have my deepest condolences. Don was a great guy- always friendly. He will be missed by so many- please know your family will be in my prayers. Tracy

Tracy (Huelskamp) Henschen - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MM

“ The Gerstner Family At this time my prayers are with all of you. Don will always be with all of us with his winning smile and his love for a great discussion. Marilyn Sue Morningstar

Marilyn Morningstar - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ The Gerstner Family, I'm so sorry for the loss of such a great person. I wanted to let you know that you have my greatest sympathy, and my heart is truly saddened. Don was more than just a wonderful person; he was always so kind and considerate to everyone. He was a great friend and co-worker and will be missed very much at the Flight Department. My sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Gerstner Family. With my deepest sympathy, Rodney Shultz

Rodney Shultz - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MK

“ DON WAS A GREAT FRIEND & NEIGHBOR. HE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL. OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY. DEEPEST SYMPATHY.

MARK, LORI, JESSICA & WHITNEY KNIEF - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ Lynn, I am sorry to hear of Don's passing. You and your family are in my thoughts & prayers.....

Rob Schnippel - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JR

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. Don will always be remembered as a treasured classmate.

Jeff and Barb Roberts - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MK

“ Don was probably one of the nicest guys I have ever had the pleasure to work with. He was always focused on his daughter Cindy getting through college and his son Andrew who was the center of his world. He will forever be missed at the Flight department. Thank you Don for being my friend.

Mike Kill - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ We're so sorry, know that you are all in our prayers and thoughts! May God strengthen and bless you abundantly! Larry Baker Family

Larry and Ann Baker - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JW

“ Don was one of the nicest people I have ever met. I am very sorry for the family and friends loss.

Jessica Wooddell - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM