



Donald "Don" Barkley

January 20, 1939 - November 5, 2025

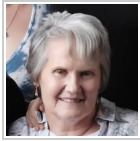
Donald Wardell Barkley, 86, of Napoleon, Ohio, went home to the Lord on Wednesday, November 5, 2025. He was born on January 20, 1939, to the late Wardell and Marie (Gainer) Barkley in Elkins, West Virginia. On June 27, 1992, he married Barbara Jean Smith at McClure United Methodist Church and spent a loving 33 years together.

Don was a loving person who cherished spending time with his family and friends. He was a faithful member of McClure United Methodist Church and the past president for the Elks Lodge No. 929 of Napoleon. Don was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and worked for the Federal Aviation Administration. He would often spend his time farming and traveling with friends and family to various locations on cruises.

He is survived by his loving wife Barbara; children, Valerie Lynn Carpenter, Heather Joy (Timothy) Coyle; 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, Don is preceded in death by his sister, Betty Umpenhour, and brother-in-law, Charlie Umpenhour.

A private Celebration of Life for Don will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed towards the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may also be left for the family at www.rodembergergray.com.

Tribute Wall



“ Don was my husband, Ed's cousin. They both grew up in West Virginia and I spent many hours hearing stories about the old days. Now they are together again probably still discussing the old days and solving the problems of the world. Going to miss Don he was a great friend. So sorry for the family's loss,.



Dianne Ice - November 13, 2025 at 08:46 PM

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“ It was always such a joy to talk to Don and Barb- they were such a great couple. Don always loved talking about their travels and his farming. He will be missed

Mel and Alice Kleman - November 12, 2025 at 05:06 PM

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“ Don was one of the kindest men ever. He loved telling about his and Barb's travels which were many . They had a good life together. May he finally rest in peace.

Joan Friess - November 08, 2025 at 09:10 AM