



Donald L. "Don" Numbers

May 31, 1942 - April 19, 2020

Donald Lynn Numbers passed away at 12:25 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2020, at the Wapakoneta Manor in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Donald was born on May 31, 1942, in Lima, Ohio to Ernest and Vera (Watt) Numbers. In June of 1965, he married Karen Walther, who survives him. He is also survived by three brothers, Melvin (Sue) Numbers, Kenneth (Jackie) Numbers, and Ernest (Jenny) Numbers.

Don was the loving father to Sherrie (Terry) Kah, Julie (David) McGinnis, Tracy (Richard) Blake, and Kimberly (James) Swiecki. He was the beloved grandfather of Mallorie (Chris) Shank, Madelyn and Marissa Kah; Elizabeth, Abigail, and Samantha McGinnis; Mckenzie and Sarah Blake; and Donald and Jonathan Swiecki.

Don was a graduate of Cridersville High School, Adrian College, and Eastern Michigan University, where he received his Masters of Education. He spent his career in the Wapakoneta City School District, both as an educator and an administrator. Don was an active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where he served on church council for several years.

Don's hobbies included both watching and playing sports, especially basketball and tennis. He enjoyed spending time with his wife and his family. A private family service will be held 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at the Eley Funeral Home with Pastor Doug Pretorius officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, Wapakoneta. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date. The service will be live streamed on the Eley

Funeral Home and Crematory Facebook page and the funeral home website.
Condolences may be expressed at www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Mark's Lutheran
Church, Wapakoneta, OH.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eley Funeral Home & Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Donald L. "Don" Numbers*



Eley Funeral Home & Crematory - April 21, 2020 at 07:28 PM



*Due to sound issues, the live webstreaming of the funeral can be found on Facebook page using the link below.
<https://www.facebook.com/eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory/videos/6622343>*

Matthew Eley - April 22, 2020 at 10:50 AM

TZ

Can't hear it!!!! I knew I should have just snuck, over and sat in the back!!!!

Terri Zofkie - April 23, 2020 at 11:15 AM

RM

“ *Deepest sympathies. He will be missed. Rod and Sheila Metz*

Rod and Sheila Metz - April 28, 2020 at 09:21 PM

KB

“ *I worked with Don at the YMCA for several years at the front desk, I always thought he was super cool and made me laugh so much, he was a terrific guy and enjoyed his laid back personality, I'm so sorry for your loss*

Kim Bowers - April 24, 2020 at 12:00 PM

SR

“ So sorry on the loss of Don. My sympathy goes out to the family

Shirley Lowry Ratzmann

Shirley Ratzmann - April 22, 2020 at 06:32 PM

MK

“ Michele Knoch-Hicks lit a candle in memory of Donald L. "Don" Numbers



Michele Knoch-Hicks - April 22, 2020 at 12:13 PM

BC

“ Karen and family,

So sorry for your loss. It brings back memories of the C'ville basketball team. Don was a very good athlete. He also enjoyed his morning coffee at the Luckey Steer where he could visit with friends. Our thoughts and prayer go out to you and the family. Pass our condolences on to Ernie and Genny and Denny and Bev also.

Bob and Billie Conner

Bob Conner - April 22, 2020 at 11:30 AM

KP

“ Please accept our sincere condolences.

Gene and Shirley Pohlable

Ken and Polly Pohlable

Ken Pohlable - April 22, 2020 at 11:09 AM

LE

“ I remember Don as my principal at Northridge and later as a colleague at Buckland. I always enjoyed talking with him. He will be missed. All of you are in our prayers. God Bless. Gary & Liz Ebbing.

Liz Ebbing - April 22, 2020 at 10:07 AM

RE

“ I want to send my condolences to Karen and her entire family upon hearing the passing of Don. He was a great mentor for me and someone that I admired and looked up to as I progressed through my years at Buckland, United Local, Cridersville, and the Northridge Local Schools. I do not recall ever having a moment where Don and I could not work through the differences that each day created for Don and I was very proud of the fact that he had the confidence in me to share with me those problems. Don was like a father, brother, teacher, mentor, and a friend to me and we shared a lot both during the school day and outside of the day as well. My greatest memory of Don will always be when we went golfing together. Neither one of us knew what we were doing out there, but we sure acted like it. I have never laughed so much and had so much fun as I did when we golfed. We were terrors at putter golf but put us on the big course and we were everywhere on the course except where we were supposed to have been. Don, I will miss you and the stories you could tell. Rest in Peace, my friend and God Bless. Your friend, Bob Elsass

Robert Wayne Elsass - April 21, 2020 at 06:43 PM

PC

“ Dear Karen and Family,
You are all in my daily thoughts and prayers. I am so blessed that Don was my cousin.
Hugs and Love, Phyllis



Phyllis Carlson - April 21, 2020 at 04:47 PM

JR

“ Jim & Linda Swiecki and Dave & Virginia Rensel purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Donald L. "Don" Numbers.



Jim & Linda Swiecki and Dave & Virginia Rensel - April 21, 2020 at 04:03 PM

DM

“ Debra A Metz lit a candle in memory of Donald L. "Don" Numbers



Debra A Metz - April 21, 2020 at 09:59 AM

RG

“ He was an amazing teacher, and touched many lives. I had him in 7th grade. Prayers for his family



Randi Gill - April 21, 2020 at 08:32 AM

DE

“ *Dear Karen and Family,
Don was always someone we respected and enjoyed seeing. We thank him for his service as a teacher and principal in our school system and as a mentor to future teachers after his retirement. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the girls.
With deepest sympathy,
Jim and Diane Elshire*

Diane M Elshire - April 20, 2020 at 11:05 PM

RN

“ *Robin Armer Niles lit a candle in memory of Donald L. "Don" Numbers*



Robin Armer Niles - April 20, 2020 at 10:17 PM

SW

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Karen and family for your loss. Mr. Numbers was a hands on very special principal at Northridge. I remember him at the door every morning when you left your kids off. Rob remembers him always being able to beat everyone at free throws in basketball. Don was very active member at church also. He will be missed.*

The Wiesenmayers

Shirley Wiesenmayer - April 20, 2020 at 10:12 PM

MR

“ I was saddened to hear of Don’s passing! I so enjoyed working with Don at Northridge for many years! He was a great Principal and Teacher! I have many good memories of Don and the way he took care of his students and staff at Northridge Elementary School! My condolences to his family.

Miriam Reese - April 20, 2020 at 01:46 PM

JL

A good man and school principal
RIP

JLHaman - April 20, 2020 at 01:51 PM

SA

So sorry to the family for your loss. I was a student at Northridge many years ago, he was an excellent Principle! Many years later I had the wonderful privilege of caring for him one time as his nurse in the hospital. He still looked the same! He was such a kind and caring person! Prayers for comfort at this time 🙏

Sheila Arnold - April 20, 2020 at 02:31 PM

AS

I am so sorry for your loss. Don was a great leader and friend. My parents enjoyed his friendship for many years. My thoughts and prayers are with you. ❤️🙏

Amy Fowler Shores - April 20, 2020 at 05:12 PM

DG

We were on the same administrative team for many years. Good man and master of a two handed set shot. RIP Don.

Doug Graham - April 20, 2020 at 06:02 PM

BL

Karen and family I am so sorry for your loss. Donnie was a mentor to me in my early years playing softball and basketball both while I was in school and after graduating as well at family reunions at Northridge or wherever he could challenge me. I hope he and my dad can reunite on that softball field and basketball court in the sky.

Bob Lowry

Bob Lowry - April 20, 2020 at 08:52 PM

TL

Karen I am so sorry for your loss.. you and your family are in my thoughts prayers

tammy limbert - April 20, 2020 at 11:06 PM

SK

“ *A lot of my friends were related to Donnie. I felt like part of the family.* ”

Stanley Kollars - April 20, 2020 at 07:30 AM