



Donald Earl Schramm

September 12, 1931 - April 30, 2018

Donald E. Schramm, 86, of Wapakoneta, passed away at 11:29 p.m., Mon. April 30, 2018, at Lima Memorial Health System, with his family at his side. He was born Sept. 12, 1931, in Toledo, OH, the son of Charles E. & Thelma (Cole) Schramm, who preceded him in death. On June 28, 1952, he married the love of his life Helen G. Reed, and she passed away Dec. 10, 2016.

Survivors include,

4 children, Robert Schramm, Susan (Gary) Hemmert, both of Toledo,

Charles (Sharon) Schramm, St. Marys,

& Beth (Randy) Brookhart, Wapakoneta,

9 grandchildren, Jennifer Baker, Maureen Miller, Josh (Amanda) Schramm,

Nick (Monica) Hemmert, Matthew Hemmert,

Wyatt (Cindy) Neal, Anthony (Tyler Spears) Brookhart,

Martin (Andrea) Brookhart, Michael Brookhart,

7 great grandchildren,

2 brothers, Bernard Schramm, Columbus, OH,

Marvin (Jean) Schramm, Toledo.

In 1975, Don became co-owner and operator of Pantry Pride Food Markets. Prior to that, he had worked at Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company for 27 years, working up the ranks, culminating as the Midwest Region VP. He attended Macomber High School, Toledo, and served in the U.S. Air Force as a drill sergeant from 1951 to 1955. He was an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, where he served on several committees. Don's

memberships included, Elks #54, Lima, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, K of C Council #1272, V.F.W. Post #8445, and the Sertoma Club, all of Wapakoneta. He also belonged to the Shawnee Country Club, and the Wapakoneta Country Club. His hobbies included golfing, traveling over seas, gardening, cooking, and going on fishing trips. He and his wife Helen enjoyed wintering in Florida. He was always there to lend a helping hand to anyone. They hosted families with the Sister Cities program. He and Helen had many extended family members, including the Huffman family. Don was a caring and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and neighbor.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. May 7, 2018, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, with Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial is to follow in the Greenlawn Cemetery, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. Post #8445. The family will receive friends 2-7 p.m., Sun. at the Eley Funeral Home & Crematory, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta, with a time of sharing by family and friends beginning at 6 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church Stained Glass Window Fund or the charity of the donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Cemetery

Presar Road
Wapakoneta, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 6. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Ave.
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<http://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com>

Service

MAY 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

AF

“ You were always such a kind man and accepted me into your family without a second thought. Although it's been years, I have so many fond memories of you, Grams, and your whole family. My love to them during this difficult time.

A friend - May 08, 2018 at 09:00 AM

CB

“ Craig Alan Brown lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Schramm



Craig Alan Brown - May 07, 2018 at 08:16 AM

PA

“ My husband and I rented our first apartment from Don-that was almost 29 years ago. We only lived in the apartment a year, but we would see Don thru the years and he still remembered our names. My sympathy to Don's family and friends.

Paula Sawmiller

Paula - May 06, 2018 at 07:09 PM

SS

“ Don was a wonderful boss for many years. Loved the day he called me to come back to Pantry Pride when they reopened in St. Marys. He was also the one who called me several times after my husband had a stroke. I will never forget that. I ran into him at the hospital a month ago and got a big hug. Ya think God didn't have a part in that last memory? I know he is with Helen now, and that makes me happy. They were so much in Love. My heart goes out to the family and friends. I had the privilege to work with Marty and Anthony. Anthony was so kind and helpful to me at Pantry Pride. Will cherish those memories. I know the family will cherish the many many memories they have thru videos, etc. God Bless the family and friends of Don Schramm.

Sue Simonson - May 06, 2018 at 09:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Earl Schramm.



May 05, 2018 at 08:33 AM

MM

“ Mark Meyer lit a candle in memory of Donald Earl Schramm



Mark Meyer - May 04, 2018 at 11:31 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald Earl Schramm.*



May 04, 2018 at 11:14 AM



“ *So sorry for your family's loss. My father in law, Bob Mullenhour, worked at Pantry Pride in St. Marys after his retirement. He always had good things to say about Don. We lived next door to Charlie when he lived in Wapak. He was one of Jenny's first Girl Scout Cookie customers :) Michael was in band and Impulse with Jill. Cherish all your memories.*

Chuck and Karen Mullenhour - May 04, 2018 at 10:54 AM



“ *I worked with Don when he was the assistant manager at the A & P in Point Place in 1956. He was a fine man and boss. From the obit in the Blade, it is obvious that he had a very good life*

Tom Pomeroy

Thomas Pomeroy - May 04, 2018 at 09:24 AM

GG

“ With Deepest Sympathy to the family and especially to Beth and Randy Brookhart who I graduated with from Celina High School in 1974 and worked with his brother at Mersmans Furniture factory where costume furniture and table's made when it closed Randy put a great word in for me at Pantry Pride Supermarket in Celina , Ohio thanks to hum I was hired a great guy and manager and class mate abd his brother was awesome and loyal a hard worker like Randy! Don Schramm was and awesome honest guy so good and gear guy to work for at Pantry Pride where it was always called the Friendly Market where the workers all got along with one another. But Big Bear was just the opposite. Don took good care of his employees and was a very friendly honest man and loved all his employees!

Prayers for the family and With Deepest Sympathy sorry for your loss he lived till 86 my father 71 in 2002, my mother 76 in 2009 six month's later my brother with MS ar 52 in 2009 and my oldest brother had a stroke and went trough alot but God answers prayers and did lots for him and some miracles then had another stroke was in Nursing Home for 3 year's and past away on March 18, 2017 born in 1950 it's all of my main family members out of a family of five. I'm the baby of the family!

Sorry for your loss he will be greatly missed. I'm sure you have many great memories to cherish and keep him in your heart. Your family is in my prayers God's Blessings everyday always for you all and you have my Deepest Sympathy and Condolences!

Garry Alan Gray - May 03, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Loved One Vertical Blanket was purchased for the family of Donald Earl Schramm.



May 03, 2018 at 08:56 AM

NS

“ *I have wonderful memories of a sweet man who I use to iron for him and Helen. He always made me laugh and I thank the Lord he was brought into my family's life.*



Nancy Shoup - May 03, 2018 at 08:32 AM

TT

“ *The Longest Day - Wapakoneta Team purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Donald Earl Schramm.*



The Longest Day - Wapakoneta Team - May 03, 2018 at 08:27 AM