



Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr.

July 9, 1954 - November 11, 2024

Donald Barton Gahagan, Jr., 70, of Napoleon, Ohio passed away on November 11, 2024. He was born in Youngstown, Ohio on July 9, 1954, to the late Donald and Betty (States) Gahagan. On September 6, 1975, Don married Mary Hucul in Youngstown. Don received his bachelor's degree in education from Youngstown State University.

They eventually moved to Bryan, Ohio, before settling in Napoleon when Don took a supervisory role at Campbell Soup Company. He retired after 28 years. Don was a loyal fan of the Cleveland Indians, Cleveland Browns, and The Ohio State Buckeyes. He enjoyed traveling with his family.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Mary; children, Kelly (Anthony) Heckler and Andrew (Emily Rees) Gahagan; granddaughter, Harper Rees Gahagan; and brothers, Jim (Melissa) Gahagan and Jeff Gahagan. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences and messages may be shared with the family at rodenbergergray.com. Arrangements entrusted to Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Homes, Napoleon.

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I am so heart broken to hear of the passing of Don. He was my favorite foreman and a very nice man. The world needs more Dons.

Deb Hancock - November 22, 2024 at 09:50 AM

KS

“ I met Don when he started subbing at NES. He was so fun to get to know, a joy to be around, and an amazing sub to work alongside.

Kristin Shepard - November 18, 2024 at 08:46 PM

JH

“ So sad to hear the loss of Don. Definitely one of my favorite supervisors at Campbell's V8. Made 2nd shift run so smooth!! Just an all around great guy!! Rest in peace and prayers and hugs to his family

Jena Hernandez - November 18, 2024 at 04:51 PM

ES

“ I have memories of being Don's cornhole partner at the Gahagan reunion and winning together! So very sorry for your loss.

Emily Sims - November 16, 2024 at 01:20 PM

WG

“ *Cousin Donny was a joy to be around. He excelled in family, education, athletics, singing and business to name a few. One of the rare people who were extremely competitive yet humble in victory and gracious in defeat. He never took himself too seriously and he was always encouraging and generous to others. Never one to complain, he navigated challenges with a smile. His ability to focus enabled him to set a record for consecutive foul shots at Cardinal Mooney that lasted for decades. I watched him sing acapella on his wedding day as his bride Mary came down the aisle. Family was important to him. Donny was an inspiration to all of us and will be sadly missed. Cousin Wes.*

Wes Gahagan - November 16, 2024 at 11:09 AM

MH

“ *Missy Gahagan & Jeremy Hall purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr..*



Missy Gahagan & Jeremy Hall - November 15, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr..*

November 14, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr..*



November 14, 2024 at 05:29 PM



“ *Donnie and I had lots of fun at Gahagan family parties growing up. His laid back ways and sense of humor made everything fun. I am so very sorry for your loss.*

Debbie McManus - November 14, 2024 at 01:00 PM



“ *When the Beverage plant converted to PET bottles, Don was a one man show, the only supervisor on second shift. He put better numbers up than the two other shifts. He had a great way of working with and helping the crew.*

Alan Rippee - November 14, 2024 at 07:01 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Don was a great “big cousin “ and was always nice to be around.*

Mike Gahagan

Mike Gahagan - November 13, 2024 at 03:16 PM

TB

“ Thoughts and prayers for all of the family. I worked with Don at Campbell's back in the early 90s. Always loved his smile and sense of humor.

Todd Burns - November 13, 2024 at 01:00 PM

GR

“ My deepest condolences ...Mr Gahagan was my first supervisor at V8 I remember him the most cause I was a nervous mess since V8 was my first factory job and one time when I messed up on my line he announced over PA system Gwen remain calm it will be ok ...was a good laugh for all of us

gwen rivera - November 13, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr..

November 13, 2024 at 09:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Donald "Don" Gahagan Jr..



November 13, 2024 at 09:10 AM

TG

“ Donnie will truly be missed by us all.TJ

TJ GAHAGAN - November 13, 2024 at 04:44 AM

CK

“ I am sorry for your loss. Don was one of my many supervisors I had when I worked at Campbells. He was one of my favorite supervisors. My thoughts and prayers are with your family. Cyndi Keene

Cyndi Keene - November 12, 2024 at 06:39 PM

GH

“ Don was a good man

Glendean hamm - November 12, 2024 at 06:33 PM